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ATT: John Caher

RE: Upholding the public's rights to "merit selection" of candidates to
the Court of Appeals

Dear John:

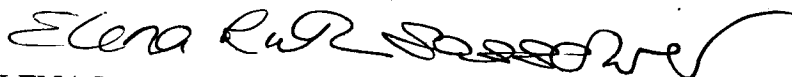
As discussed, in contrast to the City Bar's bald rating approving the Commission on Judicial Nomination's recommendees to the Court of Appeals, *unaccompanied* by any substantiating particulars, CJA has rendered a fact-specific, fully-documented CJA's October 16, 2000 Report regarding the NYS Commission on Judicial Nomination's October 4, 2000 Report. A copy will be mailed.

Meantime, faxed herewith is our Report's Conclusion, providing a thumbnail 1-page summary, as well as the Report's cover and first two introductory pages. CJA's Letter to the Editor, "*An Appeal to Fairness: Revisit the Court of Appeals*" (New York Post, 12/28/98) – which is the Report's first Exhibit, referred to on page 1 – is also faxed herewith.

Please do your part to vindicate the public's right to "merit selection" of its Court of Appeals judges.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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