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TO: Richard Schwartz, Editorial Page Editor  
New York Daily News

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

RE: “*Judging the Judges*” editorial series

DATE: December 30, 2002

Your today’s editorial, “*New York’s Best Supporting Actors*”, like so many of its predecessors in the “*Judging the Judges*” editorial series, is rife with materially false and misleading claims, most egregiously, your assertion that the Acting Supremes are the product of “merit appointment” and “turn out to be better guardians of impartial and timely justice than their elected brethren”.

As you have not seen fit to respond to either my December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> letters to you – the latter of which explicitly stated,

“the Daily News must not blind itself to – and deprive the public of – the readily-verifiable evidence of the fraudulent and rigged process by which Governor Pataki has nominated – and the State Senate confirmed -- hundreds of state judges – including interim Supreme Court justices and Court of Claims judges who function as Acting Supreme Court justices, sitting in the five boroughs”,

this is the last time I will take my valuable time to write you to reiterate CJA’s long-standing request for a meeting with the Editorial Board to discuss the readily-verifiable evidence establishing the corruption of the processes of judicial appointment and discipline – processes your editorials have been blithely espousing as if such evidence does not exist.

As you know, such evidence not only exists, but an illustrative portion has been in the Editorial Board's possession since November 30, 2001, when I delivered a copy of the appellate papers in my important public interest lawsuit against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct to Editorial Board member Michael Aronson under a coverletter of that date.

Unless I hear from you by Monday, January 6, 2003, my New Year's resolution will be to take the evidence of the Editorial Board's wilful and deliberate disregard for fundamental journalistic responsibilities to Daily News Chairman and Co-Publisher Mortimer B. Zuckerman, to Daily News Chief Executive Officer and Co-Publisher Fred Drasner, and to Daily News President & Chief Operating Officer Les Goodstein. This, in addition to posting my voluminous correspondence with you and Mr. Aronson on CJA's website so that the public and journalistic community may come to their own conclusions about the integrity and accuracy of the Daily News' "*Judging the Judges*" editorial series.

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
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**TO:** Richard Schwartz, Editorial Page Editor  
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**FROM:** Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

**RE:** CJA's LAST request to you for a meeting with the Editorial Board

**DATE:** December 30, 2002

My attached, already-faxed letter to you, follows the voice mail message I left for you shortly before noon today.