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Michael Oreskes, Metropolitan Editor <u>The New York Times</u> 229 West 43rd Street New York, New York 10036

E: <u>Times follow-up to "On Choosing Judges, Pataki Creates Problems", published on November 16th as the Times' lead Ltr to the Editor</u>

Dear Mr. Oreskes:

We understand you are busy, but what does it take to get a response to our November 18th letter, our November 20th note, and our yesterday's phone message, left on your voice recorder at 9:15 a.m.? For your convenience, duplicate copies of our correspondence with you are enclosed.

We have confirmed with the <u>Times'</u> Letters section that on November 18th--following receipt of our request to them--they promptly transmitted to you the documentation supporting our published Letter to the Editor.

In case this important story about Governor Pataki's manipulation of state court judgeships has been "lost" among the crush of this week's other news, we trust you will have more time to review it over the weekend. We will call you on Monday morning.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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Enclosures