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Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Institute on Professionalism concerning the role of bar associations in the judicial selection process.

Please be advised that the Institute will take the issues raised in your letter under consideration should it at any time in the future address the question of bar associations' jurisdictional amenability to the attorney disciplinary process.

Thank you for your concern for the well being of our justice system.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio E. Galvao".

Antonio E. Galvao, Esq.

cc: Louis A. Craco, Esq.

Chair: Louis A. Craco, Esq. **Members:** Christopher E. Chang, Esq. • Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick • George J. Farrell, Jr., Esq. • Robert B. Fiske, Jr., Esq. • Lewis Golub • John H. Gross, Esq. • Hon. L. Priscilla Hall • Stephen R. Kaye, Esq. • Arthur J. Kremer, Esq. • David W. Leebron, Esq. • Joseph V. McCarthy, Esq. • Hon. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr. • M. Catherine Richardson, Esq. • O. Peter Sherwood, Esq. • Hon. Leslie E. Stein • Marc Waldauer, Esq. • Stephen A. Weiner, Esq. • G. Robert Witmer, Jr., Esq.

As illustrative, ALL members of the Institute on Professionalism and the Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, Chief Judge Kaye, whose serious official misconduct, warranting her removal from office, would be exposed by investigation of the complaint.⁵

Consequently, please advise as to what steps the Institute for Professionalism in the Law will take to ensure the fair and impartial handling of CJA's November 13, 2000 report – the accuracy of whose recitation of professional misconduct by the bar associations and their lawyers has been entirely *undenied* by them.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Enclosures

cc: Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System
First Department Disciplinary Committee

⁵ The Chief Judge's wilful refusal to discharge her mandatory administrative and disciplinary responsibilities under §§100.3C and D of the Chief Administrator's Rules Governing Judicial Conduct has produced the chain of events leading to CJA's November 13, 2000 report. See page 27 of CJA's November 13, 2000 report, referencing pages 14-15 of CJA's October 16, 2000 report and correspondence with Chief Judge Kaye, dated March 3, 2000, April 18, 2000, and June 30, 2000, culminating in CJA's August 3, 2000 judicial misconduct complaint against the Chief Judge – copies of which are in File Folder "A". NOTE: Upn information and belief, the copy of the substantiating files of the three Article 78 proceedings against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, transmitted to Chief Judge Kaye with CJA's March 3, 2000 letter to her, is in the possession of Sherrill Spatz, Inspector General for Fiduciary Appointments.