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CJA's CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE NYS SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO JUDICIAL CONFIRMATIONS

Documents Substantiating CJA's December 16, 2002 Letter to Senate Majority Leader Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Connor, and Senate Minority Leader-Elect Paterson in Opposition to Senate Confirmation of Governor Pataki's Nomination of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman James J. Lack to the Court of Claims

I. JUANITA BING NEWTON, renominated by Governor Pataki to the Court of Claims on May 30, 1996, confirmed by the Senate on June 11, 1996

- (1) CJA's 4/18/96 letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Counsel David Gruenberg
- (2) CJA's 4/29/96 letter to Michael Finnegan, Counsel to the Governor, to which Mr. Gruenberg was an indicated recipient
- (3) CJA's hand-delivery on 5/7/96 of a copy of the record in *Doris L. Sassower v. Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York* (NY Co. #95-109141), plus handwritten note to Mr. Gruenberg
- (4) CJA's 6/6/96 letter to Mr. Gruenberg
- (5) CJA's 6/11/96 letter to NYS Senate
- (6) CJA's 6/12/96, letter to Mr. Finnegan, to which Senate Judiciary Committee was an indicated recipient

II. ANDREW O'ROURKE, nominated by Governor Pataki to the Court of Claims on December 12, 1997, confirmed by the Senate on January 11, 1998

- (1) CJA's 1/2/98 letter to Senate Judiciary Committee, enclosing
 - (a) CJA's 12/23/97 letter to James McGuire, Counsel to Governor Pataki
 - (b) CJA's 12/26/97 letter to Andrew O'Rourke
 - (c) CJA's 12/29/97 letter to Members of Governor Pataki's State Judicial

Screening Committee, transmitting copies of CJA's 1992 Critique of Andrew O'Rourke nomination to a federal district court judgeship; Compendium of Exhibits; and June 2, 1992 letter to U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

- (2) CJA's 1/9/98 letter to Senate Judiciary Committee, enclosing CJA's 1/7/98 letter to Chief Judge Kaye
- (3) CJA's 1/13/98 factsheet, "*Why You MUST Vote AGAINST Senate Confirmation of Andrew O'Rourke to a \$113,000 Court of Claims Judgeship*"

III. ALBERT ROSENBLATT, appointed by Governor Pataki to the Court of Appeals on December 10, 1998, confirmed by the Senate on December 17, 1998

- (1) CJA's 12/16/98 letter to Mr. Gruenberg

IV. VICTORIA GRAFFEO, appointed by Governor Pataki to the Court of Appeals on November 2, 2000, confirmed by the Senate on November 29, 2000

- (1) CJA's 11/13/00 letter to Victoria Graffeo and Chairman Lack, transmitting CJA's 10/16/00 critique (substantiated by File Folders A & B) and CJA's 11/13/00 critique
- (2) CJA's 11/21/00 letter to Chairman Lack

V. WILLIAM WETZEL, nominated by Governor Pataki to the Court of Claims on June 12, 2001, confirmed by the Senate on June 20, 2001

- (1) CJA's 6/17/01 letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, transmitting appellate papers in *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico, against Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York*: (a) Petitioner-Appellant's Brief AND Appendix; (b) Respondent's Brief; (c) Petitioner-Appellant's 66-page Critique of Respondent's Brief
- (2) CJA's 6/19/01 letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lack
- (3) CJA's 6/21/01 letter to Senate Judiciary Committee
- (4) CJA's 6/21/01 letter to Nan Weiner, Executive Director, Governor's Judicial Screening Committees