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Mr. Jonathan Ferziger c/o United Press International Box 7271 State Capitol, Albany, New York 12224

Dear Mr. Ferziger,

I have requested Hon. Sol Wachtler, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Unified Court system, to demand and receive the immediate resignation of Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy, for engaging in "in office" criminal racketeering adventures.

Independently I have made the same demand of the Presiding Justice, as copies of the within reveal.

As you are personally aware that although almost nine (9) years have elapsed since Puccini Clothes, Ltd. was involuntarily dissolved, not one (1) accounting has been filed, although mandated in every American jurisdiction, including New York, where it must be filed "at least once a year" (22 NYCRR §202.52(e]).

As you are also personally aware, despite the mandate of <u>Judiciary law</u> 35a, not a single filing has been made for awarding almost one million (\$1,000,000) in fees to Feltman, Karesh, Major & Farbman, Esqs. and Rashba & Pokart.

I wish to make clear that it is more than larceny and corruption that is involved, but an issue of the First Amendment.

Every local newspaper, except for the New York Post, has reported on the recent conflict between Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy and Michael A. Gentile.

Stated and/or clearly indicated in such media reports is the fact that there is disparate treatment of complaints, depending on one's relationship, vel non, with the Presiding Justice.

Thus, if one chooses to exercise his First Amendment rights and expose judicial misconduct, or misconduct by

those who have "the inside track" with Murphy, it is they who are punished, not the outright "thieves" who are afforded a shield of disciplinary immunity.

Since law is a business, as well as a profession, every private lawyer remains silent about high level judicial misconduct, including by those who have "the inside track".

Consequently, the obligation of the media is triggered to investigate and report if democratic institutions are to be preserved.

Enclose some media reports that may have evaded your attention.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE SASSOWER