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January 3, 1989

Chief Judge Sol Wachtler Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Hall (Certified Mail) 20 Eagle Street, Albany, New York 12207

Dear Sir:

Messrs. Jack Newfield and Kevin McCoy reported in The Daily News of December 27, 1988 (p. 3) that approximately \$620,000 had been awarded from various judicial estates to political favorites in the five boroughs of New York in 1987-1988.

Such public information was obviously obtained from the mandated filings at the Office of Court Administration pursuant to Judiciary Law \$35a, 22 NYCRR \$26.2, and 22 NYCRR \$36.4.

Approximately \$1,000,000 was awarded to the firm of Feltman, Karesh, Major & Farbman, Esqs. of 645 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10022, from the judicial trust assets of Puccini Clothes, Ltd., and as the enclosed letter from the Office of Court Administration reveals <u>none</u> of the mandated reports were filed.

Furthermore, 22  $\underline{NYCRR}$  §36.4(b) specifically provides that:

"Each award of fees of \$2,500 or more to appointees pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by explanation, in writing, of the reasons therefor by the judge making the award."

Were such requirement complied with by members of the judiciary, the media would have learned that the Feltman firm did nothing -- absolutely nothing -- which inured to Puccini's benefit.

22 NYCRR \$202.52[e] further provides that an accounting must be filed "at least once a year" (22 NYCRR \$202.52[e]), and although Puccini was dissolved more than eight and one-half years ago, not a single accounting has been filed -- not one!

The legal notice, published in the New York Times in 1986, a copy of which is enclosed, concerning the settlement of a final accounting was a judicial fraud, since the County Clerk's records, in New York County, reveals no such accounting having ever been filed.

I believe the public, through the media, are entitled to an official expeditious explanation from Your Honor, in his administrative capacity.

In view of Your Honor's prior acquaintance with this matter, I expect that such explanation to the media will be forthcoming within the next ten (10)

Most Respectfully

GEORGE SASSOWE

cc: Mr. Jack Newfield [The Dail | News]/

Mr. Kevin McCoy [The Daily Kews]

Mr. Leonard Levitt [Newsday]

Mr. Jonathan Ferziger [UPI-Albany]

Mr. Wayne Barrett [The Village Voice]

Mr. Ray Kerrison [The Post/

Mr. Pete Hamil [The Pest]
Mr. Max Frankel [The N.Y. Times]



#### ALBERT M. ROSENBLATT Chief Administrative Judge

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# STATE OF NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

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> MICHAEL F. McENENEY Director, Court Operational Services

September 20, 1988

George Sassower 16 Lake Street White Plains, NY 10603

Re: Lee Feltman

Feltman, Karesh etal.

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Dear Mr. Sassower:

In response to your letter dated August 30, 1980, a search of the records maintained by this office pursuant to Section 35-a of the Judiciary Law, indicates that there is no record of any Statement of Approval of Compensation forms filed by any of the above listed individuals or firms, between 1982 and the present.

If I can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Samuel H. Younger

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# The New York Times

229 WEST 43 STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10036

## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of the Application of Jeronie H. Barr and Clubens, N.A., as Executors of the Will of Million Kautman, Holders of One-Quarter of All Dutstanding Shares of Puccini Clothes, Ltd. Entitled to Vote in an Election of Directors.

For the Dissolution of Puccini Ciothes, Ltd.,

ALL OTHER ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS IN ANY COURT CONCERNING OR RELATING TO PUCCINI CLOTHES, LTD., ITS RECEIVER OR SMAREHOLDERS OR THEIR ATTORNEYS.

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HOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned as Receiver of Puc-Clothes, Ltd. that an account of his processionings as Recuired Of above-named corporation, under uath, will be presented to the Supre-Court of Here York, County of New York, buttere the Honorable Don: Diamond, Special Referee, at Room 538 of the Courthouse, 60 Cent Sueet, New York, New York, on October 30, 1988, at 10.00 o clock in the forenoon of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, as an application will then and there be indice returnable that the same be a lowed and be decreed to be final and conclusive upon all persons, incluand shake indebted to seed corporation, all persons having in their posses sion any property of said corporation, all persons with whom said corpo ration has unlitted contracts and upon all creditors, claimants and share horders of the corporation, and that said Receiver the authorized to make a line) distribution, and upon the payment thereof, that he be discharged and his bond vacated, and for such other, further and/or different telled as to the Court may seem just and proper. Dated: New York, New York September 10, 1986

LEE FELTMAN, ESO, 23 Receiver los. Pucchia Clothers, Ltd.

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