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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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RE: **QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR NEW YORK STATE
ATTORNEY GENERAL: OCTOBER 17, 2006 DEBATE**

Andrew Cuomo and Jeanine Pirro, the Democratic and Republican nominees for New York State Attorney General, were each sent – by fax, e-mail, and certified mail/rrr – a June 20, 2006 memorandum-letter from the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA).

The letter summarized CJA's "direct, first-hand experience with New York's current and past Attorneys General, going back nearly a decade and a half". It recounted that "New York's Attorneys General engage in a *modus operandi* of litigation fraud to defend state judges and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption, where they have NO legitimate defense -- and are rewarded by fraudulent judicial decisions". The letter asked the candidates whether, if elected, they would confront the documentary evidence of this corruption, established by casefiles, and take appropriate corrective steps, including criminal prosecutions of the personally involved Attorneys General – Eliot Spitzer among them.

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We received NO response from either Mr. Cuomo or Ms. Pirro to this serious and substantial June 20, 2006 letter. Why is that? Is this the kind of responsibility and responsiveness that voters can expect from them if elected New York's highest law enforcement officer?

The Attorney General is "The People's Lawyer". Did they not read the 3-1/4-page letter and its 15 pages of substantiating enclosures? And did they not review the referred-to casefile evidence posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, including the records of three separate lawsuits against the Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption? What were their findings of fact and conclusions of law as to these casefile records?

Both Mr. Cuomo and Ms. Pirro should be well prepared to respond. On September 1, 2006, we sent them each a memo alerting them to these precise questions which we had submitted to the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York Law Journal as questions for the September 6, 2006 debate between the candidates for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General that they were co-sponsoring.

Our position – reflected by the September 1, 2006 memo – is that the voters are entitled to have

“the candidates’ clear and unequivocal answers as to whether, if elected, they will make findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to such casefile records – and whether, based thereon, they will meet their mandatory professional and ethical obligations to take appropriate action, including by criminal prosecutions of their predecessor Attorneys General”.

However, neither the New York Law Journal nor the City Bar saw fit to pose our suggested questions, while allowing the Democratic candidates to extol Attorney General Spitzer as a champion of public integrity and accountability and to laud the professionalism of his office.

CJA's electorally-decisive June 20, 2006 memorandum-letter to Mr. Cuomo and Ms. Pirro, with its certified mail/e-mail/ and faxed receipts, is posted on CJA's website, accessible *via* the sidebar panel, "Elections 2006: Informing the Voters". Likewise posted on that webpage is our September 1, 2006 memo, along with its faxed and e-mailed receipts and a further notation that following the September 6, 2006 debate, copies of both the September 1, 2006 and June 20, 2006 memos were given in hand to Mr. Cuomo's aide, who refused to allow me to give them to Mr. Cuomo directly.

Kindly, share this memo with all other participants in the debate, including, especially, the "citizen representative" who, I understand, will be on the panel questioning the candidates.

Thank you.

cc: The Public

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elena R. R. Sasso", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.