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Mr. Michael Riccardi/New York Law Journal  
New York, New York

RE: JOURNALISM THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE: II

Dear Michael:

As discussed, enclosed are:

- (1) The Law Journal's "Update" (1/10/00) whose final sentence reads: "Previously, significant public policy cases had been *randomly assigned* among 30 judges sitting at 60 Centre Street". (emphasis added);
- (2) Judge Kapnick's recusal order – which refers to "the directive of the Administrative Judge", reassigning the case to Judge Wetzel;
- (3) Judge Lebedeff's recusal order – the only other recusal order in the case to refer to the Administrative Judge – and this in the context of "consultation... as to whether this case should be properly reassigned to Judge Cahn";
- (4) My proposed Letter to the Editor of the New York Post and the December 30<sup>th</sup> editorial, "Eliot Spitzer's Rocky Start", to which it responded.

Don't forget to check out the AG's website. Out of over 1560 entries, there is NOTHING about the staffing, activities, or accomplishments of the "public integrity unit" – aside from conclusory claims that are part of the AG's June 11, 1999 release, "Spitzer Marks First 100 Days in Office" and his January 6, 2000 release, "Legal Experts Praise Spitzer's First Year".

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