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RE: Sassower, et al. v. Gannett, et al., A.D.Docket # 2012-00126; 2012-05360; 2013-05353

Dear Deputy Clerk Tommer:

Responding to your letter to me dated June 12, 2013 – and my follow-up telephone conversation with Deputy Clerk Mel Harris, who kindly dispensed with the need to make the long trip down from White Plains to Brooklyn, just to affix my signature, enclosed are original signature pages for plaintiffs-appellants' August 20, 2012 brief and October 19, 2012 reply brief, with eight copies of each.

I thereby subscribe to the factual and legal presentations made in each brief, authored by my plaintiff-appellant daughter Elena Ruth Sassower – and, additionally, by her May 6, 2013 written oral argument – a full copy of which I additionally enclose and endorse, particularly the third sentence of her written oral argument because of its direct bearing on the need for my signature:

“Due solely to the attorney and judicial misconduct particularized by our appellants' brief, the other plaintiffs-appellants are currently without counsel – a state of affairs which will be resolved upon this Court's taking ‘appropriate action’ with respect to that misconduct, as is its mandatory disciplinary responsibility pursuant to §100.3D of the Chief Administrator's Rules Governing Judicial Conduct.” (underlining in the original).

With all due respect, I also take this opportunity to reiterate the *threshold* application my daughter presented at pp 3-4 of her oral argument, i.e., that based on the record before this Court, the four judges comprising the appellate panel: Presiding Justice Peter Skelos and Associate Justices Daniel Angiolillo, Sheri Roman, and Sylvia Hinds-Radix, respect their mandatory disclosure and disqualification duties under §§100.3E and F of the Chief Administrator's Rules and Judiciary Law §14 -- most particularly, Presiding Justice Skelos, whose disqualification for interest is absolute.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
DORIS L. SASSOWER

Encls: ERS Oral Argument w Exhibits  
referred to therein

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