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Attached is my March 5th letter to New York State Judiciary Committee leadership -- crediting The New York Times' "FIXING ALBANY" editorial series with the scheduling of my upcoming March 17th meeting with Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman DeFrancisco. I invite The Times to attend the meeting by way of "follow-through" so that through news reporting and editorials, it can help the public understand what it will take to "FIX ALBANY", namely, effective and committed public interest advocacy by public spirited citizens and organizations, such as CJA, in tandem with a sharply focused and continuous press attention on the self-interest and abuses of the public trust by those who run our state government in Albany. Please advise ASAP whether you would like to attend this groundbreaking March 17th meeting, as I otherwise need to invite other representatives of the statewide press to be present.

There are TWO other extremely important developments -- one pertaining to the Spargo lawsuit against the Commission and the other to President Bush's nomination of Court of Appeals Judge Richard C. Wesley to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, reported on the front page of today's New York Law Journal ("News in Brief"). Please call me so that they can be discussed, as they are profoundly important to the public's rights and welfare in matters of judicial selection & discipline.

NOTE: Later today, I will drop off to Times headquarters a "hard copy" of my March 5th letter, together with a copy of the 1989 report about the Commission, "*Not Accountable to the Public*", by then State Comptroller Ed Regan.

