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Subject: RE: Please advise -- Re: Advancing the Brennan Center's Recusal Reform Recommendations in NYS

Elena —

Our policy is not to comment on the merits of matters that we do not agree to work on.

As to other groups, you are of course welcome to contact those groups on your own; as a matter of policy, we do not make referrals regarding matters that we do not take on.

As to the materials you left, I am happy to have those returned to you. We will mail them to you at the CJA address (Post Office Box 8220 in White Plains) unless you would prefer that we send them to a different address.

Thank you, and regards,
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whether, as it appears, the Brennan Center is not only rejecting all three of my proposals for advancing recusal reform, but collaboration with CJA.

Also, what is the Brennan Center's opinion of "the merits" of my draft motion to the Appellate Division? Since the Brennan Center reviewed the draft in evaluating my *amicus* request, opining as to its "merits" does not impose on "limited internal resources" or "numerous competing demands."

Please also advise as to why the Brennan Center has not referred our draft motion to other advocates of "judicial independence" and "fair courts" having a capacity to furnish *amicus* and other support? Among these: the Justice at Stake Campaign, whose 50 or so "campaign partners" include the American Bar Association and other entities which both individually and collectively, have -- like the Brennan Center -- been the beneficiary of millions of dollars of funding from the Open Society Institute and other foundations to advance "fair courts" and "judicial independence". Why have you made no referrals?

Time is of the essence. Therefore, please respond, as soon as possible -- furnishing, as well, the names of colleagues who shared in the review.

Finally, as for the primary source materials I left with you on July 27th, was it your intention to discard them, return them to us, or provide them to scholars for scholarship? Your e-mail does not say.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower