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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.

In case you were unaware, CJA was the source for the New York Post's February 23, 1996 article about the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, "*Critics: Review Panel Protects Worst Jurists*". We supplied the *Post* with the "numerous complaints", from which it *independently* concluded that "well-documented allegations of judicial law-breaking, misconduct, abuse and ethical breaches" were being dismissed by the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

It is the New York State Ethics Commission which has oversight over the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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