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Hon. Michael Potoker  
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Honorable Sir:

1. I returned this evening from upstate and found the Order of the Appellate Division of the 10th inst.

2. The record is eminently clear that since I was first advised of the complaint, more than one year ago, it was I who consistently wanted the hearings, and requested it be held expeditiously!

3a. Subject to commitments which cannot be reasonably changed, I am subject to Your Honor's desires and conveniences, both as to time and place.

b. My mother, who is over 80 years of age, is being honored by one of the several organizations that she is active with, and I will be leaving for Florida at noon on the 23rd, and will return late on the 27th. -- This, obviously, is a commitment which cannot be altered.

4a. If a preliminary conference could be arranged for Tuesday or Wednesday, of this coming week, I would be very appreciative, since I would like to be advised at the earliest possible time of Your Honor's desires as to the scheduled hearings and the ground rules.

b. With the above information, and the little quite that I expect in Florida, I might be better able to more precisely orientate myself as to the stratagem that I will employ in this matter!

5. I will be representing myself, as I did in a prior disciplinary proceeding wherein I was resoundingly vindicated, and indeed, the complainants were condemned in no uncertain terms, and I expect no less a result in this proceeding.

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6a. I intend to show, beyond any doubt that those who accused me to the Grievance Committee and elsewhere are knaves, if not criminals, simultaneously I stand on my performance as to honesty, integrity, and loyalty, perhaps to a fault.

b. It was my accusers who went public with their complaint to the Grievance Committee, even before the that Committee advised me of same, notwithstanding Judiciary Law §90[10]. Indeed the Committee and its counsel made no effort, that I am aware of, for compliance with the mandate of confidentiality

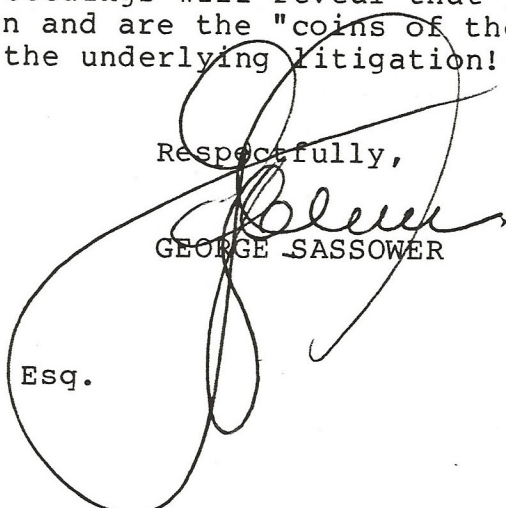
c. It is because of the aforesaid that compelled me to request public hearings, and to now request that I be given every opportunity to decisively and dramatically destroy each and every charge, expressed or by implication, to the point of probably overtrying same.

d. I present myself to Your Honor, not as the accused, but the accuser!

7a. There undoubtedly will be efforts made to ex parte improperly influence Your Honor. The only way I know to prevent same is to request that Your Honor, report on the record, any such perceived incident.

b. The proceedings will reveal that judicial improprieties have been and are the "coins of the realm" for my adversaries in the underlying litigation!

Respectfully,

  
GEORGE SASSOWER

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cc: Robert H. Straus, Esq.