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March 14, 2003

**U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
Room 224, Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6275**

ATT: Swen Prior, Nominations Clerk for the Republican Majority

RE: Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of Richard C. Wesley to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and P. Kevin Castel to the District Court/Southern District of New York

Dear Mr. Prior:

This follows up our telephone conversation a short time ago. As discussed, and reiterating my phone conversation on Friday, March 7th with staff assistant Jacob Johnson, our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), strenuously opposes Senate confirmation of New York Court of Appeals Judge Richard C. Wesley to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and of P. Kevin Castel, Esq. to the District Court of the Southern District of New York – and requests to testify in opposition at the Committee's hearings on their confirmation.

This confirms that you will be sending us copies of the public portions of their completed Committee questionnaires, which you stated the Committee had received from the Justice Department¹.

¹ You stated that the Committee received Judge Wesley's completed questionnaire on March 10th and Mr. Castel's completed questionnaire on March 7th.

Please also send any written informational materials about the Committee's confirmation process. This would include information concerning the Committee's investigative procedures upon receiving notification, such as this, of citizen opposition and requests to testify in opposition. This would also include the Committee's written standards for evaluating the qualifications of federal judicial nominees – including the weight accorded to bar association ratings, such as those of the American Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York [City Bar].

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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

cc: Rachel Arfa, Nominations Clerk for the Democratic Minority
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US Senate Judiciary Committee - Democratic Minority

RE: Citizen Opposition to Judicial Nominations

FROM: ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator

Westley + Castel

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MESSAGE:

Enclosed is CNA's
letter of today's date to
Republican Majority Nominations
Alert Sven Prior - to which
you are an indicated recipient.

Please advise if you have
additional written information re
confirmation procedures + guidelines. *Thanks*

CENTER for JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, INC. is a national, non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization documenting how judges break the law and get away with it.

*Sven Proff,
Nominations Clerk
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DATE: March 14, 2003

Attached is CJA's already-faxed letter to you of today's date.