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STATEMENT

The Ninth Judicial District comprises the counties of Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Orange. Almost a million registered voters.

THIS IS THE STORY . . .

OF the three-year barter contract, put in writing, by the Republican and Democratic party leaders and their hand-picked judicial candidates to guarantee their no-contest election in the Ninth Judicial District.

OF the written pledge by the judicial candidates that, following election, they will divvy up judicial appointments on the recommendations of party leaders, based on patronage, not merit.

OF fraudulently-run judicial nominating conventions

OF perjurious nomination certificates and convention minutes sworn to by prominent lawyers, filed with the Board of Elections

OF a Board of Elections that refused to investigate evidence of criminal misconduct by the party officials involved

OF a Lower Court Judge who rewrote the facts to cover up the illegal political deal and convention fraud

OF an Appellate Court which has stalled the process of review-despite its own rules requiring a preference be given to election cases--and set up roadblocks to prevent the matter being heard prior to the November 6, 1990 election;

OF the unrestrained perversion of constitutional voting rights and election law safeguards by public officials, government agencies and the courts themselves—and the challenge being made on behalf of the public in the case of <u>Castracan v. Colavita</u>.

At issue are not only the nominations for two Supreme Court judgeships and the judgeship of Westchester County Surrogate Court--but whether constitutional voting rights and Election Law safeguards will be enforced by our courts.

An Order to Show Cause, returnable Monday, October 29, 1990, in Albany, at the Appellate Division, Third Department, will decide whether this case should be given the preferred attention that the law and the court's own rules require so that these issues can be addressed on the merits <u>before</u> the November 6th election.