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Hon. Joseph Bellacosa Chief Administrator Office of Court Administration 270 Broadway, New York, New York, 10007

Re: Puccini Clothes, Ltd.

Honorable Sir:

- I agree that where Administrator Xavier C. Riccobono is employing his administrative position (1) for the criminal concealment of larcenous and perjurious conduct, (2) contrary to the lawful rights and interests of his and the court's trust, and (3) improperly influencing others jurists to likewise act, it is a matter for reference to the District Attorney!
- I believe that it is you who has the primary duty and obligation to make such reference, not
- My preference is to submit the matter directly to the Grand Jury, pursuant to Article 1 §6 of the New York State Constitution, a procedure which I have already undertaken, so that such body would have the opportunity to ask you how you and your office could allow Administrator Riccobono to commandeer and/or accept Assistant Attorney General David S. Cook, Esq., as his and his court's attorney in the Puccini litigation, when Mr. Cook was and still is the statutory watchdog for Puccini, assigned to vouchsafe its assets!
- Enclosed please find my motion returnable December 30, 1985, where Referee Donald Diamond, another client of David S. Cook, Esg., sua sponte, without notice, trial, hearing, or other basic constitutional rights, awarded more than \$300,000 to Feltman, Karesh & Major, Esgs., from Puccini despite the representation to the Appellate Division, by David S. Cook, Esq., after being authorized by your office that obedience would be given to the mandatory, non-discretionary provision contained in NYCRR §660.24[f], which, Mr. Cook after discussing the matter with your office, acknowledged was mandatory and non-discretionary.

- c. Pursuant to such rule, Feltman, Karesh & Major, Esqs., are entitled to nothing!
- 3. Of course, the aforementioned concessions and representations, made with the approval of your office, were made before Mr. Cook, abandoned all his legal, moral, and ethical obligations to Puccini, although still remaining its titular exclusive legal guardian, so that he could simultaneously represent and serve Administrator Riccobono and Referee Diamond!
- 4a. I want you to explain to me, the Grand Jury, and the media, under what legal or moral authority did your subaltern, Administrator Riccobono, have to compel such treachery to be committed by Mr. Cook upon Puccini, upon those who have an interest in its affairs, and upon civilized values!
- b. I want you to explain to me, the Grand Jury, and the media, how Referee Donald Diamond is able to compel a reference from Hon. Richard W. Wallach, on November 13, 1984 -- thirteen (13) months ago, which sought enforcement of 22 NYCRR §660.24[f], and then secrete, destroy, and/or leave undecided such motion, as he has done with other motions, which do not meet his fancy!
- 5a. I have no need, will not accept, and outrightly reject, the "judicial indulgences" being peddled by the Feltman and Kreindler firms, which they can obtained from their stable of "fixable" judicial officials, including Referee Diamond!
- b. I wish and desire that Feltman, Karesh & Major, Esqs., to continue and prosecute their claim against me for \$196,903.84, on behalf of Puccini, a judicial trust, instituted against me because I requested permission to increase the net worth of Puccini by a minimum of \$300,000 within 45 days, without cost or risk!
- c. Think of it, an offer to increase Puccini's assets without risk or cost, and Referee Diamond sua sponte "directs" the Feltman firm to submit an affidavit so that he can assess against me and Mr. Raffe a penalty of almost \$200,000. All Mr. Raffe did was to consent to my application!
- 6a. I may not be entitled to a favorable disposition, but I am entitled to a disposition of my motion which was before Hon. Beatrice Shainswit on May 16, 1985. Such motion should not have been "dragooned" from Her Honor to Referee Diamond!

- b. I will not tolerate, and I do not believe that you should either, these compelled references from Hon. Martin Evans, Hon. Richard W. Wallach, Hon. Beatrice Shainswit, or any other justice who apparently Administrator Riccobono and Referee Diamond cannot completely control.
- c. I will not tolerate, and I do not believe that you should either, open appeals by the Feltman firm to Administrator Riccobono that he should intercede and induce action by Mr. Justice Evans. If the Feltman firm has any complaints about Mr. Justice Evans, let them write to His Honor directly or proceed in the Appellate Division, as is provided by law against His Honor!
- 7a. I suggest that you keep abreast of this motion returnable December 30, 1985, at Special Term Part I, for you should be interested in the papers submitted by (1) Mr. Cook, Puccini's statutory trustee; (2) the receiver, Lee Feltman, Esq., appointed by the court to protect and preserve the interests of Puccini; and (3) the legal representatives of the stockholders of Puccini!
- b. Every "person", and Puccini is constitutionally such "person", unable and incapable for any reason to protect its rights is entitled to legal protection in the judicial forum -- as an administrative function!
- c. You, as Chief Administrator, cannot administratively permit a judicially made eunuch to provide the carrion for the insatiable appetites of a judicial appointee, who is a criminal in every sense of the word, by the simple expedient of allowing Puccini's statutory protector to be "hijacked" by Administrator Riccobono!
- Ba. If you will not, or not have any "half-blind" employee, look at Puccini's books for ten minutes, then at least telephone Assistant Attorney General David S. Cook, Esq., and ask him what those books show, and why, in more than five and one-half years, he has not demanded an accounting or joined in any application for such relief!

b. If you do not, perhaps the Grand Jury or the media, will, since I intend to give Puccini a most eloquent and loud tongue!

Respectfully,

GEORGE SASSOWER

GS/h

cc: Hon. Joseph W. Bellacosa

Att: William J. Gallagher, Esq. (w/o encl.)

Hon. Joseph W. Rellacosa

Att: John Brosnam, Esq.

Hon. Milton L. Williams (w/oencl.)

Administrator Xavier C. Riccobono

Hon. Michael J. Dontzin (w/o encl.)

Mr. Justice Martin Evans (w/o encl.)

Referee Donald Diamond

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