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June 18, 2001

New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer
120 Broadway
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RE: Governor Pataki's Reappointment of Judge William A. Wetzel to the Court of Claims, Scheduled for a Senate Judiciary Committee Confirmation Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Dear Attorney General Spitzer:

This puts you on notice of your duty, as New York's highest legal officer, who purports to be "The People's Lawyer", to notify the Senate Judiciary Committee of the unfitness of Judge William A. Wetzel for judicial office. This, based on Judge Wetzel's judicial misconduct in the public interest lawsuit, *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico against Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York (S.Ct/NY Co. #99-108551)*. That *readily-verifiable* misconduct, culminating in a fraudulent judicial decision, is detailed by the Appellant's Brief therein – a copy of which was given you, *in hand*, on April 18, 2001, and for which your office has the substantiating lower court record. As you know, you were also provided with a copy of my Critique of your Respondent's Brief – the accuracy of which neither you nor anyone else in your office has denied or disputed.

Consequently, it is incumbent upon you to meet the public responsibilities that are supposed to guide lawyers under EC 8-6 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility, adopted by the New York State Bar Association. Clearly and unambiguously, EC 8-6 commands:

"It is the duty of lawyers to endeavor to prevent political considerations from outweighing judicial fitness in the selection of judges. Lawyers should protest earnestly against the appointment or election of those who are unsuited for the bench..."

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For this reason, you are an indicated recipient on CJA's June 17, 2001 letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee – a copy of which is enclosed.

As your Solicitor General, Preeti D. Bansal, should, by now, be fully familiar with the facts, papers, and proceedings relating to *E.R. Sassower v. Commission*, a copy of this letter with enclosure is being separately faxed to her. This, because she has public responsibilities *independent* of yours under EC 8-6.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosure

cc: Senate Judiciary Committee
Solicitor General Preeti D. Bansal
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To Attorney General Spitzer

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