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RE: Professional and Ethical Responsibility

Dear Mr. Goldman:

We have received no response from you, a member of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, to our February 1, 1996 letter, faxed on that date and sent by certified mail.

That letter alerted you and you alone to: (1) the pattern of non-response by the Commissioners to our earlier letters and communications; (2) the demonstrated misconduct of the Commission's Administrator and Clerk; and (3) the Commissioners' "affirmative duty" to take corrective steps in the face of notice that the Commission defended itself from our Article 78 challenge by litigation misconduct and that the Supreme Court decision of dismissal is legally insupportable and factually fabricated. For your convenience, a copy of our February 1st letter to you is annexed.

We are particularly surprised by your non-response inasmuch as on January 25th--only a week before we sent you our February 1st letter--you were honored at the New York State Bar Association's Criminal Justice Awards Luncheon "in recognition of a career that has embodied the highest ideals of the Criminal Justice Section". Indeed, your biographic sketch in the Commission's 1995 annual report notes that you are a former chairman of the ethics advisory committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and that you also lecture on ethics.

So there is no doubt on the subject, please confirm that although you have not favored us with any response to the serious matters described by our February 1st letter, you did circulate it among the Commissioners and/or make its contents known to them. Specifically, we include Helaine Barnett, liaison to the American Bar Association's Committee on Ethics and Professional

Responsibility from its Board of Governors, and Juanita Bing Newton, presently seeking reappointment to the New York State Court of Claims.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

Elena Ruth Sassower

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
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