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Frank H. Connelly, Jr., Esq.
Chairman, Grievance Committee
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Dear Mr. Connelly,

Yesterday, not unexpectedly, an Assitant Attorney General, presented to Hon. Henry W. Lengyel, Judge of the Court of Claims in White Plains, a copy of the Signorelli disciplinary complaint against me and my wife, although manifestly incompetent, irrelevant, and impertinent under his CPLR 3211(a) motion.

As a result of the oral arguments before His Honor, I was "ordered and directed" to submit the Report of Hon. Aloysius J. Melia, despite the fact that I advised the Court that it was your Committee's position, that it is improper for me to publish or disclose the result or any evidence therefrom, even in a judicial tribunal.

I advised His Honor, that when I made a prior exculpatory disclosure in two pertinent judicial proceedings, your Committee sua sponte made complaint against me for such action.

I further advised His Honor that I could indirectly comply with His Honor's request by serving a Subpoena upon your Committee directing it to produce such report, but that from a recent experience with Hon. George Beisheim, Jr., it would be your position that no one, except the Appellate Division, had jurisdiction to make such direction, and such direction, if made, would not be obeyed unless also authorized by the Appellate Division.

Obviously, His Honor, feels uncomfortable and does not understand the bizarre situation wherein the Signorelli diatribe was published and constantly republished and distributed by the Attorney General's Office and others, while I am restrained from publishing any vindicating evidence or results, which emanates from the disciplinary proceedings.

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I cannot explain this absurd situation to His Honor or anyone else, because I do not understand it myself.

Clearly, the remedy, in face of the unambiguous wording of Judiciary Law §90[10], would be some long overdue action by your Committee against those who persist in violating the law by this publication and constant republication, which thus far, you have not taken.


To exacerbate the situation, His Honor, has, sua sponte, opted to convert the State's motion pursuant to CPLR 3211(c), compelling me to produce material which would clearly violate your Committee's interpretation of the statute.

We both know, as well as all those familiar with the situation, that I could literally "bury" Signorelli, the Committee, the Attorney General's Office, and others if there were a full disclosure of the events in this matter.

His Honor requested me to communicate with your office so that you could possibly explain and advise the Court of your Committee's position on the subject.

Since the Attorney General represents your Committee, as well as Judge Signorelli (without my consent), I expect that a realistic Chinese Wall be established in the Committee's Office, as well as in the Attorney General's Office, to diminish this clearly unethical situation of conflicting interests.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE SASSOWER

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cc: Hon. Henry W. Lengyel

Hon. Mary Johnson Lowe
U.S.D.J. (82 Civ.4970)

Hon. Milton Mollen

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