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March 27, 2000

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Dear Ms. Sassower:

As Counsel to the Unified Court System, I am responding to your letter of March 3, 2000, to Chief Judge Kaye regarding the court's handling of your lawsuit against the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

The Chief Judge has no jurisdiction to investigate the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which is an independent statutory body created by the Legislature. Nor does the Chief Judge have the power in her administrative capacity to review judicial determinations of the judges of the court system. Should you object to the handling of your case in the Supreme Court, your proper avenue of redress is by appeal of that decision to an appellate court.

Very truly yours,

Michael Colodner

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cc: Hon. Judith S. Kaye

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