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Alan Rothstein, Counsel
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RE: On the Issue of Standing -- *Amicus* and other assistance in the appeal of the public interest Article 78 proceeding, *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico, against Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York (NY Co. #108551/99; Appellate Division; September 2001 Term)*

Dear Mr. Rothstein:

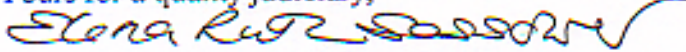
Following up our telephone conversation, in which I reiterated my request for the City Bar's assistance in the above-entitled public interest Article 78 proceeding, even on such limited, narrow issues as "standing", enclosed are pages 40-47 of my Critique of the Attorney General's Respondent's Brief - as to which I seek the City Bar's evaluative comment.

As discussed, the Respondent's Brief has expanded the Appellate Division, First Department's *Mantell* decision to the broader proposition that not only do I lack "standing" as to my judicial misconduct complaints, but that I lack "standing" to sue the Commission altogether.

For your convenience, a copy of the *Mantell* appellate decision is enclosed - with its one-sentence add-on, unsupported by any law, as to "standing".

As discussed many times, unless the pretense of "lack of standing" is knocked out now, citizens with legitimate complaints will have no rights to challenge the Commission's wrongful conduct.

Yours for a quality judiciary,


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Enclosures