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Mr. Dennis Duggan
New York Newsday
2 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016

RE: Revisiting your April 26, 1994 column "Cops Hang Easily"

Dear Mr. Duggan:

As you may recall from our communications last year, we were inspired by your column of April 26, 1994 "Cops Hang Easily". Indeed, on April 27, 1994, we filed a criminal complaint against the justices of the Appellate Division, Second Department with the Brooklyn D.A.'s "Corruption Investigation Division", described in your column.

Nearly a year later, we can unequivocally attest that the "Corruption Investigation Division" is *not* doing the job which you reported its Chief as having proclaimed it would, namely, to "investigate public corruption". In the context of your column, we understood such statement to include corruption involving judges based in Brooklyn.

The enclosed letter to Brooklyn D.A. Charles Hynes--annexing your fine column (as Exhibit "A") as well as our correspondence with the "Corruption Investigation Division"--reflects our appalling experience with that unit and its Chief.

Hopefully, you'll want to set your readers "straight" about the "Corruption Investigation Division" in a follow-up to your April 26, 1994 column. In the context of the *New York Post*'s recent "10 Worst Judges" series, you could make an important contribution for *Newsday* in furthering public understanding of how dire the problem is: that judges can use their office for criminal and retaliatory purposes--and get away with it.

To make your job all the easier, the public already has had a glimpse of the shocking story of high-level judicial corruption, which is here at issue. We have been on local radio several times in the past months: WABC and WBAI. Such appearances followed our October 26, 1994 advertisement "Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?" that we ran in the October 26, 1994 issue of *The New York Times* and, thereafter, in the November 1, 1994 issue of the *New York Law Journal*. A copy of our ad is enclosed for your convenience, as is information about the Center and a copy of the credentials of Doris L. Sassower, as they appeared in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory prior to her retaliatory suspension from the bar by the Brooklyn-based Appellate Division, Second Department.

In the event you are not interested in this story, we would appreciate your passing it on to other journalists, preferably investigative reporters willing to verify the politically explosive facts which our ad describes.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

Enclosures:

- (a) 3/14/95 letter to Brooklyn D.A. Charles Hynes
- (b) 10/26/94 New York Times Op-Ed advertisement
- (c) letter about the Center and Statement of Purposes
- (c) Doris L. Sassower's Martindale-Hubbell Listing