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Re: Matter of Bar Association of the City of New York
Docket No. 2000.3089
Matter of Women's Bar Association of the State of NY
Docket No. 2000.3090
Matter of New York State Trial Lawyers' Association
Docket No. 2000.3091
Matter of New York State Bar Association
Docket No. 2000.3157

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Departmental Disciplinary Committee has reviewed its investigation of your complaint against the above-referenced agencies. As explained below, the Committee has decided to take no further action.

Specifically, Bar Associations, and other attorney associations are not subject to the jurisdiction of this agency. Also, the ratings or recommendations of judicial candidates are expressions of opinion, and as such cannot be treated as misstatements of fact.

The Committee arrived at this determination after the complaint was submitted to a member of the Committee, an independent board of lawyers and non-lawyers appointed by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department. The Committee member concluded that no further investigation or action was warranted.

Very truly yours,

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