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Mr. John Sullivan
The New York Times
New York, New York

RE: The Truth Behind Eliot Spitzer's "Public Integrity Unit":
An Investigation on the Occasion of its First Anniversary

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. However, in retrospect, it would have been better had you used the time to read my hand-delivered January 7th letter to you, which you stated you had *not* yet read. Please do so BEFORE passing it on to Joe Sexton, who I will call tomorrow.

I particularly ask that you read the enclosures to my January 7th letter. In particular, pages 13-14 of the transcript of my public exchange with Attorney General Spitzer on January 27th – moments after he announced his “public integrity unit” – as well as CJA’s \$3,000 public interest ad, “*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*” (NYLJ, 8/27/97) – to which my remarks to the Attorney General refer.

In light of our phone conversation, I believe you should see CJA’s 2-page *facially-meritorious* October 6, 1998 judicial misconduct complaint against Justice Albert Rosenblatt, as well as the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct’s December 23, 1998 letter dismissing the complaint, about which you specifically inquired. Copies are enclosed.

Also enclosed is a copy of CJA’s published Letter to the Editor, “*An Appeal to Fairness: Revisit the Court of Appeals*” (NY Post, 12/28/98), about the fraudulent manner in which Justice Rosenblatt was confirmed to our state’s highest court.

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As discussed, its concluding sentence reads: "This is why we will be calling upon our state attorney general as the 'People's lawyer,' to launch an official investigation."

Finally, I enclose a copy of CJA's \$20,000 public interest ad, "*Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?*" (NYT, 10/26/94, Op-Ed page; NYLJ, 11/1/94, p. 9) so you can understand that the high-level, systemic governmental corruption being covered up by Attorney General Spitzer's "public integrity unit" encompasses the trading of judgeships between the two major parties – and, yes, judicial patronage, which is NOW big news.

Needless to say, these four documents were among the volume of materials that I presented, *in hand*, to Attorney General Spitzer on January 27, 1999 – as reflected by page 14 of the transcript.

I will call you late in the day on Monday – hopefully *after* your current deadline.

Thank you. Meantime, *anything* you can do to refer this important story to other, more available Times reporters would be greatly appreciated.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosures