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VIA FACSIMILE: 718-624-5626

Barry Kamins, Chairman, Judiciary Committee
Association of the Bar of the City of New York
C/o Flamhaft, Levy, Kamins & Hirsch
16 Court Street
New York, NY 11241

Re: July 3, 2000 Letter from Elena Ruth Sassower

Dear Mr. Kamins:

I am writing to defend my actions as complained of in the referenced letter from Ms. Sassower.

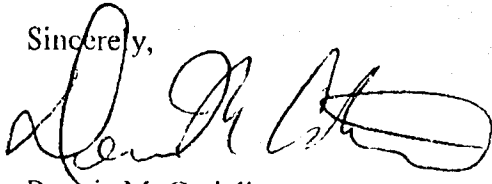
In her letter, she complains that I was unable to get a package of materials she left with me to you. She fails to mention many details that show how reasonable my actions were. She expressed to me that she hadn't the time to get to your office so she demanded that I send the materials she left with me to your home address. She did not know of your address either, relying on me to somehow find it - this despite my repeated protests that I neither had knowledge of your home address nor of a means for procuring it. In addition, she presented the materials to me on the Friday before the July 4th weekend, a day in which the Association staff was permitted to leave at 3 PM. She arrived at my office shortly after 3 PM, and discussed the issues her letter raised until approximately 4:15 PM. As a result, the only person in the building who would have your home address was Alan Rothstein. When I contacted him, he said it should wait, as he did not think it fit to disturb at your home you until after the holiday. Thus, without a means of getting your home address I was unable to send the documents to you.

I did, consistent with my conversation with Ms. Sassower, leave the materials for Evan Davis. Further, I explained to Ms. Sassower my lack of knowledge as to your address and a means for getting your home address and, thus told her that I would contact Mr. Rothstein for the address. Lastly, in accordance with Ms. Sassower's wishes, I stayed

until shortly after 5 PM, to see if you arrived at the front desk, as Ms. Sassower indicated might happen. I did not see you, nor did the guard tell me you came in. Ms. Sassower knew of my intended course of action and of the possibility that I could not find a way to get the materials to you.

In closing, I fully agree with Ms. Sassower's intentions. It is certainly the goal of this Bar Association, one to which I fully support, to root out corruption in the judiciary and elsewhere. Unfortunately, due to circumstances described above, I could not get the materials to you. While I can sympathize with Ms. Sassower's disappointment - concerning her inability to adequately provide a means for getting materials to your home - it was a situation of her own making and one for which I bear no responsibility.

Sincerely,



Dennis M. Cariello

Cc: Alan Rothstein
Elena Ruth Sassower