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Rivka Gewirtz, Intern
The Village Voice

RE: An Investigative Expose of the New York State
Commission on Judicial Conduct based on Readily-
Verifiable Evidence of its Corruption

Dear Ms. Gewirtz:

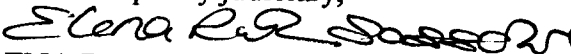
As discussed, I would appreciate your assistance in ascertaining from Mr. Barrett what he intends to do with the appellate papers in the public interest lawsuit against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which I sent him last June, together with a letter to the New York State Senate Judiciary Committee in opposition to Governor Pataki's reappointment of Acting Supreme Court Justice William Wetzel – the judge whose fraudulent judicial decision was the subject of the appeal. I sent these materials to Mr. Barrett at the suggestion of Sabina Jovanovic, who, I believe, had spoken to Mr. Barrett about the case.

Over the months, I have left numerous follow-up phone messages – and, on September 28th, sent a fax to Lisa Schneider, with whom I had spoken. Enclosed is a copy of the fax, with some of its pertinent enclosures.

As set forth therein, if Mr. Barrett is NOT intending to pursue the story himself, he should at least pass it on to other journalists, such as Jack Newfield, who is credited with having been the moving force in establishing the Commission.

In the event Mr. Barrett missed my Letter to the Editor in the December 7th Daily News, which referred to the Commission's corruption, a copy is enclosed.

Yours for a quality judiciary,


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Enclosures

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IDEAS & OPINION

Judicial reforms

White Plains: Re your Dec. 4 editorial "Judges betray trust of those in need": Chief Judge Judith Kaye and Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman deserve no credit for the probe into fiduciary appointments. The credit belongs to the media. If not for their coverage of the letter of two disgruntled lawyers complaining to party leaders that they were being denied patronage, Kaye would have done nothing. Away from the media spotlight, the Office of Court Administration hasn't lifted a finger when litigant and lawyer victims turned to them for help about violations of law by judges and lawyers regarding fiduciary appointments.

Moreover, the inspector general's report and follow up recommendations are an inside job. They cover up for the higherups in the court system, whose refusal to discharge their monitoring responsibilities has made abuses possible. It also covers up the corruption of other key governmental monitors — the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the attorney disciplinary committees and the attorney general's office. True reform will come only when their scandalous role is exposed.

Elena Ruth Sassower, Center for Judicial Accountability