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Chairman Sol Wachtler
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Unified Court System, for purposes of public accountability, would you kindly answer the following questions, giving such responses to New York News.

la. Mr. Chairman, in view of the statutory mandate to the judiciary, contained in <u>Judiciary Law</u> §35a, permitting no discretion whatsoever, can you explain the failure, as the annexed letter dated of September 20, 1988 from the Office of Court Administration reveals, for your Administrative Board to have no record of the almost one million dollars (\$1,000,000) awarded from the judicial trust assets of PUCCINI CLOTHES, LTD. ["Puccini"], to or on behalf of FELTMAN, KARESH, MAJOR & FARBMAN, Esqs. ["FKM&F"] and RASHBA & POKART ["R&P"]?

Obviously, the **New York News** considers these mandatory <u>Judiciary Law</u> §35a filings important, since it was such filings which were the source for its front page headline story on December 27, 1988, by Messrs. Jack Newfield and Kevin McCoy.

- b. Mr. Chairman, can you state what measures, if any, have been taken to have the judicial officers involved in such awards comply with such ministerial reporting directions, particularly since FKM&F were never appointed by any court or judge?
- 2a. Mr. Chairman, in view of the mandate that a court-appointed receiver file an accounting "at least once a year" (22 NYCRR §202.52[e]), can you explain the failure of any accounting being filed, on behalf of Puccini, since it was involuntarily dissolved on June 4, 1980 -- or almost nine (9) years ago -- not a single one?

- b. Mr. Chairman, in view of the aforementioned, can you, Mr. Chairman, produce a copy of the "final [1986] accounting" that Referee DONALD DIAMOND "approved" on October 26, 1988, an "accounting", if it exists, that would be easily available to you, Mr. Chairman, from either Referee Diamond, or the court-appointed receiver, or the Attorney General's Office, or the County Clerk's file?
- 3a. Mr. Chairman, in view of the mandate that the Attorney General, the statutory fiduciary for all involuntarily dissolved corporations, make application for the settlement of a filed accounting and distribution of its assets, if not voluntarily performed within eighteen (18) months (<u>Business Corporation Law §1216[a]</u>), can you explain the Attorney General's failure to make a single application, although more than one hundred four (104) months have expired -- not one?
- b. Mr. Chairman, in view of the assertions that have been made, supported by objective uncontrovertible evidence, that there exists a corrupt, manifestly unlawful, understanding between Hon. ROBERT ABRAMS, the statutory fiduciary, and Presiding Justice FRANCIS T. MURPHY, that the Attorney General will jettison all his fiduciary obligations to his statutory wards, can you, Mr. Chairman, state what, if anything, has been done to investigate these allegations and/or to remedy the situation?
- 4. Mr. Chairman, in view of the constitutional and statutory mandates, including your own Standards and Policies (Guideline VII), that court facilities be "public", can you explain the existence of the "non-public" facilities of Referee DONALD DIAMOND, the "non-public" manner by which he conducts judicial proceedings, and his general failure to publicly file judicial papers?
- 5a. Mr. Chairman, since the Attorney General of the State of New York has been appointed the statutory fiduciary of all involuntarily dissolved corporations, with extensive discretionary power (e.g. <u>Business Corporation Law</u> §1214[a]) and mandatory duties (e.g. <u>Business Corporation Law</u> §1214[a]), can you justify the actions of the suspect jurists, and the Office of Court Administration, dragooning the services of Senior Attorney DAVID S. COOK ["Cook"], the same attorney assigned to vouchsafe Puccini's assets, to represent them, in their positions adverse to that of Puccini?

- b. Mr. Chairman, how do you justify the dragooning Cook's services in opposition to Puccini's interests, while simultaneously he serves as Puccini's watchdog, under any circumstances, but particularly when the Office of Court Administration has its own attorneys?
- 6. Mr. Chairman, how do you explain the inaction of the Office of Court Administration in view of the massive, documented, uncontroverted, evidence, in its possession, that Puccini's judicial trust assets were made the subject of massive larceny and plundering by KREINDLER & RELKIN, P.C. ["K&R"] and KM&F, acting in concert with corrupt members of the judiciary?
- 7a. Mr. Chairman, in view of the aforementioned, how do you explain the absence of <u>all</u> records of complaints made at the Grievance Committee of the First Judicial Department during the past few years, concerning the unethical and criminal activities of K&R, FKM&F, and their co-conspirators, notwithstanding the existence of mailing receipts for such complaints?
- b. Mr. Chairman, in view of the aforementioned, how do you justify the retaliatory measures, including by the disciplinary committees, against those who have resisted and exposed the unethical and criminal activities of K&R, FKM&F, and their judicial co-conspirators?
- c. Mr. Chairman, how do you justify, the repeated trialess convictions of those who have resisted and exposed the unethical and criminal activities of K&R, FKM&F, and their coconspirators, who are then able to escape incarceration by the payment of millions of dollars to K&R and FKM&F, execute general releases to them and the Justices of the Supreme Court, including Referee DONALD DIAMOND, and/or give other extorted considerations?
- d. Mr. Chairman, how do the justify the disbarment of the undersigned, after thirty-nine (39) years of continuous practice, for no better reason than refusing to submit to the criminal activities of K&R and FKM&F, pay extortion, and/or be silent about such matters?

8. Mr. Chairman, how do you justify the expenditure of public monies in order to inspect the escrow accounts of attorneys, at the instance and request of Presiding Justice FRANCIS T. MURPHY, when the Presiding Justice's cronies steal and plunder judicial trust assets, and employ the judicial machinery in order to extort millions of dollars, all with impunity?

Your expeditious response, as Chairman of the Administrative Board, to the New York News, would be appreciated, with a copy of such response to the undersigned.

Most Respectfully,

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Re: Lee Feltman Feltman, Karesh etal. Rashba & Pokart

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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