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Dear Friends of the NYU Law Community:

As my first paying employer, Arthur T. Vanderbilt, then Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court and former Dean of the law school used to say: "law reform is not a sport for the short-winded". How right he was!

Following his lead, I devoted most of my professional life to the goals he strived for. Quite frankly, after 35 years at it I am running out of breath. That is why I am turning to you now.

All of us share a commitment to the rule of law--but it is only an ideal if there is no enforcement of it in the courts. I would appreciate your reading the enclosed letter I have just written to Governor Cuomo.

I would welcome your suggestions as to how best to proceed. Obviously, it would be extremely helpful if, after reading the enclosed, you would express your concern by writing the Governor and urging him to appoint a <u>Special Prosecutor</u> to investigate this shocking situation ASAP.

Your ideas, volunteer time, media and legislative contacts, etc. to the cause of improving the quality of the judiciary would be most welcome.

Yours in the interest of justice,

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Enclosures DLS/er

In view of the extraordinary wall of silence on the part of the press, please feel free to pass on the letter and its enclosures, with a similar request to your chosen recipient.