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Att: Rosa De La Torre

RE: Legal Retention or Referral

Dear Ms. De La Torre:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation a short while ago, this confirms my request that you access the materials I sent to Mr. Kunstler under a May 25, 1994 letter so that he can make a determination as to whether he would be willing to represent my mother in a federal action. Such action will challenge this State's disciplinary mechanism as unconstitutional and will present my mother's case as demonstrative of how the courts are able to abuse such mechanism, which they control, to retaliate against judicial whistle-blowers.

Alternatively, my May 25th letter asked Mr. Kunstler to find us "a 'gutsy' public-spirited lawyer" to handle the case.

Please advise Mr. Kunstler that after I spoke with him on Monday--at the Center for Constitutional Rights' celebration of his 75th birthday--I had occasion to speak with Michael Deutsch, the Center's Legal Director.

Mr. Deutsch stated that he would review the materials I sent to Mr. Kunstler so as to determine whether the proposed case could be handled through the Center. I note that the Center's Spring 1994 "Docket" recites cases it has handled involving disciplinary proceedings under the heading "Attacks on Lawyers", among them In the Matter of William Kunstler and In re Kuby.

Please advise Mr. Kunstler that we are presently before the New York State Court of Appeals on a motion rearguing its denial of our appeal as of right in the Article 78 proceeding, Sassower v. Guy Mangano, et al., which, in the alternative, also seeks for

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leave to appeal. I would be most pleased to express mail to Mr. Kunstler a copy of that motion after he has reviewed the papers I previously transmitted. Those papers include: my mother's two submissions to the Court of Appeals in support of her appeal as of right from the Appellate Division, Second Department's dismissal of her 78 proceeding against itself.

Since time is of the essence, your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated.

To assist you, a copy of my May 25th letter is enclosed.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability

Enclosure: 5/25/94 ltr

cc: Michael E. Deutsch, Legal Director  
Center for Constitutional Rights