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RE: Your Non-Response to our January 26, 1998 and March 27, 1998 Letters for ABA Assistance

Dear President Shestack:

This is to reiterate our urgent requests for ABA assistance so that we can meet the rapidly approaching May 16th deadline for the cert petition in Sassower v. Mangano, et al. -- a case of transcending importance to both the legal community and the public at large

In the event you are unaware, we recently testified before the Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals about the case and about your non-response to our letters, copies of which we provided the Commission. As you know, your predecessor, N. Lee Cooper, is Vice Chair of the Commission, which is headed by former Supreme Court Justice Byron White. A copy of our April 24th written statement is enclosed (See, pp. 5-12).

Please let us hear from you, ASAP.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

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cc: Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals

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