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Subject: **Docket #26-1905/Mandamus Proceeding -- Acknowledgment & Notice of Appearance of Petitioner Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. Counsel Gary Zerman**

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**TO: Lhamo Tsering/Second Circuit Court of Appeals Case Manager for Docket #26-1905
(Mandamus Proceeding)**

Following up our phone conversation at about 2:36 pm today, when Case Initiation (212-857-8551) routed me to you, as the case manager for #26-1905, replacing Steve Giovanniello, which you confirmed, stating, additionally, that he is out of the office this week.

The reason for my call, in the first instance, was, as I stated, to request an extension of time for Petitioner Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.'s counsel Gary Zerman to file his signed "Acknowledgment & Notice of Appearance Form", which, if he received it by mail, would have been on Saturday, because I had spoken with him repeatedly throughout last week, including as late as about 5:30 pm Friday – and he and I had not received the packet of materials that I had understood the Court would be sending to both of us.

Not until Sunday night, July 26th, did I receive the Court's packet, which is when I discovered it in my mailbox, presumably delivered the previous day, Saturday, July 25th. The "[Docketing Notice](#)" it contained, dated July 14th, indicated that its enclosed "[Acknowledgment and Notice of Appearance Form](#)" was required to be "completed and returned within 14 days of the date of this notice", in other words today, Wednesday, July 28th.

I have been calling and e-mailing Mr. Zerman, repeatedly, ever since, but have received no response from him. I do not know whether he received the Court's "Docketing Notice". Indeed, beginning on Saturday morning, as I was drafting the [affidavit that we would be filing on Monday, July 27th](#), consistent with our conversations together about it, I received no response from him. This is NOT usual, as we have a close, collaborative relationship, reviewing everything together, reading drafted filings together, line-by-line.

I am quite concerned, as Mr. Zerman has been contending with serious medical illness. I pray that he is *incommunicado* by reason of hospitalization – not worse.

Please, therefore, extend Mr. Zerman's time for filing his signed "Acknowledgment and Notice of Appearance Form", which he may not even have received. Indeed, in contrast to the "[Docketing Notice](#)" giving "14 days of the date of this notice", the "[Acknowledgment and Notice of Appearance Instructions](#)" allows for the "form...[to] be completed and returned within 14 calendar days of receipt of the docketing notice". In any event, you confirmed that [Mr. Zerman's July 15th motion for pro hac vice admission](#) has yet to be decided.

I have not yet heard back from your supervisor, Margaret, with whom I requested to speak about the incorrect shortened caption that has been given to the mandamus proceeding, as to which you stated a motion would have to be made, which I do not believe to be the case – because if it were, Mr. Giovanniello would have told me that when I called him about the incorrect shortened caption on July 15th, instructing me that what was necessary was a letter requesting the correction, signed by me and Mr. Zerman, which we did the next day, by a [July 16th letter](#). The letter, docketed as #10, is annexed to my above-attached signed “Acknowledgment and Notice of Appearance”, e-mailed yesterday by the below. Indeed, as I stated to you, if a motion was required to correct a caption that the Court had incorrectly shortened, such would be stated in the “[Acknowledgment and Notice of Appearance Instructions](#)”, which asks about “required corrections to the caption”.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Petitioner *Pro Se*

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TO: Steve Giovanniello/Second Circuit Court of Appeals Case Manager for Docket #26-1905 (Mandamus Proceeding)

Following up the voice mail message I left for you at 10:40 this morning (212-857-8529), above-attached is my signed Acknowledgement and Notice of Appearance, resting on – and attaching – petitioners’ July 16th letter, to which there has been NO response – and NO change in the incorrect case caption or anything else, so-reflected by [the docket](#), printed out at 2:51 today.

Kindly call me at your earliest opportunity as I have questions about this and other related matters.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Petitioner *Pro Se*