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Hon. Thomas P. Griesa  
Chairman, Grievance Committee  
Southern District  
U.S. Courthouse  
Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Honorable Sir:

Re: M-2-238

On November 27, 1991, I spoke with your assistant, Will Rosenberg, concerning my need for further extension of time to reply to the above-numbered Order to Show Cause, dated September 11, 1991.

Due to heavy conflicting pressures, including actual engagement as a party witness in a protracted trial in the Westchester Supreme Court, I have been unable to prepare an in-depth response or assemble the detailed documentation, as I would otherwise wish to do. As I explained to Mr. Rosenberg, it is my confident hope to bring myself within the exception provided under Rule 4 of the General Rules of this Court, in the case of a suspension order entered without due process, and where an injustice has clearly been done by the state court. Likewise, I would hope to be granted the evidentiary hearing I was never accorded by either the Grievance Committee of the Ninth Judicial District or the Appellate Division, Second Department, so that I can establish these facts to your satisfaction.

With your kind permission, I would like to demonstrate the shockingly improper procedure followed by the Grievance Committee of the Ninth Judicial District, "rubber-stamped" by the Appellate Division, Second Department. The frightening result of their procedural violations is a factually and legally unjustified state court suspension order--in blatant disregard of the strict requirements of the Judiciary Law and the very rules of the Appellate Division, Second Department--designed to safeguard attorneys, as well as the public.

In connection with my request, I am enclosing for your kind consideration a copy of my biographic listing as it appeared in Martindale-Hubbell's Law Directory in 1989. In my more than thirty-five years at the bar, I have always adhered to the highest standards of the profession. I have been so recognized in many ways, including by Martindale's highest rating of "AV" throughout all the many years that I have been in my own practice. I have also been honored by election as a Fellow of

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the New York Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation--an honor reserved for "less than one third of one per cent of the practicing bar in each state".

I do not practice in the federal courts as an attorney, nor is it my intention to do so. The suspension order does not involve any moral turpitude, and there is no possibility whatever of prejudice to anyone by the granting of this request.

My sincerest appreciation.

Most respectfully,



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Enclosures (3)

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Address to: The National Conference of Bar Presidents, *Congressional Record*, Vol. 113, No. 24 P 815-6, February 3, 1969; The New York Women's Bar Association, *Congressional Record*, Vol. 114, No. B3267-8, June 11, 1968. Director: National Institute of Women Studies, 1971; Institute on Women's Wrongs, 1973; Executive Women, 1973. Co-organizer, National Conference of Professional and Academic Women, 1970. Founder and Special Consultant, Professional Women's Caucus, 1970. Trustee, Supreme Court Library, White Plains, New York, by appointment of Governor Carey, 1977-1986 (Chair, 1982-1986). 1986. Member, Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association. Member: The Association of Trial Lawyers of America; The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Westchester County, New York State (Member Judicial Selection Committee; Legislative Committee, Family Law Section), Federal and American (ABA Chair National Conference of Lawyers and Social Workers, 1973-1974; Member, Sections on Family Law; Individual Rights and Responsibilities Committee on Rights of Women; 1982; Litigation) Bar Associations; New York State Trial Lawyers Association; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Lawyers (Official Observer to the U.N., 1969-1970); Continental Law Society; Roscoe Pound-American Trial Lawyers' Foundation; American Association for the International Commission of Jurists; Association of Feminist Consultants; Westchester Association of Women Business Owners; American Women's Economic Development Corp.; Women's Forum. Fellow: American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; New York Bar Foundation.

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May 1, 1989

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Dear Doris:

I write to invite you to become a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. This honor is strictly limited to one-third of one percent of the lawyers licensed to practice in each state. "The Fellows [are] lawyers whose professional, public, and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the objectives of the American Bar Association..."

The Fellows believe in the work of the Foundation and its relevance to the day-to-day practice of law and to the betterment of society. Lawyers would never handle a matter, try a case or argue an appeal without all of the facts. The Foundation, through its twenty scholars and others, is involved in uncovering the facts -- "social facts" -- to make our representation of our clients more effective and to promote our system of justice.

The research agenda of the American Bar Foundation can really make a difference as it explores such areas as "privatization of prisons, jury verdicts in medical malpractice cases, punitive damages, compensation for asbestos injuries, police shoot/no shoot decisions... [,] employment discrimination [,] exercise of discretion in judicial hearings...the interaction between lawyers and clients, social responses to mass accidents," as well as many other important areas.

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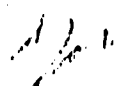
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Becoming a Fellow of the Foundation is attained by being recommended by another Fellow, nominated by the nominating committee in New York, and elected by the Board of Directors of the American Bar Foundation. If you are willing to join us in the important work of the Foundation and to assume the financial commitment involved (\$1,500 payable over ten years), please let me know so that the committee can, in turn, take the necessary steps to move your nomination.

A Spring reception has been planned. At that time, there will be a very brief presentation summarizing the Foundation's major current activities and focusing on one particularly exciting project. The reception will be held at the New York Yacht Club, Model Room, 37 West 44th Street, New York City, on Thursday, May 25, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Please let me know if you can attend by signing and returning the enclosed form.

I very much hope that you will join us in this important endeavor and that you will respond affirmatively by May 11. With kindest personal regards and looking forward to seeing you on May 25th, I remain,

Sincerely,

  
Robert L. Geltzer  
Vice Chairman - Downstate  
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Enclosure

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June 29, 1989

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Dear Ms. Sassower:

It is a pleasure for me to join with H. William Allen in inviting you to accept election as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

As you may know, The Fellows are limited to one-third of one percent of lawyers. Your nomination by the Fellows of your jurisdiction and your election by the Board of the Foundation recognize your professional attainment and dedication. Congratulations.

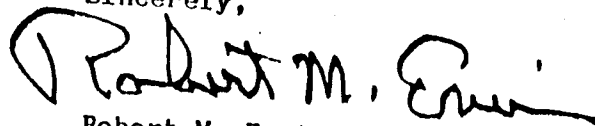
Fellows' contributions are devoted exclusively to the Foundation. In addition the Foundation relies on Fellows' advice in selecting appropriate subjects for research and their comments on completed projects and reports. Enclosed are a copy of The Fellows By-Laws and a brochure on the work of The Fellows and the Foundation.

Upon acceptance, you will receive further details and a request for some biographical information for The Fellows' files and a press release announcing your election as a Fellow.

If you accept election, please sign and return the enclosed acceptance card along with the first of your annual contributions of \$150.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Robert M. Ervin

Enclosures

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