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January 6, 1995

Norman Siegel, Executive Director  
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RE: request for organizational assistance

Dear Mr. Siegel:

Thank you for your belated response, dated December 27, 1994 to my September 17, 1994 solicitation. Unfortunately, you sent us the wrong form letter.

Indeed, the most cursory review of the Article 78 papers I provided your office four and a half months ago should have enabled NYCLU to confirm that the case we presented was one firmly within the criteria your form letter describes: "significant civil liberties issue(s)" which "can benefit a large class of people or lead to a change in the law."

Consequently, based on the form letter you signed, I do not believe that you reviewed the Article 78 papers, challenging the constitutionality of the Article 78 statute and New York's attorney-disciplinary statute<sup>1</sup>--or that you read the decision in Mildner v. Gulotta 405 F. Supp. 182 (1975) which I enclosed.

Moreover, inasmuch as you and Laura Murray, NYCLU's Legislative Director, took the time to write to The New York Times a "Letter to the Editor" (NYT, 9/2/94) to protest the suspension of an assistant attorney general for making a controversial private remark, I find it most disappointing that neither you nor she have seen fit to make any comment on the retaliatory suspension of my mother's license to practice law more than 3-1/2 years ago--detailed by the Article 78 papers--while she was speaking up--and doing something--to protect the constitutionally-guaranteed voting rights of the people in this state.

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<sup>1</sup> See, the record references cited at page 3, ¶2 of my September 13, 1994 letter.



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January 24, 1995

Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower  
Coordinator  
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

Norman Siegel's office has forwarded your packet of materials to us per your request.

I'm sorry we cannot be of assistance. If the NYCLU has determined that they cannot assist you, there's nothing more that we can do. Each of our affiliates has autonomy in their own state and they decide whether or not they can handle the case.

We are returning your materials herewith.

Sincerely,

Maxine Lowell  
Assistant to  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: N. Siegel