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New York Post
210 South Street
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ATT: Mr. Jack Newfield
Mr. William Neuman

RE: *Ten Worst Judges*

Dear Mr. Newfield and Mr. Neuman:

We have read, with interest, your piece in yesterday's paper inviting readers to send the *Post* their judicial horror stories. As you can see from the copy of the enclosed ad, published last fall on the Op-Ed page of *The New York Times*, we can offer you an extraordinary story not just about judges who are "incompetent, lazy, biased or guilty of proof judgment", but about judges whose behavior rises to criminal levels in that they knowingly and deliberately use their office for ulterior political purposes. Quite coincidentally, this past Monday, we filed a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court, presenting it with the case of *Doris L. Sassower v. Hon. Guy Mangano, as Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division, Second Department, et al*--which is about the judicial retaliation against the judicial "whistle-blower" described in the *Times* ad.

We are prepared to offer you that story--with full documentation--and hope you will jump at the opportunity to strike "at the jugular" since what is involved is nothing short of a judicial Watergate, which, if exposed, will bring down the most powerful judges of this State.

You will note that our *Times* ad also invited judicial "horror stories". We received an outpouring of response from people from all over the country. A copy of the letter we sent out to all those who contacted us is enclosed--as well as our statement of purposes--so that you can understand that ours is an organization which has been formed precisely to do something about the problem of incompetent and/or lawless judges, which you decry.

For your information, in 1993, we testified twice before the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposition to former Governor Cuomo's last two judicial nominees to the New York Court of Appeals. Our eye-opening testimony before that Committee is an important part of any story about the so-called "merit selection" by appointment since the reality of how the appointive process *really* works is far different from the impression your article conveys.

Messrs Newfield and Newman

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We look forward to sharing with you our wealth of information.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elena Ruth Sassower". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
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Enclosures