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Zachery Dowdy
Newsday
235 Pinelawn Road
Melville, New York 11747-4250

RE: Your September 19th request for L.I. Contacts, etc.

Dear Zachery:

As promised, here is a list of some Long Islanders who have filed judicial misconduct complaints with the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct and who have authorized me to give you their names. I have, additionally, given them your telephone number so that they can call you directly.

Arthur I. Best
3394 Hewlett Avenue
Merrick, NY 11520
Tel: 516-729-1948/516-378-4040

Ronald C. Fregara
30 Arlene Street
Farmingville, NY 11738
Tel: 631-736-2557

Evelyn Konrad
18 South Rosko Drive
Southampton, NY 11968
Tel: 631-283-4407/212-585-1240

Carmine Vasile
60 Herbert Circle
Patchogue, NY 11772
Tel: 631-758-6271

I also have given your phone number to a further Long Islander who also filed a complaint against the Commission, but who has requested anonymity. She may be calling you under the pseudonym "Jane Doe".

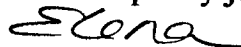
Although I have some more Long Islanders who may be willing to speak with you, I cannot as yet release their names because I have been unable to reach them for authorization to do so.

You should, additionally, check items that Newsday has previously run about the Commission's disposition of judicial misconduct complaints filed with it, such as the enclosed column by Marilyn Goldstein, "*Radigan Charity's Early Critic*" (January 24, 1994?).

When you decide you are ready to contact governmental leaders, bar associations, law professors, public interest organizations and others from whom leadership is expected in this "Emperor's New Clothes" story, enclosed is a contact list, contained in a February 25, 2002 letter I prepared for Erin Sullivan, who wrote the article about my public interest lawsuit against the Commission, "*Appeal for Justice*" (Metroland, April 25-May 1, 2002 issue). Such letter also includes my suggestion of questions to "minimize spin". In that connection, also enclosed is the article by Letta Tayler of Newsday, "*Judicial Hearings Are Rare*", which appeared seven years ago (September 18, 1995?), juxtaposing my comment that the Commission is "covering up for powerful and politically connected judges, with that of New York University Law School ethics Professor Stephen Gillers saying that he had seen no such evidence. As discussed, the reason Professor Gillers and others are able to say that they have seen "no evidence" of the Commission's corruption is because they consistently REFUSE to examine the evidence that CJA has proffered them.

Finally, as you reiterated your interest in speaking to the Black and Hispanic Muslim Corrections Officers, whose discharge from their jobs and criminal prosecutions were the subject of the October 17, 2001 meeting with Senate Minority Leader David Patterson – the same meeting at which I sought Senator Patterson's help in securing a legislative oversight hearing and an official investigation of the Commission, as recounted by the copy of my October 26, 2001 letter to Senator Paterson I gave you, you can telephone Yashua Amen Shekhem' El-Bey (212-252-2641) and Donald Winkfield (718-479-1799). They may, in any event, call you themselves.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosures