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Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees  
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ATT: Chief Counsel Gregory J. Huether

RE: Your January 11, 2022 letter that you have entitled:  
“Complaints of Elena Ruth Sassower, Dated Nov 9, 2021 and April 3, 2021”

This follows my phone call at 10 a.m. today to your office at the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District (585-530-3180) – and my conversation with your secretary Kristen. I requested an e-mail address so that I could send you my already drafted letter responding to your above-entitled January 11, 2022 letter to me. Kristen stated that the Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees (AGC-4) do “not communicate by e-mail” and, therefore, she could not give me an e-mail address for my letter to you, whose content I discussed with her.

I told Kristen that the attorney grievance committees of the other three judicial departments all have publicly available e-mail addresses<sup>1</sup> – and that the refusal of AGC-4 to have publicly-available e-mail addresses was certainly not consistent with the uniformity of attorney discipline that was the purpose of the 2015 Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline, appointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman – and that [the four Appellate Divisions thereafter implemented by their adoption of uniform rules for attorney disciplinary matters](#).

I informed Kristen that the Appellate Division, Second Department and the Tenth Judicial District Attorney Grievance Committee (AGC-10JD) were cc’s on my letter to you – and that I would be sending it to them by their publicly-available e-mails with a request that they each forward it to you *via* the e-mail address for you they assuredly each had.

Additionally – to further ensure that you would have my letter as soon as possible to enable your response as soon as possible so that I would have it for the timely reconsideration request I intend to make – I stated that you could access my letter from CJA’s website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), where I

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<sup>1</sup> See email addresses posted on webpages of: [First Department Attorney Grievance Committee](#); [Second Department Attorney Grievance Committees](#); [Third Department Attorney Grievance Committee](#) – and the absence of any e-mail addresses on the webpage of the [Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees](#).

would post it immediately after e-mailing it to the Appellate Division, Second Department and AGC-10JD. I guided Kristen to the webpage where my letter would be posted – and where your January 11, 2022 letter to me is already posted. The direct link to the webpage is here: <https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/attorney-discipline/feb-11-21-complaint-4th-dept.htm>.

My letter to you, as already drafted when I spoke with Kristen – and when, prior thereto, I left a voice message at the Appellate Division, Second Department (718-722-6335) and, immediately thereafter, spoke with AGC-10JC secretary Alyssa (631-231-3775) – is below.

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I have received your above-entitled [January 11, 2022 letter](#), whose first sentence reads:

“By decision and order dated December 16, 2021, the Appellate Division, Second Department transferred the above referenced complaints to the Attorney Grievance Committee of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.”

So that I may respond appropriately, including for reconsideration pursuant to [22 NYCRR §1240.7\(e\)\(3\)](#), as to which you do not advise me with respect to my complaints against Tenth Judicial District Attorney Grievance Committee (AGC-10JD) Chief Counsel Sheridan and Chair Glover, please furnish me with:

- (1) a copy of the Appellate Division, Second Department’s December 16, 2021 decision and order – as I had NO prior notice of it and you did not enclose it;
- (2) a copy of the *ex parte* application on which it was based, presumably of AGC-10<sup>th</sup> JD – as I had NO prior notice of it and you did not enclose it;
- (3) the docket numbers assigned by the Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committee (AGC-4) to the transferred complaints, as your letter does not furnish what are presumably three numbers:
  - for my complaint against Assistant Attorney General Helena Lynch;
  - for my complaint against AGC-10JD Chief Counsel Sheridan;
  - for my complaint against AGC-10JD Chair Glover.
- (4) your transmittal e-mail or letter furnishing your January 11, 2022 letter to AGC-10JD and/or to the Appellate Division, Second Department.

By copy of this letter to AGC-10JD and to the Appellate Division, Second Department, I request such above-enumerated items as they possess, plus the two docket numbers assigned by AGC-10JD to my complaints against its Chief Counsel Sheridan and Chair Glover.

As I certainly intend that my reconsideration request be timely, pursuant to 22 NYCRR §1240.7(e)(3), please furnish the requested information without delay – and by e-mail, if not to me directly, then to AGC-10JD for forwarding to me.

Thank you.

s/ELENA SASSOWER

cc: Appellate Division, Second Department/Attorney Matters  
Tenth Judicial District Attorney Grievance Committee  
Unified Court System Inspector General Sherrill Spatz, Esq.