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Honorable Senators of the State of New York
Senate Office Building,
Albany, New York, 12247

Re: Chief Administrative Judge, Joseph W. Bellacosa

Honorable Senators,

1a. A possible designee for appointment as Associate Justice of the New York State Court of Appeals by Governor Mario M. Cuomo, may be Chief Administrative Judge, Joseph W. Bellacosa.

b. If Mr. Bellacosa is the Governor's choice, I respectfully request that I be heard in opposition to confirmation.

c. The thrust of my testimony and documentary evidence is that the Chief Administrator has, "in-office", aided, abetted, and facilitated the criminal mass larceny of the judicial trust assets, has personally engaged himself in the advancement of judicial and official corruption, and criminal extortion.

Indeed, without Mr. Bellacosa's cooperation, the criminal activity surrounding the larceny and plundering of the judicial trust assets of Puccini Clothes, Ltd. ["Puccini"] -- "the judicial fortune cookie" -- could not have succeeded thus far!

d. This pre-designation distribution to each and every member of your body, the media, and other interested groups, is intended to afford everyone ample time to thoroughly investigate the underlying facts, prior to the confirmation hearings, in the event Mr. Bellacosa is designated.

2. I suggest, if Mr. Bellacosa is designated, that your questions to the Chief Administrator include:

a. What do you know about the massive larceny of Puccini's judicial trust assets, and the judicial and official corruption that took, and is still taking, place?

b. When did you first become aware of such facts?

c. What did you do?

3a. The documentary evidence will reveal extensive criminal activity, including judicial and official corruption, centered about the Supreme Court, New York County, and the Appellate Division, First Department, personally known to exist by Mr. Bellacosa for at least one (1) year, and that he has, by affirmative action, aided, abetted, and facilitated such criminal conduct!

b. The papers and documents in the possession of the Chief Administrator and his office, support the grave accusations that I am making against Mr. Bellacosa.

c. Since the Puccini matter, including the documented evidence, is being forwarded to federal and local prosecuting authorities, Mr. Bellacosa will be faced with personal problems that may conflict with his judicial obligations, if he is confirmed.

4a. The Senate, must inquire from Mr. Bellacosa about the attempts, including his own, to stonewall the mandated accounting on Puccini's behalf.

b. Bus. Corp. Law §1216 provides that a final accounting should be filed within one (1) year, and the Attorney General, is mandated, as a non-delegable "duty", to make application for such final accounting, if not voluntarily performed, within eighteen (18) months.

c. Puccini, a solvent corporation, was involuntarily dissolved on June 4, 1980.

d. More than four (4) times that maximum length of time has elapsed, under state law, and the Attorney General refuses to make such application for an accounting, and opposes same, when made by others!

Indeed, Mr. Bellacosa's own rules provide that such accounting must be made annually.

d. Mr. Bellacosa and his judicial thrall have had to corrupt the Attorney General, and his office, and resort to unconstitutional barbarism, in an attempt to conceal their criminal conduct, as will be demonstrated herein.

e. Paid out from Puccini's trust assets to Rashba & Pokart, Certified Public Accountants, of 469 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, 10018, has been \$22,243.35, for doing nothing to benefit Puccini!

f. Why does Mr. Bellacosa, as the ultimate incarnate trustee of Puccini's trust assets, refuse to request that Rashba & Pokart file an accounting?

g. Mr. Bellacosa knows that more than \$4,000, 000 was unlawfully debited from Puccini's bank deposited trust assets, which except for wash transactions, was nothing less than criminal larceny!

h. Mr. Bellacosa knows that Puccini's entire inventory was liquidated by approximately twelve (12) employees, over a period of seven (7) months, and except for \$512 gross income, the monies cannot be accounted for!

Will Mr. Bellacosa attempt to convince this body that there was no diversion of judicial trust assets, when only \$512 gross income can be accounted for after twelve (12) employees, over a seven (7) month period, liquidated the entire inventory?

Can anyone have any confidence in the integrity of the judicial system, if Mr. Bellacosa makes such attempt?

i. Mr. Bellacosa knows that no attempt was made by the receiver to collect the accounts receivables, the prepaid expenses, and other assets of Puccini, and if collected, such monies were simply and unlawfully diverted from Puccini's judicial trust assets to other pockets!

j. Mr. Bellacosa knows that the payments from Puccini's trust assets of \$680,439.01 to Feltman, Karesh, Major & Farbman, Esqs., and of \$22,243.35 to Rashba & Pokart, were unlawful (22 NYCRR §660.24[f]), and factually unjustified.

k. Indeed, Mr. Bellacosa knows his appointee, Administrator Xavier C. Riccobono, has transmogrified the Supreme Court, New York County into a "cesspool" of fraud, corruption, and pay-offs, where "fixing" has become the "coins of the judicial realm"!

l. Mr. Bellacosa, a noted criminal authority, knows that no American judge nor court has the power to convict, sentence, and incarcerate anyone for non-summary criminal contempt, without benefit of a trial.

m. Mr. Bellacosa knows that despite this constitutional ministerial prohibition, I have been incarcerated three (3) times during Mr. Bellacosa's tenure in office, because I will not succumb to a "criminal code of silence", wherein judicial trusts, which are constitutional "persons", are treated as "judicial fortune cookies", for the benefit of some of the judiciary and their "friends"!

Must I, and others, repeatedly resort to the federal tribunal, and assert what everyone knows to be a fact, to wit., that a person is entitled to face his accuser, subject him to cross-examination, and compel, by subpoena, favorable testimony.

No, Mr. Bellacosa, I will not remain silent about judicial corruption, no matter how many times I am unconstitutionally incarcerated, without benefit of trial (NYLJ, 12/9/86, p. 1); nor will I tolerate the sale of "indulgences" in the courthouses of this state under your administrative control!

o. Mr. Bellacosa knows that despite the aforementioned ministerial prohibition, Sam Polur, Esq., was also convicted, sentenced, and incarcerated, without benefit of trial, based upon an uncorroborated perjurious affidavit by Feltman, Karesh, Major & Farbman, Esqs. that Mr. Polur served a summons!

p. Mr. Bellacosa knows that one of the principal reasons for my incarceration and that of Mr. Polur was to facilitate these "criminal friends" of Administrator Riccobono, aided and abetted by his appointee, Referee Donald Diamond, and compel Hyman Raffe, by threats, to submit to extortion and blackmail in the courthouse building, in the absence of his attorneys!

q. Mr. Bellacosa knows that despite the clear constitutional and statutory mandate (e.g. Judiciary Law §4), Referee Donald Diamond, operates from a "non-public courtroom" (see photograph Newsday, November 2, 1986), where corrupt transactions are routine events.

r. Mr. Bellacosa knows about the corrupt activities of Administrator Riccobono, has permitted criminal activity to continue unabated, and he himself, has cooperated in advancing the criminal misadventures of Administrator Riccobono and "his friends".

s. Mr. Bellacosa, why do you not just produce an accounting for Puccini's trust assets since June 4, 1980, and try to explain the manifest implications of same, including the pay-offs, the larceny, the plundering, and the outright judicial and official corruption, that has taken place?

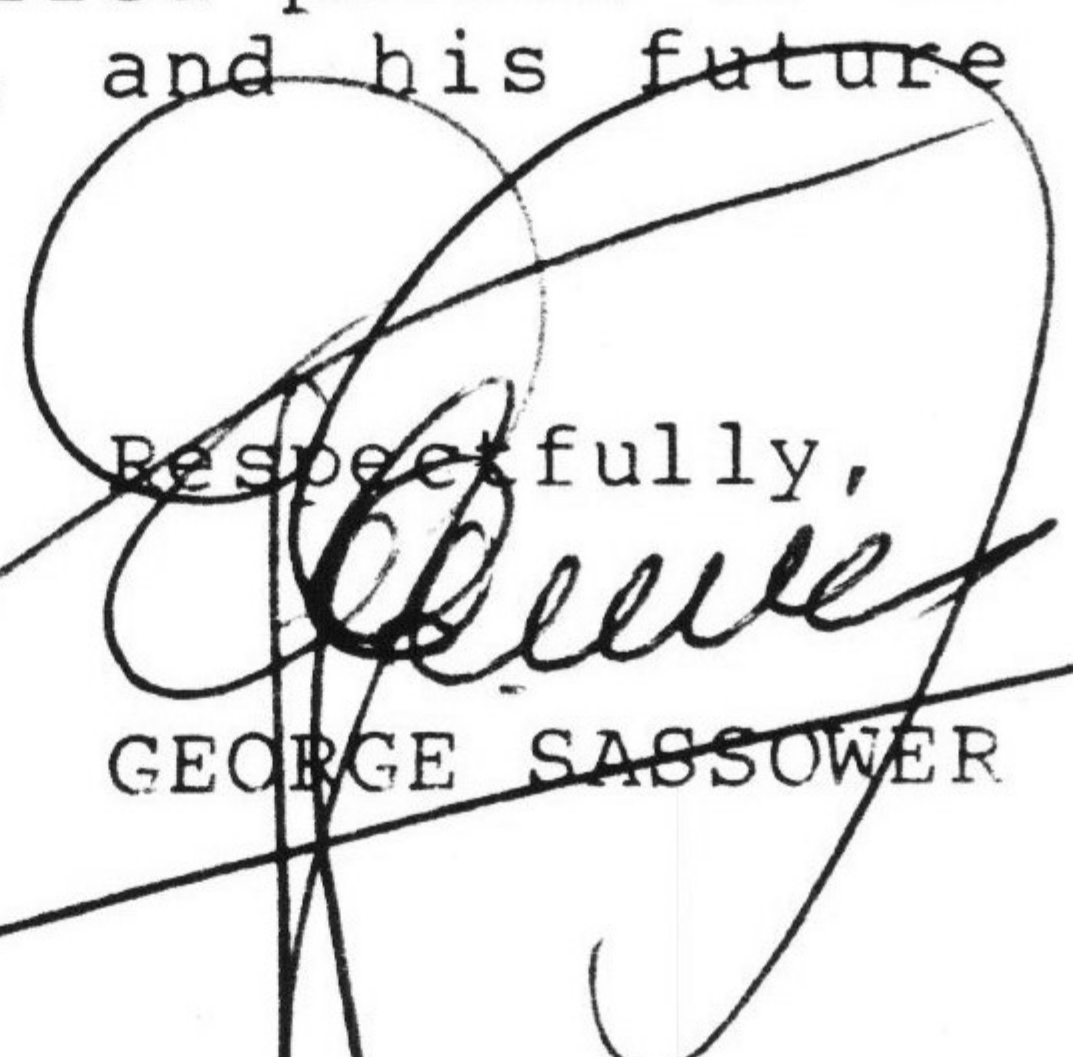
5a. Mr. Bellacosa cannot be confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals unless and until he satisfactorily answers the questions concerning the larceny of Puccini's judicial trust assets!

b. The jails are filled by persons whose "crimes" are nothing more than human lapses of judgement or unintended results from intentional conduct.

c. It would be the ultimate anathema to permit Mr. Bellacosa to sit in judgment on the peccadillos of others, while his own criminal and unethical conduct, is unexplained!

d. Mr. Bellacosa, must bring before this body an accounting of Puccini's judicial trust assets from June 4, 1980 to date, prepared by a qualified person or firm, and explain his own personal past actions, and his future intentions on the subject!

Respectfully,



GEORGE SASSOWER

cc: Hon. Mario M. Cuomo
Hon. Sol Wachtler
Chief Administrative Judge Joseph W. Bellacosa