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RE: Governor Pataki's Reappointment of Judge William A. Wetzel to the Court of Claims, Scheduled for a Senate Judiciary Committee Confirmation Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001

This follows up my phone messages on Friday, June 15th, calling upon your organizations to notify the Senate Judiciary Committee of the unfitness of Judge A. Wetzel for judicial office. This, based on his judicial misconduct in 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 (S.Ct/NY Co. #99-108551)*. That readily-verifiable misconduct, culminating in a fraudulent judicial decision, is detailed by the Appellant's Brief therein -- copies of which you have had for months, along with the other appellate papers. For its part, the City Bar has, for years, had a copy of the substantiating lower court record, as well as much of CJA's extensive

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correspondence based thereon.

As none of you have ever, in any way, denied or disputed the accuracy of the Appellant's Brief – or of the Appellant's critique of Respondent's Brief – it is your duty to take action consistent with EC 8-6 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility, adopted by the New York State Bar Association. Clearly and unambiguously, EC 8-6 commands:

“It is the duty of lawyers to endeavor to prevent political considerations from outweighing judicial fitness in the selection of judges. Lawyers should protest earnestly against the appointment or election of those who are unsuited for the bench...”

For this reason, you are each indicated recipients on CJA's June 17, 2001 letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee – a copy of which is enclosed.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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

Enclosure

cc: Senate Judiciary Committee

Fax to President Krane, State Bar

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