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John Eiseman, Records Access Officer
Office of Court Administration
25 Beaver Street
New York, New York 10004

RE: Request to Inspect and Copy Records

Dear Mr. Eiseman:

Finally, pursuant to F.O.I.L. [Public Officers Law, Article VI] and Part 124 of the Chief Administrator's Rules for Public Access to Records, request is made to inspect and copy:

- (1) all publicly-available records of the Office of Court Administration, including of the Chief Judge of the State of New York, pertaining to the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct. This would specifically include those relating to: (a) the Commission's Annual Reports; (b) the 1989 Report by New York State Comptroller Edward Regan about the Commission, entitled "*Not Accountable to the Public: Resolving Charges Against Judges Is Cloaked in Secrecy*" (#90-S-23); (c) recommendations to the Legislature pertaining to the Commission; and (d) comment on legislation pertaining to the Commission under consideration by the New York State Assembly and/or Senate.

Additionally, request is made to inspect and copy all publicly-available records pertaining to:

- (2) the procedures and standards governing the Unified Court System's elevation of judges to Acting Supreme Court justices, as well as procedures and standards of annual review governing their retention, including any and all applications and forms in blank that are required to be completed [i.e. Part 121 of the Chief Administrator's Rules];

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- (3) the procedures and standards governing certification of Supreme Court justices to serve beyond retirement age, including any and all applications and forms in blank that are required to be completed;
- (4) the procedures and standards governing selection and retention of judicial hearing officers, including any and all applications and forms in blank that are required to be completed. [*i.e.* Part 122 of the Chief Administrator's Rules].

Pursuant to F.O.I.L [Public Officers Law §89.3], your response is required within five business days of receipt of this written request.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elena Ruth Sassower', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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