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Mr. Tom Mooney
Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property
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Re: Complaint from Center for Judicial Accountability

Dear Mr. Mooney:

I am writing to ask that you review the documents submitted to the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property by Elena Ruth Sassower of the Center for Judicial Accountability and to inform her of your decision regarding her complaint. Ms. Sassower has been corresponding with our office as well as the Subcommittee for over a year in order to receive a decision about her complaint.

Ms. Sassower feels that two Second Circuit judges, District Court Judge Gerald L. Goettel and Circuit Judge Jon O. Newman, acted improperly by imposing one hundred thousand dollars in sanctions on her in a civil rights case she litigated. Ms. Sassower wrote numerous times to your predecessor at the Subcommittee and did not receive what she felt to be a satisfactory answer. She needs to know whether there is a formal procedure she should follow in order to have her complaint investigated and when the Subcommittee intends to investigate her complaint.

I understand that you may have had no previous connection to this case, but I would appreciate it if you would look over your files and inform Ms. Sassower of your assessment of her complaint and how she might proceed.

I have attached a copy of the last letter received by our office from Ms. Sassower in order to aid you in your review of her files. If you are unable to find the documents she has submitted, please contact Tiffanie Heben in my office or Ms. Sassower directly. In addition, please let Ms. Heben know what the Subcommittee decides in this matter so that she may close this file.

Sincerely,

Nita M. Lowey

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