

## NINTH JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

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Cynthia Hogan, Staff Director Senate Judiciary Committee 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Hogan:

We are writing to inquire as to when we can expect to receive a response to the substantial issues raised in our November 4th letter to you. To date we have heard nothing from you or from anyone on your behalf.

I direct your attention to the final paragraph of our November 4th letter which repeated our request for an opportunity "to detail the conduct of the Senate Judiciary Committee staff which has been--and continues to be--non-responsive, irresponsible, unprofessional, and inefficient". (emphasis added)

As you know, it was precisely because of the appalling handling of our critique by the Senate Judiciary Committee staff that I sought to speak with you directly back in September--and made a special trip to Washington for that purpose.

It is now three months later. Although you are the Staff Director of the Senate Judiciary Committee, you inexplicably continue to avoid speaking with us on this important subject. As a result, the complained-of behavior by your staff has also continued. Indeed, enclosed herewith are <u>five</u> separate <u>written</u> requests for information—two to Harriet Grant (General Counsel), two to Amy Nash (Nominations Clerk), and one to Lisa Robinson (Staff Assistant). Despite the fact that the Senate has been in recess since the beginning of October, we have received no response to our written requests—the earliest of which is dated October 15th, more than two months ago.

In view of your stated belief that the Committee staff properly performs its duties (para. 3 of your October 15th letter), we would appreciate your also apprising us when we can expect to receive the responses from Ms. Grant, Ms. Nash, and Ms. Robinson for which we have, likewise, been patiently waiting.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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Coordinator, Ninth Judicial Committee

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## Enclosures:

(a) 10/15/92 ltr to Amy Nash, Staff Assistant

(b) 10/22/92 ltr to Harriet Grant, General Counsel

(c) 11/13/92 ltr to Amy Nash, Nominations Clerk

(d) 11/13/92 ltr to Lisa Robinson, Staff Assistant

(e) 11/17/92 ltr to Harriet Grant, General Counsel

cc: Chairman Joseph Biden, Senate Judiciary Committee