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TO:

Richard Schwartz, Editorial Page Editor

New York Daily News

FROM:

Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

RE:

Information Gathering for your "Judging the Judges" editorial series

DATE:

December 6, 2002

For your convenience, I have downloaded the itinerary for tomorrow's "How to Become a Judge" program at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York – which is enclosed.

Additionally enclosed is the program "Judging the Judges: The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct", co-sponsored by the Fund for Modern Courts and the New York State Bar Assocation, taking place next Wednesday, December 11th in Albany.

In view of your ongoing "Judging the Judges" editorial series – including today's editorial -- I would expect the <u>Daily News</u> to send a reporter/editor to attend both programs as part of its "information gathering".

I will be at each program and would be pleased to provide the <u>Daily News</u> with a synopsis of the P.R. therein presented -- when you FINALLY invite me to a meeting, as I have repeatedly requested, to discuss the "on the ground" REALITY of judicial selection and discipline.

As you know, it is more than a year that the <u>Daily News</u> has had the pertinent court papers from my historic public interest lawsuit against the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct. The case remains before the Court of Appeals and a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible so that you can better understand that IF your editorials really want to advance reform of judicial discipline and selection, they should be immediately discussing that case, as it is catalyst like none other.

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The Fund for Modern Courts and the New York State Bar Association are pleased to present

Judging the Judges:

The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct

> Wednesday, December 11, 2002 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM New York State Bar Association One Elk Street Albany, New York

Moderator:

Lorraine Power Tharp, Esq.

President

New York State Bar Association

Panelists:

Hon. Juanita Bing Newton

Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives Former Member, NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct

Robert H. Tembeckjian, Esq. Deputy Administrator & Deputy Counsel NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct

Stephen R. Coffey, Esq.

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Reservations must be received by December 9, 2002

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7 Saturday, 9 am-3:30 pm

How to Become a Judge

A program designed to inform lawyers about the paths, elective and appointive, to becoming a state or federal judge in New York City.

9:00 a.m.

Coffee

9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks:

HON. LESLIE G. LEACH

Chair, Special Committee to Encourage Judicial Service; Acting Justice, Supreme

Court, Queens County

Welcome:

HON. CARMEN BEAUCHAMP CIPARICK
Associate Judge, New York Court of Appeals;
Vice President, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Address:

HON. CAROL ROBLES-ROMAN Deputy Mayor for Legal Affairs and Counsel to the Mayor

10:30 a.m. Supreme & Civil Courts: Concurrent Panels

NEW YORK COUNTY

Moderator: ROY H. CARLIN Breslow & Walker LLP

HON. BARBARA KAPNICK
Justice, Supreme Court, New York County

HON. EDUARDO PADRO Justice, Supreme Court, New York County

HON. ANNALISA TORRES

Judge, Civil Court, New York County

EDWARD J. DAVIS

Administrator, Independent Judicial Screening Panel, New York County Democratic Party (Supreme Court 2002)

ARTHUR W. GREIG Law Chairman, New York County Democratic Committee

BRONX COUNTY

Moderator:
HON. LUCINDO SUAREZ
Presiding Justice, Appellate Term, 1st Judicial Dept.

HON. LATIA W. MARTIN
Judge, Civil Court, New York County;

HON. HOWARD SHERMAN
Judge, Civil Court, Bronx County;
Supervising Judge, Bronx Housing Court

KENNETH J. KNUCKLES
Panel Administrator, Bronx Democratic County, Committee Judicial Screening Panel

KINGS/QUEENS/RICHMOND COUNTIES

Moderator:
HON. LESLIE G. LEACH
Acting Justice, Supreme Court, Queens County

HON. JOSEPH F. BRUNO Justice, Supreme Court, Kings County

HON. DUANE A. HART
Justice, Supreme Court, Queens County

HON. PHILIP S. STRANIERE Judge, Civil Court, Richmond County

HON. BETTY J. WILLIAMS Judge, Civil Court, Kings County

HON. CLARENCE NORMAN, JR. Member, New York State Assembly; Chair, Kings County Democratic Committee

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON Chair, Queens County Democratic Committee

HON. JOHN W. LAVELLE Chair, Richmond County Democratic Committee 12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m.
Keynote Address
HON. JUDITH S. KAYE
Chief Judge, New York Court of Appeals

1:30 p.m. Judicial Screening Committees

Moderator:
JEH C. JOHNSON
Chair, Judiciary Committee,
Association of the Bar of the City of New York

ZACHARY CARTER
Chair, Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary

PAUL SHECHTMAN
Chair of the Governor's State Judicial Screening Committee

2:15 p.m. Concurrent Panels

HOUSING COURT

Moderator:
HON. LIZBETH GONZALEZ
Judge, Housing Court, Bronx County
HON. FERN A. FISHER
Justice, Supreme Court, New York County; Administrative Judge, Civil Court of the
City
of New York

HON. GERALD LEBOVITS Judge, Housing Court, Kings County

HON. KEVIN MCCLANAHAN
Judge, Housing Court, New York County

MARCIA HIRSCH
Housing Court Advisory Council; General Counsel, New York State Division of
Housing
& Community Renewal

FAMILY COURT/ CRIMINAL COURT/ COURT OF CLAIMS

Moderator:

HON. MICHAEL R. SONBERG Judge, Criminal Court, Bronx County

HON. ALBERT LORENZO
Judge, New York State Court of Claims;
Acting Justice, Supreme Court, Bronx County

HON. DARCEL D. CLARK
Judge, Criminal Court, Bronx County

HON. BRYANNE HAMILL Judge, Family Court, Kings County

HON. SALVATORE J. MODICA Judge, Criminal Court, Kings & Richmond Counties

HON. BARBARA SALINITRO
Judge, Family Court, Queens County

FEDERAL COURTS

Moderator:

HON. HAROLD BAER, JR. United States District Judge, S.D.N.Y.

HON. ROBERT A. KATZMANN Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

HON. FREDERIC BLOCK United States District Judge, E.D.N.Y.

HON. ROBERT D. DRAIN
United States Bankruptcy Judge, S.D.N.Y.

HON. CHERYL L. POLLAK United States Magistrate Judge, E.D.N.Y.

Registration by **December 1** is necessary. The fee, which includes lunch, is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. For more information, please call (212) 382-6600 ext.6613.

Register for this event online

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