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Dear Jonathan,

1a. Initially, let me state that I consider myself somewhat of an authority on judicial corruption, having read about everything in print on the subject.

b. Many in this area are cognizant of the fact that I intend to write a book entitled "The Anatomy of Judicial Corruption".

2a. PUCCINI CLOTHES, LTD. ["Puccini"] -- "the judicial fortune cookie" -- was involuntarily dissolved by an Order of the Supreme Court, New York County on June 4, 1980 -- more than eight (8) years ago.

b. Albeit its dissolved status, is nevertheless is a "person" within the meaning of the XIV Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and a "person" within the meaning of mirrored provisions contained in the Constitution of the State of New York.

c. As a "constitutional person" it is legally entitled to "due process", "equal protection of the laws", and other basic rights.

d. Furthermore, since its assets are held "under color of law", it comes with the protective umbrella of 42 U.S.C. §1983 [Civil Rights Act].

3a. The state statutory scheme is relatively simple. A receiver is appointed, who acts as agent of the court, and he takes possession and control of the assets of the involuntarily dissolved corporation, and conducts its affairs.

b. The receiver is supposed to protect the assets of the involuntarily dissolved corporation from third parties.

c. The Attorney General of the State of New York, is the statutory watchdog, who is supposed to protect the assets from improprieties committed by the judiciary and the receiver.

d. The stockholders, creditors, and other parties interested in the assets and affairs of the involuntarily dissolved corporation, also have rights, but as against the appointed receiver, who is generally a crony of a judge, these rights are generally worthless.

e. When a receiver, in the judiciary arena, says "I am a court-appointed receiver", it has a euphemistic meaning indicating that "he has a friend who is a judge" and entitled to "sacred cow" status and treatment.

f. Consequently, it is only the Attorney General who has any effective clout when there is any misconduct involving a judge or a court-appointed receiver.

4a. The Attorney General has great discretionary powers, and mandatory obligations.

b. Since the Attorney General is a fiduciary of the involuntarily dissolved corporation, his conduct with respect to his trust must be one of undivided fidelity.

c. Dante, in his epic poem "The Inferno" wrote about all nine (9) circles of hell.

d. When you examine the conduct of Robert Abrams and his staff in these matters, you will recognize that they have established for themselves a tenth circle.

e. When I told the Senate Judiciary Committee last year about same, they simply could not believe it. -- Neither will you.

f. It is a subject which I will leave for another day.

5a. It is the mandatory obligations imposed by law upon Robert Abrams, which will immediately reveal that "there is something rotten" in New York.

b. The receiver must, by February 1 of each year, file with the Attorney General and the County Clerk a statement of the "assets" of the involuntarily dissolved corporation.

c. By statute, the receiver should account and distribute the assets within one year, but after the lapse of eighteen (18) months the Attorney General must, as a duty, make application to the Court to compel the receiver to account (Bus. Corp. Law §1216[a]).

d. Judicial rule also mandates that the receiver must account each and every year (22 NYCRR §202.52[e]).

6a. Although Puccini was involuntarily dissolved more than eight (8) years ago, not a single statement has been filed with the Attorney General or the County Clerk which reveals Puccini's "assets".

b. Although Puccini was involuntarily dissolved, more than eight (8) years ago, not a single accounting has been filed with the Attorney General or the County Clerk.

c. Not only has Robert Abrams failed to make application for an accounting, although mandated by law as a "duty" to do so, he refuses to give obedience to such "duty" when requested, and opposes such relief when the request is made by others.

7a. I set forth hereinafter, in haec verba, some of the legal provisions of the law, so that you may inquire of the receiver (Lee Feltman, Esq., at 645 Fifth Avenue, New York, 10022 (212-371-8630), or Robert Abrams with respect thereto.

b. Senior Attorney David S. Cook and Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey I. Slonim are those in Abrams Office most familiar with the matter.

c. What were the assets of Puccini, on anyone of the February 1 on any of the February 1 of the past eight (8) years?

d. Although an account must be filed at least once a year, not one has been rendered!

e. Attached is a legal notice that appeared in the New York Times almost two (2) years ago. Where is such "phantom" accounting?

8a. Bus. Corp. Law §1207 (a)(C)(3) provides that the receiver:

"On or before the first day of February in each year, for the preceding calendar year, and at such other times as the court shall direct, the receiver shall file with the clerk of the court by which he was appointed a verified statement showing the assets received ... A copy of such statement shall be served by the receiver upon the attorney-general within five days after the filing thereof." [emphasis supplied]

b. Ask Feltman or Abrams to show you even one of such annual statements which shows the "assets received".

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9a. Bus. Corp. Law §1216, states: "Final accounting; notice: duty of attorney-general" (a) Within one year after qualifying, the receiver shall apply to the court for a final settlement of his accounts and for an order for distribution, or, upon notice to the attorney-general, for an extension of time, setting for the reasons therefore. If the receiver has not so applied for a settlement of his accounts or for such extension of time, the attorney-general or any creditor or shareholder may apply for an order that the receiver show cause why an accounting and distribution should not be had, and after the expiration of eighteen months from the time the receiver qualified, it shall be the duty of the attorney-general to apply for such order on notice to the receiver. " [emphasis supplied]

b. In the more than eight (8) years since Puccini was involuntarily dissolved, you will not find a single accounting, nor any application by Abrams for same.

10a. 22 NYCRR §202.52[e] provides that:

"Receivers shall file with the court an accounting at least once each year." [emphasis supplied]

b. Again, in the more than eight (8) years, you will not find a single accounting.

11a. If I would tell you who is involved in this massive larceny, you would find it hard to believe, and anyway with the above, the identification of at least twenty (20) high officials and judges should be a relatively easy task.

b. If you go a step further, and find out Abrams' practices generally in these matters, you will find a scandal of the first magnitude.

12a. To emphasize by repetition, all you have to do is to request from the receiver, Lee Feltman, Esq., or the Attorney General's Office, for a copy of a single judicial accounting since June 4, 1980, and you should immediately recognize why I have been visited by a "parade of horrors".

b. Even the accounting, published in the New York Times (and New York Law Journal) does not exist.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE SASSOWER

cc: Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK**

In the Matter of the Application of Jerome
H. Barr and Citibank, N.A., as Executors
of the Will of Milton Kauffman, Holders of
One-Quarter of All Outstanding Shares of
Puccini Clothes, Ltd. Entitled to Vote in an
Election of Directors,
For the Dissolution of Puccini
Clothes, Ltd.,

— and —
ALL OTHER ACTIONS AND PROCEED-
INGS IN ANY COURT CONCERNING OR
RELATING TO PUCCINI CLOTHES,
LTD., ITS RECEIVER OR SHAREHOLD-
ERS OR THEIR ATTORNEYS.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION
BY RECEIVER TO FILE
ACCOUNTS FOR FINAL
SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned as Receiver of Puccini
Clothes, Ltd. that an account of his proceedings as Receiver of the
above-named corporation, under oath, will be presented to the Supreme
Court of New York, County of New York, before the Honorable Donald
Diamond, Special Referee, at Room 536 of the Courthouse, 60 Centre
Street, New York, New York, on October 30, 1936, at 10:00 o'clock in the
forenoon of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, and
an application will then and there be made returnable that the same be al-
lowed and be decreed to be final and conclusive upon all persons, includ-
ing those indebted to said corporation, all persons having in their posses-
sion any property of said corporation, all persons with whom said corpo-
ration has unfiled contracts and upon all creditors, claimants and share-
holders of the corporation, and that said Receiver be authorized to make
a final distribution, and upon the payment thereof, that he be discharged
and his bond vacated, and for such other, further and/or different relief as
to the Court may seem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York

September 10, 1936

1936 LEE FELTMAN, ESQ., as Receiver for
Puccini Clothes, Ltd.

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