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James Finkelstein, Publisher  
New York Law Journal  
345 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

RE: CJA's public interest ad "Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll"

Dear Mr. Finkelstein:

Following up our telephone conversation on Thursday, August 7th -- and to further demonstrate that CJA's ad "Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll" is completely true and accurate and precludes any basis for a libel claim against the New York Law Journal -- CJA is prepared to provide the public officials, public agencies, and public figures referred to in the ad, with a pre-publication opportunity to controvert its serious allegations.

Enclosed is a copy of the draft letter which we are prepared to send out tomorrow to those public officials, public agencies, and public figures. Please let us hear from you as early in the day as possible so that we can know how to proceed. Time is rapidly passing.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,  
and an informed public,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

Enclosure

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TO: New York State Attorney General Dennis Vacco  
Clerk of the Appellate Division, Second Department  
ATT: 5-judge panel which dismissed state Article 78 proceeding  
*Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* (2nd Dept. #93-02925:  
Thompson, Bracken, Sullivan, Balletta, Rosenblatt)  
Clerk of the New York State Court of Appeals  
ATT: Judges who refused to review state Article 78 proceeding  
*Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* (NY Ct. of Appeals, Mo. No. 529,  
SSD 41: 933)  
Clerk of the United States Supreme Court  
ATT: Justices who refused to grant certiorari to state Article 78  
proceeding *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* (U.S. Sup. Ct. #94-1546)  
New York Supreme Court Justice Herman Cahn, who dismissed state Article 78  
proceeding *Sassower v. NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct*  
(NY Co. Clerk #95-109141)  
U.S. District Judge John Sprizzo, who dismissed §1983 federal civil rights action  
*Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* (S.D.N.Y. #94 Civ. 4515)  
Clerk, Second Circuit Court of Appeals  
ATT: 3-judge panel which denied fully-documented sanction motion in  
§1983 federal civil rights action, *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.*  
(#96-7805: Kearse, Calabresi, Oberdorfer)  
Committee on Judicial Conduct, Association of the Bar of the City of New York  
ATT: Chairman Robert Jossen and Committee members  
New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct  
ATT: Chairman Henry Berger and Administrator Gerald Stern  
ALL indicated recipients of CJA's May 5, 1997 letter challenge concerning Justice  
Cahn's fraudulent dismissal of the state Article 78 proceeding *Sassower v.*  
*NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct*, as verifiable from the case file

FROM: ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, CJA Coordinator

DATE: August 19, 1997

Enclosed is a copy of the public interest ad, "*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*", which the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) paid the New York Law Journal \$2,356.20 to have published on July 17, 1997. It describes, by specific citation to two state Article 78 proceedings and a §1983 federal civil rights action, how essential legal remedies, designed to protect the public from governmental corruption and abuse, have been wilfully subverted by the New York State Attorney General and state and federal judges -- and how public officials, public agencies, as well as public figures in leadership positions, have "stood idly by" in the face of substantiating documentary proof.

Despite CJA's repeated assurances to the Law Journal that the ad is completely true and accurate and our proffers of the substantiating documentation, the Law Journal has refused to publish it. This, notwithstanding the Law Journal published CJA's two previous ads "*Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?*" and "*A Call for Concerted Action*" -- without problem. Copies of those earlier ads are enclosed for your convenience.

By this letter, we give you an opportunity to controvert the truth and accuracy of the serious allegations of our ad, "*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*" -- as they relate to you. Your failure to respond, in writing, with specific reference to the file evidence in your possession and CJA's detailed correspondence relative thereto will be deemed a concession of the truth and accuracy of those allegations.

Oral argument before the Second Circuit of the appeal from the dismissal of the §1983 federal civil rights action (2nd Cir. #96-7805), referred to in the penultimate paragraph of CJA's ad, is scheduled for 10 a.m., Friday, August 29, 1997. We, therefore, request your response by no later than noon on Monday, August 25, 1997. Please send copies to CJA at its *new* fax number: (914) 428-4994 AND to the New York Law Journal, c/o its publisher, James Finkelstein, at (212) 696-4514.

It is CJA's intention to ensure that the vital information presented by our public interest ad, "*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*" is provided to the public so that it can protect itself from the extraordinary abuse of power and public trust that the three cases cited by our ad fully document.

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ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

cc: James Finkelstein, Publisher, New York Law Journal  
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