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RE: Promoting Public Trust and Confidence:

- (1) Scheduling a meeting to discuss the organized bar's responsibility to confront readily-verifiable evidence of the corruption of the processes of judicial selection, discipline, and attorney discipline
- (2) Amicus and legal assistance in Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico v. Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York (NY Co. #99-108551)

Dear Mr. Kamins:

Enclosed is CJA's letter of today's date to Glenn Lau-Kee, who – like you – serves as a member of Chief Judge Kaye's Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System. Footnote 1 relates to you. It reflects my hope that you will be advising me, in the near future, as to when we can meet to discuss the organized bar's responsibility to confront the *readily-verifiable* evidence of the corruption of judicial selection, discipline, and attorney discipline, presented by CJA's correspondence.

As discussed in our phone conversation yesterday, City Bar President Evan Davis told me, when I accidentally met him in the elevator of the City Bar last week, that he does not intend to meet with me – or to otherwise respond to CJA's June 20th letter to him. That letter chronicles the City Bar's complicity in systemic

judicial and governmental corruption over the past ten years. It requests that a Standing Committee on Judicial Conduct be established at the City Bar and that the City Bar provide *amicus* support and legal assistance in my public interest lawsuit against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct — as to which it has a copy of the file in its possession.

Since you told me that you would speak to President Davis, please be sure to obtain from him CJA's June 20th letter, which he told me he had read and which you should read, in the event you have not already done so. This includes its two compendia of substantiating exhibits.

I trust that irrespective of President Davis' appalling response, you are able to exercise your independent judgment and recognize your own professional responsibility – not only as Chairman of the City Bar's Judiciary Committee, but as Chairman of the State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Responsibility.

It is in your capacity as Chairman of the State Bar's Committee on Professional Responsibility that I now turn to you for help in securing from the State Bar its amicus and legal assistance in my public interest lawsuit against the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. This is all the more critical in light of President Davis' rebuff.

For this reason, I believe it would be appropriate if Bruce Green, Chairman of the State Bar's Ethics Committee and editor of Government Ethics Reform for the 1990's, a volume which has been on CJA's library shelves for the past nine years, also be present at our meeting. Please let me know, however, if you would like me to independently contact Professor Green – or any other Chairmen or members of the State Bar who might be in a position to advance my request for amicus and legal assistance.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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