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RE: New York State Ethics Commission

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CJA once again takes on the Governor -- this time, for failing to make requisite appointments to the New York State Ethics Commission! A copy of our April 15th letter to Governor Pataki is enclosed. This includes published pieces reflecting our previous encounters with the Governor and his complicity in the dysfunction and politicization of the processes of judicial selection and discipline in this state: "*On Choosing Judges, Pataki Creates Problems*", 11/16/96 NYT, ltr to the editor; "*A Call for Concerted Action*", 11/20/96, ad, New York Law Journal.

-- Just to remind you, on March 25, 1996, your story, "*Panel Hunting Duckman Targeted*", included our comments that the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct "throws out complaints which are documented and detailed in all respects". THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE NEW YORK STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.

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