The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct is the state agency charged with the duty to protect the public from unfit New York judges. For the past two years, the Commission has been sued for corruption in an important public interest lawsuit. Oral argument of the appeal is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 21st in New York's Appellate Division, First Department [27 Madison Avenue, at 25th Street, Manhattan].

Recognizing the potential of this appeal to bring about much needed judicial accountability, People from throughout the state have expressed interest in being present at the oral argument. Some are too far away to make that feasible. Others cannot take time off from work or leave family responsibilities and other commitments. The solution is to record the appellate argument so that those unable to attend will have it available to them at a more convenient time and place. Yet, the Appellate Division has no tape recorder, no video camera, not even a court stenographer to record the appeals argued before its justices. This, notwithstanding the Appellate Division is a "court of record" (NYS Constitution, Article VI, §1b). Consequently, for the oral argument of the appeal against the Commission to be recorded, a special application will have to be made. Please support such application by signing this Petition.

We, citizens of the State of New York, hereby petition the justices of New York's Appellate Division, First Department in support of the application to allow a recording to be made of the appellate argument of the public interest lawsuit, *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico, against Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York* (NY Co. #108551/99), scheduled for the October 2001 Term.

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Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., Box 69, Gedney Station, White Plains, NY 10605-0069 [Tel: (914) 421-1200]. Thank you.