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New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination
666 Fifth Avenue, 28th Floor
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ATT: Stuart A. Summit, Counsel

RE: CJA's *unresponded-to* information requests
plus *new* information requests

Dear Mr. Summit:

Five months have now passed since CJA's November 16, 2000 letter to you, requesting information and assistance in procuring eight of the Commission on Judicial Nomination's "older reports" of nominees for the Court of Appeals, as well as information and documents pertaining to the Commission's compliance with the Freedom of Information Law [F.O.I.L.] As yet, we have received no response.

For your convenience, a copy of our November 16, 2000 letter is enclosed. Please advise when your response will be forthcoming.

By this letter, CJA further requests all publicly-available information as to the Commission's current membership. In addition to biographic information, please advise as to the date each member was appointed to the Commission, the appointing authority, and the expiration dates of each of their terms. As to Chairman John O'Mara, please also include the date on which the Commission members designated him to fill that position. As it appears that he has been serving as Chairman for more than two years¹ in violation of Judiciary Law §62.4's limitation on such

¹ Mr. O'Mara's chairmanship is reflected by the Commission's April 1998 brochure and on such subsequent documents as the Commission's November 12, 1998 and October 4, 2000 reports of nominees for the Court of Appeals.

service to "a period of two years or until his term of office expires, whichever period is shorter", please furnish the legal authority for his continued chairmanship.

Additionally, CJA requests all publicly-available information as to the cost to taxpayers of the Commission, including for compensation of its staff and reimbursement of expenses in connection with each Court of Appeals vacancy [Judiciary Law §§62.5 and 64.6].

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
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Enclosure

cc: New York State Committee on Open Government
Robert Freeman, Executive Director

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