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RE: CJA's public interest ad, "Restraining 'Liars'"

Dear Mr. Goodale:

Yesterday marked two weeks since our \$2,356.20 public interest ad, "Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll", was to have been published in the July 17th New York Law Journal. It also marked a week since we faxed you a copy of our July 24th letter to Floyd Abrams, whose penultimate paragraph read:

"By copy of this letter to Mr. Goodale, we ask that he furnish you, us, and Mr. Finkelstein, a copy of our ad, circling the alleged 'libels' which formed the basis of his advice to Mr. Finkelstein, who is not a lawyer, that the Law Journal not publish our ad. That way, we can all address this matter more effectively." (at p. 6)

Since time is of the essence -- and, indeed, the §1983 federal civil rights action (#96-7805), referred to in the ad, is scheduled for argument in the Second Circuit on August 29th -- we again ask that you identify the alleged "libels" without further delay so that we can incorporate it into our planned presentation to the Law Journal's Board of Editors. As you do so, please recall that a lawyer's ethical duty, as set forth in the the first paragraph of the preamble to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, includes being "an officer of the legal system and a public citizen having special responsibility for the quality of justice."

Needless to say, the damage to the public interest, caused by your unwarranted advice to Mr. Finkelstein, is continuing and irreparable.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
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