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Nan Weiner, Executive Director  
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**RE: Adverse Information Relative to Judicial Candidacies**

Dear Ms. Weiner:

I have left several urgent telephone messages for you -- all of them unreturned. This continues a pattern of misconduct by you, chronicled in CJA's voluminous prior correspondence about the Governor's fraudulent and sham judicial screening procedures.

As indicated in my phone messages, the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) has information documentarily establishing the unfitness of candidates the Governor is presently considering for judicial appointment, certification, and recertification. These candidates include Kenneth Rudolph and Herman Cahn, reportedly being considered for elevation to the Appellate Division, First Department, as well as John Copertino, seeking certification as a justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department and William C. Thompson, seeking recertification as a justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department.

As to Justice Cahn, more than a year ago we provided the First Department Judicial Screening Committee with information as to his on-the-bench misconduct in *Sassower v. Commission on Judicial Conduct* -- including his fraudulent decision in that Article 78 proceeding, covering up the Commission's complicity in high-level state judicial corruption. This included corruption by judges of the Appellate Division, Second Department, most particularly, Justice Thompson who, additionally, is the highest-ranking judicial member of the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Indeed, CJA's January 7, 1998 letter to Chief Judge Kaye -- to which you are an indicated recipient -- annexed copies of our faxes to the First Department Judicial Screening Committee about Justice Cahn's misconduct in that case and protested the profound dysfunction of the First Department's

Judicial Screening Committee, which completely ignored such evidentiary proof by its subsequent recommendation of Justice Cahn's candidacy.

As you know from CJA's past correspondence, as well as from our public interest ads in the New York Law Journal, "A Call for Concerted Action" (11/20/96) and "Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll" (8/29/97) -- which they have enclosed -- we long ago provided the Governor with a copy of the file of our Article 78 proceeding against the Commission.

Please call us immediately so that arrangements can be made for transmittal of the case materials relative to the on-the-bench misconduct of Judges Rudolph, Thompson, and Copertino.

Very truly yours,

DORIS L. SASSOWER, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

cc: James F. Gill, Chairman  
First Department Judicial Screening Committee  
Kevin J. Plunkett, Chairman  
Second Department Judicial Screening Committee

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