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## **BY EXPRESS MAIL**

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September 29, 1998

Francis Lorson, Chief Deputy Clerk U.S. Supreme Court 1 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543

RE:

Sassower v. Mangano, et al.,

Supreme Court Docket #98-106

Dear Mr. Lorson:

This letter reiterates the voice message I left for you about an hour or so after our very brief phone conversation at 12:15 p.m. today. In that phone conversation you confirmed what I had learned when I called the Clerk's office at about 9:15 this morning, to wit, that the Sassower v. Mangano docket does not reflect petitioner's judicial disqualification/disclosure application, made by letter to the Justices, dated September 23, 1998. Nor does it contain any reference to petitioner's request for a Rule 8 show cause order, as set forth in her September 2, 1998 letter to you, and reiterated by letter dated September 17, 1998<sup>1</sup>.

Petitioner respectfully requests that her September 23rd letter, invoking her rights under 28 U.S.C. §455 and filed with the Clerk's office as per your instructions, be docketed. As you know, the express mail envelope<sup>2</sup> in which that letter arrived on September 24th contained nine separate envelopes addressed to each of the Justices, enclosing originals of that letter for each of them. Petitioner trusts that these were promptly distributed for the Justices' consideration. As reflected by the letter, the New York State Attorney General, respondents' counsel and himself a co-respondent, was an indicated recipient. A copy was sent to him -- much as a copy of petitioner's September 2nd letter had previously been sent to him.

Petitioner's September 2nd and 17th letters are Exhibits "B-1" and "B-2", respectively, to her September 23rd letter.

Annexed hereto is Petitioner's express mail receipt, confirming mailing on September 23rd, as well as the fax coversheet to you and the confirmation receipt, reflecting fax transmission on that date.

Although we were long ago informed that Sassower v. Mangano was to be on yesterday's conference calendar, you responded to my question as to the status of petitioner's judicial disqualification/disclosure application and her Rule 8 show cause request by stating that they were still pending. As to the Court's disposition of the Sassower v. Mangano cert petition (and supplemental brief), you stated that no information would be available until next Monday. You also told me that the only cases on yesterday's conference calendar whose disposition was publicly available were those for which cert had been granted. When I asked whether this, therefore, meant that the Court had not granted cert to Sassower v. Mangano, your answer was no.

It would seem obvious — and I so stated — that the Justices cannot properly decide the Sassower v. Mangano cert petition (and supplemental brief) without their first addressing the threshold issue of judicial disqualification/disclosure, presented by petitioner's September 23rd letter, as well as the related issue of the Rule 8 show cause order, which is part thereof.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

**ELENA RUTH SASSOWER** 

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Letter read and approved by:

DORIS L. SASSOWER, Petitioner Pro Se

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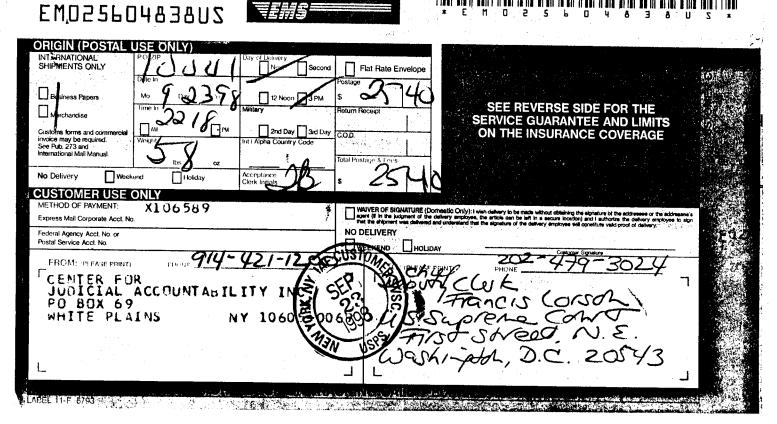
cc: New York State Attorney General,
Counsel for respondents and co-respondent
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See p. 7 of petitioner's September 23rd letter.

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