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Patricia Salkin, Associate Dean and Director  
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RE: Vindicating the Rule of Law and Public Interest in *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico v. Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York* (NY Co. #99-108551)

Dear Professor Salkin:

Enclosed is Justice Wetzel's January 31, 2000 decision in the above-entitled Article 78 proceeding. Even if you have had only a brief opportunity to review the copy of the file of the proceeding, transmitted under our January 24, 2000 coverletter, it should be readily apparent to you that this decision is an example of the pattern of fraudulent judicial decisions, identified in CJA's \$3,000 public interest ad, "*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*" (NYLJ, 8/27/97), by which cases touching on judicial self-interest are "thrown".

Also enclosed is CJA's February 7, 2000 memorandum to the Attorney General and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, putting them on notice of their "ethical and professional duty to take steps to protect the integrity of the judicial process, wilfully subverted by... Justice... Wetzel".

Please advise, ASAP, whether – and to what extent – CJA can count on you, the Government Law Center, Albany Law School, and the large constellation of law schools, bar association committees, etc. with which you are involved to vindicate the rule of law and public interest in this important case.

Thank you again.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

  
ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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ATT: David Nocenti, counsel  
Peter Pope, Chief, "Public Integrity Unit"  
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NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
ATT: Commissioners  
Gerald Stern, Administrator

FROM: ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, COORDINATOR

RE: *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial  
Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico, v. Commission on  
Judicial Conduct of the State of New York (NY Co. #99-108551)*

DATE: February 7, 2000

This puts you on notice of your ethical and professional duty to take steps to protect the integrity of the judicial process, wilfully subverted by Acting Supreme Court Justice William A. Wetzel in the above-entitled public interest Article 78 proceeding.

By decision/order dated January 31, 2000, Justice Wetzel denied petitioner's recusal application, dismissed the proceeding, and, enjoined the petitioner and non-party Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) from initiating "related" proceedings -- of whose "relatedness" Justice Wetzel appointed himself the judge. The fraudulence of the decision, brazenly falsifying and fabricating the Article 78 record in EVERY material respect, as well as its total lack of notice and opportunity to be heard on the injunction issue, is evident from the most cursory examination of that record -- copies of which you each have.

Based on the record, the public has a right to expect, indeed to demand, that you will not only expeditiously move to vacate Justice Wetzel's decision/order for fraud, but *immediately* notify the Governor that Justice Wetzel, whose Court of Claims judgeship expired *more than seven months ago*, is unfit for reappointment. This,

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in addition to taking steps to ensure that Justice Wetzel, who sits on the bench as a "hold over", is promptly removed and criminally prosecuted.

Additionally, since the record shows that Administrative Judge Stephen Crane *twice* interfered with the random assignment of this proceeding -- the second time to "steer" it to Judge Wetzel -- and that he then failed to respond to petitioner's December 2, 1999 letter inquiring as to the basis for his actions and as to his awareness of the facts pertaining to Justice Wetzel's disqualification, as set forth in petitioner's recusal application, the public has a right to demand that you also so notify the Governor. Like your notification to the Governor relating to Justice Wetzel, this must be done *immediately*. The Governor is presently considering Administrative Judge Crane's application for designation to the Appellate Division.

Needless to say, all of the foregoing is *preliminary* to your taking other corrective steps, such as belatedly vacating for fraud the judicial decisions in the two prior Article 78 proceedings against the Commission, *Doris L. Sassower v. Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York* (NY Co. #95-109141) and *Michael Mantell v. New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct* (NY Co. #99-108655). CJA long ago, and repeatedly, put you on notice of your duty to protect the public from the consequences of the decisions in these proceedings, whose fraudulence CJA particularized in fact-specific analyses. That Justice Wetzel should have rested his dismissal of the instant Article 78 proceeding ENTIRELY on these fraudulent judicial decisions is a reflection not only of your failure to take such corrective steps, but of your affirmative misconduct in the instant proceeding, prodding Justice Wetzel to rest his dismissal on decisions that not only you knew to be frauds, but which, from the record before him containing those analyses<sup>1</sup>, he knew to be frauds as well.



cc: Governor George Pataki  
Manhattan District Attorney  
U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York  
New York State Ethics Commission  
U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York  
Acting Supreme Court Justice William Wetzel  
Administrative Judge Stephen Crane

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<sup>1</sup> CJA's 3-page analysis of Justice Cahn's fraudulent decision in *Doris L. Sassower v. Commission* is annexed as part of Exhibit "A" to the Verified Petition in the instant proceeding. CJA's 13-page analysis of Justice Lehner's fraudulent judicial decision in *Michael Mantell v. Commission* is Exhibit "D" to petitioner's December 9, 1999 letter to Justice Wetzel.

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Dear Professor Salkin:

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