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April 12, 2002

Ms. Elena Sassower Center for Judicial Accountability P.O. Box 69, Gedney Station White Plains, New York 10605-0069

Dear Ms. Sassower:

As the records access officer, I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 12, 2002, requesting various publicly available records in the Commission's possession. Based upon a diligent search of the Commission's files, I am responding as follows.

With respect to paragraph 1 of your letter requesting records pertaining to "recommendations that the Commission has made to the legislature and the court system," such recommendations are made in the Commission's annual reports. I have located no other records with respect to such recommendations.

With respect to paragraph 2 of your letter requesting records pertaining to amendments to the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct effective January 1, 1996, and in particular Section 100.3(D)(1) and (2), such amendments are summarized in the pages of the Commission's 1996 annual report annexed to your letter. In Matter of Restino, a judge was admonished for violating Section 100.3(D)(1), and a copy of the determination is available. I have located no other records pertaining to such amendments.

With respect to paragraphs 3 and 4 of your letter requesting records pertaining to the "Housing Court Disciplinary Committee" and "any other mechanism" for disposing of complaints against housing court judges, I have located no records pertaining to these matters.

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Any appeal of this decision may be directed to the Commission's Administrator, Gerald Stern, who has been designated to review such appeals.

Very truly yours,

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