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Office of Court Administration
25 Beaver Street
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ATT: John Eiseman, Records Access Officer

RE: Request to Inspect Records

Dear Mr. Eiseman:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law (F.O.I.L) [Public Officers Law, Article VI] and Judiciary Law §35-a(3), request is made to inspect:

1. statements filed, pursuant to Judiciary Law §35-a(1)(a),¹ awarding “fees or allowances...for services performed” from the assets of the involuntarily-dissolved corporation *Puccini Clothes, Ltd.* (Supreme Court/NY Co. #1816-1980) by (a) Acting Supreme Court Justice David B. Saxe; (b) Supreme Court Justice Michael J. Dontzin; (c) Acting Supreme Court Justice Martin H. Rettinger; and (d) Referee Donald Diamond;
2. statements filed, pursuant to Judiciary Law §35-a(1)(a), awarding “fees or allowances... for services performed” from the assets of the estate of *Eugene Paul Kelly and Gene Kelly Moving & Storage Trusts* (Surrogate’s Court/Suffolk Co. #736 P 1972) by Family Court Judge/Acting Surrogate Burton S. Joseph;

¹ To the extent that the Office of Court Administration maintains separate records of filings pursuant to §26.2 of the Rules of the Chief Judge, please deem this letter a written request to inspect the “Statements of Approval of Compensation”, filed by the judges and justices indicated herein.

3. annual reports of the Office of Court Administration² "to the appellate division of the supreme court in each of the judicial departments of the state", pursuant to Judiciary Law §35-a(2), from 1968 to the present, "containing a summary of the information contained in the statements filed with it pursuant to [Judiciary Law §35-a] by judges and justices sitting in courts in that department during the preceding year";
4. rules made by "each appellate division of the supreme court", pursuant to Judiciary Law §35-a(2), from 1968 to the present, "respecting the supervision of all such court appointees within its judicial department as it may deem necessary".

Additionally, pursuant to F.O.I.L. and §36.3 of the Rules of the Chief Judge, request is made to inspect:

1. notices filed by "any person or institution receiving an appointment", pursuant to §36.3(a) of the Rules of the Chief Judge, pertaining to the involuntarily-dissolved corporation *Puccini Clothes, Ltd.* (Supreme Court/NY Co. #1816-1980) and, specifically, notices filed by (a) Lee Feltman, Esq.; (b) Feltman, Karesh & Major; (c) Feltman, Karesh, Major & Farbman; and (d) Rashba & Pokart;
2. notices filed by "any person or institution receiving an appointment", pursuant to §36.3(a) of the Rules of the Chief Judge, pertaining to the estate of *Eugene Paul Kelly* and *Gene Kelly Moving & Storage Trusts* (Surrogate's Court/Suffolk Co. #736 P 1972) and, specifically, notices filed by (a) Vincent Berger, Esq.; (b) Irwin Klein, Esq.; (c) Richard C. Cahn, Esq.; (d) Cahn, Wishod, Wishod & Lamb; (e) Ernest Ruck, Esq.; (f) John Marshal, Jr., Esq.;
3. documents pertaining to arrangements by the Chief Administrator for "periodic public publication of the names of all persons and institutions appointed by each appointing judge in appropriate law journals and periodicals", pursuant to §36.3(a) of the Rules of the Chief Judge and, specifically, publication reflecting appointments made in *Puccini Clothes, Ltd.* (Supreme Court/NY Co. #1816-1980) by Supreme Court Justice

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Prior to the 1974 amendment of Judiciary Law 35-a, this was the "Judicial Conference".

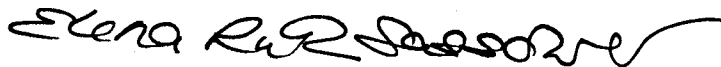
Michael J. Dontzin and Acting Supreme Court Justice Martin H. Rettinger; and appointments made in the estate of *Eugene Paul Kelly* and *Gene Kelly Moving & Storage Trusts* (Surrogate's Court/Suffolk Co. #736 P 1972) by Surrogate Ernest L. Signorelli;

4. annual written reports of the Chief Administrator to the Chief Judge, pursuant to §36.3(b) of the Rules of the Chief Judge, from 1986 to the present, relating to "the operation of the procedures set forth in ... Part [36], including recommendations for modification".

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,



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