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TO: New York Law Journal  
Gary Spencer

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, CJA Coordinator

RE: CJA's Response to Governor Pataki's  
belated implementation of Executive Order #10,  
setting up permanent judicial screening committees

DATE: March 7, 1997

A propos of your yesterday's story on the front-page of the New York Law Journal, here is our response, addressed to City Bar President Michael Cardozo.

In sound-bite size, our enclosed letter calls for:

- (1) an investigation of Governor Pataki's judicial nominations "process" during the period of his two-year delay
- (2) statutory and constitutional safeguards to replace "Executive Orders" regarding judicial nominations

Should you wish a "hard copy" of our letter with the exhibits, let us know and we will send it to you.

I would just remind you that on June 11, 1996, I gave you *in hand* a copy of our letter of that date, addressed to the Senators of the New York State Senate and summarized it for you, as you stood outside your Elk Street office for a smoke. This, in addition to a 2-page fax we sent you on June 7, 1996 entitled "HOW THE GOVERNOR APPOINTS AND THE SENATE CONFIRMS OUR NEW YORK STATE JUDGES".

It is bad enough that the bar associations don't give us credit for the ground-breaking work that we do -- and take the credit themselves. We expect better from the press.

In case you missed it, enclosed is our Letter to the editor, "*On Choosing Judges, Pataki Creates Problems*", written by us, 2-1/2 months before the City Bar's johnny-come-lately Report, as well as our November 20th Law Journal ad, "*A Call for Concerted Action*".

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