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Jay Jochnowitz, <u>Albany Times Union</u> Box 15000 Albany, New York 12212

RE:

The Readily-Verifiable Corruption of the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct – and its Powerful Electoral Consequences on Governor Pataki and Attorney General Spitzer

Dear Mr. Jochnowitz:

So that you can see, for yourself that this is NOT a story for the <u>Albany Times Union</u> to "watch" from the sidelines, please *immediately* obtain from Mr. Healey the appellate papers before the Appellate Division, First Department in my public interest lawsuit against the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct, transmitted to him almost a year ago by Ron Loeber. I am almost certain that included therewith was a series of three letters to Attorney General Spitzer pertaining to his litigation misconduct in defending the Commission and his obligation to take corrective steps.

In any event, enclosed is my most recent letter to Attorney General Spitzer (with its predecessor), transmitting to him a copy of my "Law Day" Court of Appeals' submissions. A copy of these submissions is included herewith, as is Mr. Spitzer's "Law Day" speech at the Court of Appeals on "The Crisis of Accountability". The Albany Times Union has already given the Attorney General free media coverage for his speech – as may be seen from Carol Demare's enclosed write-up.

Finally, enclosed is a "hard copy" of my April 26th letter to you, along with a "hard copy" of Erin Sullivan's article, "Appeal for Justice" (Metroland, April 25th-May 1st), which you told me was "on the screen" in front of you when we spoke by phone on that day.

As my motion to disqualify all seven of the Court of Appeals' judges is returnable on May 20th, time is of the essence. I will call you next week to arrange a meeting at which I can make a personal presentation about the case and its significance both insofar as the Commission and New York's highest public officers, facing voters for re-election this year.

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