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By Hand

October 29, 1994

Zak Margulis  
New York Daily News  
220 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York

RE: "Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law"  
New York Times, Op-Ed advertisement, 10/26/94

Dear Mr. Margulis:

Enclosed are the materials we discussed. There is an important story to be written about what happens when the manipulation of judgeships--decried by the press--is made the subject of legal challenge. In this regard, radio has taken the initiative: on the very day our advertisement appeared, Jay Diamond of WABC Radio invited my mother to be a guest on his popular talk show and she was interviewed for 20 minutes in his 11:00 p.m. segment.

For an overview, I particularly draw your attention to my unpublished October 5th Letter to the Editor of the Times. For a more detailed background to the voting rights case described in our October 26th Times advertisement, I refer you to my mother's October 24, 1991 letter to Governor Cuomo, which the ad mentions.

Per your specific request, I also enclose a copy of my mother's federal complaint, chronicling the retaliation to which she has been subjected. That complaint was served upon the Appellate Division, Second Department and the Attorney General on October 17th.

We look forward to working together with you on a dynamite story.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elena Ruth Sassower".

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability

Enclosures: see attached page

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- (a) "Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law", NYT, 10/26/94, Op Ed advertisement
- (b) 10/24/91 letter to Governor Cuomo
- (c) "New York's Mystery General", NYT, 9/17/94, editorial
- (d) "No Way to Pick a Judge", NYT, 9/27/94, editorial
- (e) my two unpublished Letters to Editor of NYT
- (f) 9/29/94 letter to NYT Editorial Board, with enclosed letter to Dennis Vacco and correspondence with Karen Burstein
- (g) "Maneuvering on Bronx Judgeships Violates Federal Election Law", Ltr to Editor, Assemblyman Seabrook, NYT, 10/5/94
- (h) "An Honest Jurist Gets Unjust Reward" Daily News, 9/17/92, Robert Laird
- (i) Sassower v. Hon. Guy Mangano, et al., federal complaint
- (j) Government Ethics Reform for the 1990's: The Collected Reports of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity, Table of Contents, etc.

P.S. In the event you are not interested in following up with a story, your return of these materials to us would be greatly appreciated.