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BY HAND

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Chief Judge Judith Kaye
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RE: CJA's December 9, 2000 letter

Dear Chief Judge Kaye:

Please advise as to the whereabouts of CJA's November 13, 2000 report on "The Complicitous Role of the Bar Associations in the Corruption of 'Merit Selection' Appointment to the New York Court of Appeals". The report was provided to you, *in hand*, on December 9, 2000, with a coverletter *expressly* requesting that following your review, you provide it to your Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System. A copy of that letter is annexed hereto for your convenience.

I am informed by Patricia K. Bucklin, counsel to the Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System, that the Committee will be meeting next week. She was, however, completely unaware of CJA's November 13, 2000 report.

Please have the November 13, 2000 report *immediately* transmitted to Ms. Bucklin so that it may be placed on the agenda of the Committee's upcoming meeting for the action requested by the report – action also highlighted by CJA's December 9, 2000 letter. By separate cover, I will transmit to her CJA's correspondence with the First Department Disciplinary Committee relative to that report, as well as a copy of CJA's underlying October 16, 2000 report to the bar associations.

Finally, I note that although your Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence has been reconstituted, it still includes two members whose removal by you was requested by CJA's December 9, 2000 letter: Barry Kamins, Esq. and Committee Co-Chair William Thompson.

Chief Judge Kaye

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Yours for a quality judiciary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elena Ruth Sassower". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
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Enclosure

cc: Patricia K. Bucklin, Counsel

Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System