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Dear Ms. Sassower:

My commitments to the Center and other Association entities have prevented me from corresponding with you sooner. I have now had an opportunity to review the facts of your case, and the documents you left at our office with Counsels Mary Devlin and John Holtaway. I understand you have been given relevant ABA publications at no cost to you or your organization and, hopefully, they have proven helpful.

As for your request for ABA assistance in challenging the New York disciplinary proceeding which resulted in the suspension of your law license, the policy of the Association is to file *amicus curiae* briefs sparingly, and, in general, only when the Supreme Court of the United States has accepted a matter for review. Additionally, any request to file *amicus curiae* briefs must be sponsored by an Association entity authorized to do so and submitted to the Board of Governors for its approval. Consequently, if you are seeking ABA assistance, you should first submit your written request to the Standing Committee on Professional Discipline which oversees all matters of professional regulation and to the Standing Committee on Amicus Curiae Briefs, which certifies to the Board of Governors that a proposed *amicus curiae* is of high professional quality and a fair representation of the policy position of the Association. The next meeting of the Professional Discipline Committee is scheduled for October 14, 1995 in Chicago.

It is important for you to follow the procedures of the ABA when seeking its assistance in challenging the loss of your law license. If there is any further information my office can supply, please do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely,

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