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BY HAND

September 8, 1998

New York Law Journal: ATT: Daniel Wise, Mark Hamblett

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York: ATT: Alan Rothstein, General Counsel

RE: September 9th debate between the candidates for the Democratic nomination for New York State Attorney General

As you know, CJA has e-mailed a question to the Law Journal as to why the contenders for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General have not raised, as a campaign issue, the fraud and misconduct of the Attorney General's office in its defense of state judges and the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, as highlighted in CJA's public interest ad, "*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*" (NYLJ, 8/27/97, pp. 3-4) and its prior ad, "*Where Do You Go Where Judges Break the Law?*" (NYLJ, 11/1/94, p. 9; NYT, 10/26/94, Op-Ed page) (Exhibits "A-1" and "A-2"). The fraud and misconduct therein set forth are fact-specific -- and, as emphasized by the "*Restraining 'Liars'*" ad, is *readily verifiable* from the files of the two Article 78 proceedings and §1983 federal action identified with the court index and docket numbers for said purpose.

We have notified all four candidates of that question, involving the public's right to be informed of such electorally-significant issue relating to the conduct of the office they wish to hold. Copies of our letters to each of the four candidates are annexed: to Mr. Koppell (Exhibit "B"); to Mr. Spitzer (Exhibit "C"); to Mr. Davis (Exhibit "D") and to Ms. Abate (Exhibit "E").

In addition to this memo, we are now delivering to each of the candidates a copy of the enclosed cert petition and supplemental brief in *Sassower v. Mangano, et al* -- the §1983 federal action in which Mr. Koppell is being sued for fraud and misconduct as Attorney General in defending state judges and has himself been defended, by fraud and misconduct, by Attorney General Vacco. As demonstrated therein, both Mr. Koppell and Mr. Vacco have knowingly subverted the judicial process in order to cover up corruption and political influence in this state's judiciary and the unconstitutionality of the state attorney disciplinary law. If exposed, both Mr. Koppell and Mr. Vacco would not only be defeated electorally, but indicted and disbarred. As our letter to Mr. Koppell points out (Exhibit "B", p. 1), we have already filed a criminal complaint with the U.S. Justice Department so that prosecution may be undertaken and disciplinary referral made". That July 27, 1998 complaint is included in the appendix to the supplemental brief at SA-47.

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Ex "D-3"

received for Ms Abate  
1:15 pm

Received for Mr. Kappell  
1:25 pm

Received by Davis  
1:37 pm

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