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Dear Ms. Shelonski:

Following up our conversation yesterday, this is to confirm our request for information as to what action--if any--has been taken by the Second Circuit in response to the recommendation of the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal that:

"each circuit counsel charge a committee or committees, broadly representative of the bar but that may also include informed lay persons, with the responsibility to be available to assist in the presentation to the chief judge of serious complaints against federal judges" [at p. 101 of its August 1993 Report].

This recommendation was endorsed "in principle" by the Judicial Conference Committee to Review Circuit Council Conduct and Disability Orders in its March 1994 report under the heading "Use of Committees to Dissipate the Threat of Retaliation".

Thereafter, the Judicial Conference, in its March 15, 1994 report:

"Agreed to recommend to the individual circuits and courts covered by the Act that they consider whether and what committee(s) or other structures or approaches, at the district or circuit level, might best serve the purpose of assuring that justified complaints are brought to the attention of the judiciary without fear of retaliation."

Vivian Shelonski, Esq.

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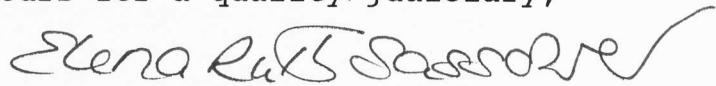
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For your convenience, the pertinent pages of the aforesaid three reports are annexed hereto as Exhibits "A", "B", and "C", respectively.

We would also appreciate information as to the Second Circuit's compliance with the other recommendations of the Judicial Conference, its Review Committee, and the National Commission as they pertain to the circuits.

Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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P.S. As you requested, we enclose our informational brochure about the Center.

Enclosures

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