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April 16, 2003

Nan Weiner, Executive Director
Governor Pataki's Judicial Screening Committees
The Capitol, Room 242
Albany, New York 12224

- RE: (1) CJA's April 16, 2003 F.O.I.L. request to the
Governor's Records Access Officer
(2) CJA's March 30, 2001 letter to you for information
and documents – to which we received no response
from you

Dear Ms. Weiner:

Enclosed is a copy of CJA's F.O.I.L. request of today's date to the Governor's Records Access Officer, Mark Ustin – to which you are an indicated recipient. This, because – as reflected by the Governor's February 28, 2002 press release – you are Executive Director to his "Federal Judicial Screening Committee". Presumably, you were also Executive Director of his "Federal Appointments Screening Committee" – whose creation was announced by a March 16, 2001 press release – and about which we requested information and documents by letter to you dated March 30, 2001.

We have received no response from you to that letter – including its concluding paragraph:

"Finally, *a propos* of the Governor's March 16, 2001 press release announcing the formation of a 'Federal Appointments Screening Committee' to 'screen and review candidates for nomination by President George W. Bush to serve as U.S.

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Attorney and for federal judgeships', CJA requests information as to who, in addition to the Governor's appointed chairman, Court of Claims Judge John O'Mara, will be serving on the Committee. Please also provide information as to the new Committee's screening and review procedures, including a copy of the blank questionnaires, *if any*, that applicants will be required to complete, as well as a telephone number for the Committee so that we may communicate with it directly."

For your convenience, a copy of CJA's March 30, 2001 letter to you is enclosed. Please confirm that you did not previously respond – and explain the reason.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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