



STATE OF NEW YORK
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ALBANY 12224

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Cantor Stephen Merkel
Westchester Reform Temple
255 Mamaroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York 10583

Dear Cantor Merkel:

On behalf of Governor Cuomo, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence concerning Doris Sassower's suspension from the practice of law and judicial cross-endorsements.

It does not appear that there is anything that the Governor is empowered to do that may be of assistance regarding Ms. Sassower's suspension. Our State Constitution provides for the separation of the executive and judicial branches of government and the Governor, therefore, has no jurisdiction to intervene in matters relating to the courts.

Furthermore, a Special Prosecutor's Review Committee has already reviewed Ms. Sassower's allegations regarding judicial cross-endorsements and found no basis to support the appointment of a special prosecutor.

Thank you for writing the Governor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Boyle".

David C. Boyle
Assistant Counsel
to the Governor