

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
APPELLATE DIVISION : SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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In the Matter of GEORGE SASSOWER, an  
attorney and counselor-at-law, :

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND  
AND ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, :

: AFFIRMATION

Petitioner, :

GEORGE SASSOWER,

Respondent. :

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

ROBERT H. STRAUS, an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the State of New York, affirms the following, under penalty of perjury:

1. I am Chief Counsel to the Grievance Committee for the Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts, the petitioner. I am fully familiar with the relevant facts and circumstances.

2. This affirmation is submitted in reply to respondent's affidavit of July 23, 1985, opposing the motion to suspend him from practice of law and in opposition to respondent's cross-motion.

3. As a result of his continuing defiance of court orders, decisions and rulings, respondent was convicted of two separate charges of criminal contempt.

4. Comparing himself to Mahatma Gandhi, respondent

contends that he engaged in "legitimate disobedience;" that his interference with the administration of justice was not, necessarily, a disservice to "the public weal" and opines that his convictions "are about as valid as two three dollar bills." Respondent also asserts that those judges who determined him to be guilty of criminal contempt should be required to submit affidavits attesting to their belief that the Orders of Conviction which they issued are valid.

5. While raising and discussing numerous colorful subjects of dubious relevance, respondent has failed to come to grips with the fact that his convictions of serious crimes mandate his suspension.

6. Judiciary Law, Section 90, subd. 4(f) requires the suspension of an attorney who has been convicted of a serious crime until, pursuant to subd. 4(g), a final order is rendered. Respondent does not dispute the fact of his convictions. Instead, he forecasts that they will ultimately be found to be invalid.\* In the event that respondent's convictions are set aside, there would clearly be no basis for his suspension. However, until that occurs respondent stands convicted and his suspension is required.

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\* *Contrary to respondent's assertions (paragraphs 2(a) and (b) of his affidavit), no court has held these convictions to be invalid. Exhibits 1 and 2, submitted by respondent, are simply writs of habeas corpus.*

7. Respondent's cross motion rests entirely on factual misstatements and his own peculiar "interpretation" of a court order.

8. Based upon allegations that he had consistently defied court orders, rulings and decisions, and was continuing to engage in frivolous, vexatious and harassing litigation, respondent's behavior became a subject of investigation by petitioner.

9. Requested to answer the allegations of professional misconduct, respondent has repeatedly refused to do so. He claims that he is prevented from doing so by Judge Gammerman's order. That order provides:

ORDERED, that Hyman Raffe and George Sassower, acting singly, together or in conjunction with any person or entity or acting at the behest, direction or instigation of any person or entity, and all other acting in concert or cooperation with or acting at the behest, direction, or instigation of either or both Hyman Raffe or George Sassower, are permanently enjoined and restrained from:

filing or serving, or attempting to intervene in or initiate, in any court, tribunal, agency or other forum of this State, any lawsuit, proceeding, investigation or other adversary matter, and from making or filing a complaint, grievance or correspondence with a disciplinary or grievance committee...



This is the same order which respondent has chosen to ignore for the purpose of continuing to sue those he was enjoined from proceeding against. Clearly nothing in this order prevents respondent from responding to complaints initiated against him.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
July 25, 1985



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ROBERT H. STRAUS



NOTICE OF ENTRY

Sir: Please take notice that the within is a (certified) true copy of a duly entered in the office of the clerk of the within named court on 19

Dated,

Yours, etc.

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NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

Sir:—Please take notice that an order

of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the Hon.

one of the judges of the within named Court, at

on the day of 19

at M.

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Service of a copy of the within

is hereby admitted.

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