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BY E-MAIL Topic: "Judicial Nominations"

TO: Senator Charles Schumer

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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

DATE: March 19, 2003

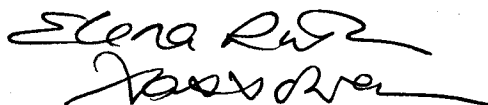
I have just spoken with your counsel, Jeff Berman, who was unable to give me more than a minute's time.

Notwithstanding neither Judge Wesley nor Mr. Castel have indicated any pre-nomination screening by you in response to question #26 of their Senate Judiciary Committee questionnaires, Mr. Berman stated you do have a judicial screening committee. He declined, however, to give me any information about it – including about its membership – unless I made a written request. Please, therefore, consider this as CJA's written request for the names of the members of your judicial screening committee and for information regarding its screening procedures.

Please further provide any information about the "agreement" you made with the White House, endorsing the prospective nominations of Judge Wesley and Mr. Castel to federal judgeships -- as to which you issued a press release.

Please be advised that Mr. Berman did not ask me a single question about the basis for CJA's request, identified in my voice mail message to him on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, that you use your "blue slip" prerogative to defeat Senate consideration of the nominations of Judge Wesley and Mr. Castel – and was unwilling to indicate when, and under what circumstances, I could meet with you – or even with him – to discuss the unfitness of these nominees. Please, therefore consider this as CJA's written request for a meeting.

Thank you.



Subj: **Judicial Nominations: Citizen Opposition to Wesley & Castel**  
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TO: Robert Paxton, Administrative Director  
Office of Senator Charles Schumer

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DATE: March 21, 2003

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I would greatly appreciate if you would pass it on to Senator Schumer and his counsel, Jeff Berman.

Thank you.

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Date: 03/21/2003 8:11:36 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From: Robert\_Paxton@schumer.senate.gov  
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Ms. Sassower:

Just wanted to let you know that I have forwarded your message on to Jeff.

Thanks.

Robert Paxton  
(202) 224-1148

-----Original Message-----

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