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TO:

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ATT: Michael Waldman, Executive Director Burt Neuborne, Legal Director Democracy Program-Fair Courts Project: ATT: Deborah Goldberg, Director James Sample, Counsel

FROM:

Elena Ruth Sassower, Director

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE:

Additional Query on Federal Judicial Discipline

I have received no response to my April 3, 2008 memo to you as to whether the Brennan Center for Justice has done any analyses of – or taken any positions on:

- (1) the federal judiciary's new Rules;
- (2) the Breyer Committee & its Report;
- (3) the proposed congressional legislation for an inspector general for the judicial branch; &
- (4) the resolution to impeach U.S. District Judge Manuel Real.

To facilitate your response, a copy of the April 3, 2008 memo is enclosed.

Meantime, I take this opportunity to add a further query:

(5) Has the Brennan Center for Justice done any analysis of the revised Code of Conduct for United States Judges, proposed by the Judicial Conference Committee on Codes of Conduct, and/or responded to that Committee's public notice inviting comment on the proposed revision?

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Your prompt response, by fax and/or e-mail, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Enclosure

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- (1) the Federal Judiciary's New Rules;
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I do not find any information on the Brennan Center for Justice website as to whether the Brennan Center:

(a) has taken any position on the new rules governing judicial conduct and disability proceedings under 28 U.S.C. §§351-364 – either in draft or as adopted by the Judicial Conference on March 11, 2008;

^{*} The Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, documenting, by <u>independently-verifiable</u> empirical evidence, the dysfunction, politicization, and corruption of the processes of judicial selection and discipline on federal, state, and local levels.

- (b) has taken any position on the Breyer Committee Report, released in September 2006;
- (c) has taken any position on the House and Senate bills to establish an Inspector General for the Judicial Branch, introduced in 2006 and reintroduced (in amended form) in 2007;
- (d) has taken any position on the Resolution to impeach U.S. District Judge Manuel Real.

Has the Brennan Center taken positions on them? And has it done any analysis or critique of them – especially of the Breyer Committee Report?

Your prompt response, by fax and/or e-mail, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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