SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISION: FIRST DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Application of HYMAN RAFFE, individually and on behalf of PUCCINI CLOTHES, LTD.,

Petitioner,

-against-

Hon. DONALD DIAMOND and Hon. XAVIER C. RICCOBONO

Respondents.

Pursuant to Article 78 of the CPLR.

S I R S:

petition of HYMAN RAFFE, dated the 24th day of September, 1984, the undersigned will move this Court at a Stated Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, First Department, held at the Courthouse thereof, 25th Street and Madison Avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, on the day of October, 1984, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day or as soon thereafter as petitioner can be heard for an compelling respondents to disqualify themselves from all judicial and quasi-judicial duties with respect to Puccini Clothes 1 thd., together with any other, further, and/or different relief as to this Court may seem just and proper in the premises.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that opposing papers, if any, are to be served upon the undersigned at least five days before the return date of this motion with an additional five days if such service is by mail.

Dated: September 24, 1984

Yours, etc.

GEORGE SASSOWER, Esq.
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To: Hon. Xavier C. Riccobono

Hon. Donald Diamond Hon. Robert Abrams

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TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: APPELLATE DIVISION: FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Petitioner, HYMAN RAFFE, individually and on behalf of PUCCINI CLOTHES, LTD. respectfully shows and alleges:

1. This petition seeks to mandate the recusal of respondents from any and all judicial or quasi-judicial duties in the underlying litigation.

- 2a. There is pending litigation between petitioner and the respondents in this Court, <u>nisi</u> <u>prius</u>, and the federal court, where some of the complaints against respondents are on file.
- b. Other complaints are well known to respondents and/or their attorney.
- c. Nevertheless, the respondents have failed to disqualify themselves, and instead, the Hon. DONALD DIAMOND has taken jurisdiction to be the fact-finder in a proceeding which makes serious charges against him personally.
- 3. It is petitioner's position that the respondents cannot be simultaneously a litigant and a judge in the same underlying transaction.
- 4a. Petitioner has attempted to have respondents recuse themselves voluntarily, but without success.
- b. If they refuse to recuse themselves as a result of this petition, then if they wish, petitioner will set forth their conduct herein which mandate such disqualification.

Petitioner hopes that will be unnecessary.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that this petition be granted in all respects.

Dated: September 24, 1984

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STATE OF NEW YORK )
CITY OF NEW YORK ) ss.:
COUNTY OF KINGS )

HYMAN RAFFE, first being duly sworn, depose, and say:

He is the petitioner herein and has read the foregoing complaint and the same is true of his own knowledge except as to matters stated therein to be on information and belief, and as to those matters deponent believe same to be true.

HYMAN RAFFE

Sworn to before me this 24th day of September, 1984

Notary Public State of New York

No. 24-4760746

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## Notice of Petition and Petition

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To

Attorney(s) for

Service of a copy of the within

is hereby admitted.

Dated,

Attorney(s) for

Sir:-Please take notice

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