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Hon. William F. Mastro
Acting Presiding Justice
Appellate Division, Second Department
45 Monroe Place
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Re: File I-12962/12
February 2012 Inquiries of George Sassower
A Disbarred Attorney and Counselor-At-Law

Dear Presiding Justice Mastro:

Enclosed, please find a copy of correspondence previously received from the above-referenced disbarred attorney between February 14, 2012 and February 22, 2012, as well as the Committee's February 14, 2012 response to the first such inquiry.

Initially, the Court's attention is respectfully directed to the fact that Mr. Sassower's request appears to pertain to a disciplinary proceeding initially prosecuted against him by the Grievance Committee for the 9th Judicial District and thereafter transferred to the Appellate Division, First Department for trial and determination. Upon information and belief, that matter resulted in the dismissal of all charges against Mr. Sassower in or about 1982.

Mr. Sassower was thereafter the subject of a second attorney disciplinary proceeding, prosecuted by the Grievance committee for the 2nd & 11th Judicial Districts, that resulted in his disbarment, by Opinion and Order of Appellate Division, Second Department dated February 23, 1987 (*Matter of Sassower*, 125 AD2d 52 – copy also enclosed). Moreover, a search of Mr. Sassower's name via *LEXIS/NEXIS* and/or *WESTLAW* legal databases further reveals a lengthy history of appellate and collateral attacks upon that determination and/or its several consequences, filed by Mr. Sassower in a variety of venues since his disbarment, all of which have been unsuccessful.

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The Court's attention is further respectfully directed to the fact that Doris Sassower (Mr. Sassower's ex-wife) was suspended indefinitely from the practice of law, by Opinion and Order of the Appellate Division, Second Department, dated and entered June 14, 1991, based upon her refusal to submit to an examination and determination of her capacity to continue practicing law under 22 NYCRR §691.13. Like her ex-husband, Mrs. Sassower also has a lengthy post-decisional history of appellate and collateral applications, flowing from that decision, all of which have also been similarly unsuccessful.

The Committee stands by its February 14, 2012 response to Mr. Sassower's latest inquiry and further respectfully submits that he has failed to make any showing of good cause, as is required under Judiciary Law §90(10) before disclosure can be ordered (if indeed the records he requests are even available), for the information he now seeks more than thirty (30) years after the dismissal of the original attorney disciplinary matter and more than twenty-five (25) years after his subsequent disbarment.

Accordingly, the Committee respectfully requests that Mr. Sassower's demands be denied in all respects.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures

cc: George Sassower

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