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TO: Washington Legal Foundation
ATT: Paul D. Kamenar, Executive Legal Director

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Queries on Federal Judicial Discipline:
(1) Federal Judiciary's New Rules for Federal Judicial Discipline
(2) Breyer Committee & its Report;
(3) Proposed Congressional Legislation
for an Inspector General for the Judicial Branch
(4) Resolution to Impeach U.S. District Judge Manuel Real
(5) Proposed Revision to Code of Conduct for United States Judges

Since your excellent testimony before the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal on May 1, 1992, how active has Washington Legal Foundation been with respect to federal judicial discipline? I do not find this information on the Washington Legal Foundation's website.

Has the Washington Legal Foundation:

- (a) taken any position on the new rules governing judicial conduct and disability proceedings under 28 U.S.C. §§351-364 – either in draft or as adopted by the Judicial Conference on March 11, 2008 – &/or submitted written comments;
- (b) taken any position on the Breyer Committee Report, released in September 2006;

* The **Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)** is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization, documenting, by *independently-verifiable empirical evidence*, the dysfunction, politicization, and corruption of the processes of judicial selection and discipline on federal, state, and local levels.

(c) taken any position on the House and Senate bills to establish an Inspector General for the Judicial Branch, introduced in 2006 and reintroduced (in amended form) in 2007;

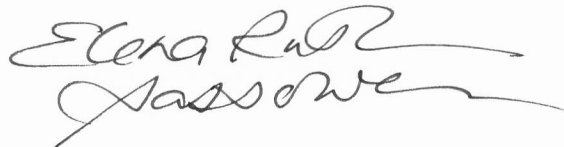
(d) taken any position on the 2006 resolution to impeach U.S. District Judge Manuel Real;

(e) taken any position on the revised Code of Conduct for United States Judges, proposed by the Judicial Conference Committee on Codes of Conduct, and/or responded to that Committee's public notice inviting comment by April 18, 2008?

Has the Washington Legal Foundation undertaken any analyses or critiques of the foregoing – most particularly of the Breyer Committee Report?

Your prompt response, by fax and/or e-mail, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elena Ruiz" on the top line and "Gassow" on the bottom line. The signature is fluid and cursive.