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September 10, 2006

Chief Judge Eric T. Washington & Court of Appeals Clerk Garland Pinkston, Jr. D.C. Court of Appeals 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

ATT: Thomas Abraham, Supervisory Case Manager

RE: Calendaring of Consolidated Appeals:

Elena Ruth Sassower v. United States of America

#04-CM-760 & #04-CO-1600 ("Disruption of Congress" Case)

#### Dear Mr. Abraham:

This responds to the Court's mailed "Calendar Notice", in the form of a postcard, dated August 29, 2006, bearing a Washington D.C. postmark of "30 Aug 2006 PM" – and not received by me until just today, Sunday, September 10, 2006, when I fortuitously discovered it among the multitude of other postcard-type advertisements and election flyers in my mail.

I hereby request information as to the basis upon which the above-entitled consolidated appeals — which garnered the support of two *amici curiae*, an eminent law professor and the D.C. Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and whose far-reaching and constitutional significance is such that I filed a petition for *en banc* review — were nonetheless placed on the Court's "Summary Calendar", rather than its "Regular Calendar".

As a result of such calendaring, these consolidated-appeals will not be automatically accorded oral argument, with 30 minutes for each side. Rather, I must serve and file with the Court a written request for oral argument "within 10 days after notice of calendaring has been mailed by the Clerk", which then may or may not be "approved by the court", and which, if "approved" is limited to 15

Such is set forth by the Court's Rule 33(c). However, the postcard "Calendar Notice" gives a conflicting instruction, requiring that the written request for oral argument be received by the Court and served "within ten days of the date of this notice".

minutes per side.

Pursuant to Rule 33(a), the Chief Judge prepares the calendar "with the assistance of the Clerk". Please advise whether Chief Judge Washington participated in the calendaring herein or whether he recused himself based on his actual bias and interest, as particularized by my February 22, 2006 judicial misconduct complaint against him which I filed with the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure. If other judges participated, please identify who they were.

Meantime, please consider this my written request for oral argument of these "Summary Calendar" consolidated appeals – of which notice is being given to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and the two *amici curiae* by copy hereof, sent by fax, e-mail, and regular mail. Certificate of service will follow.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

Elena Rife

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER Appellant *Pro Se* 

Enclosure: postcard "Calendar Notice": front & back

cc: U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia ATT: Florence Pan, Assistant U.S. Attorney

Roy W. McLeese, III, Assistant U.S. Attorney

Professor David M. Zlotnick, Counsel for *Amicus Curiae* Professor Andrew Horwitz Jonathan L. Katz, Esq., Counsel for *Amicus Curiae* D.C. National Lawyers Guild.

D.C. Court of Appeals 500 Indiana Ave., N.W. 6th Floor Washington, DC 20001

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CALENDAR NOTICE

Appeal No.: 04-CM-000760 +

Caption:

ELENA R. SASSOWER V. UNITED STATES

Set for:

SUMMARY I CALENDAR

on <u>OCTOBER 17, 2006</u> at 2:00p.m.

SASSOWER, ELENA R. 16 LAKE STREET, APT. 2C

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reverse for additional information

# D.C. COURT OF APPEALS Calendar Notices Please Read Carefully

#### Regular Calendar

Cases on the regular calendar are automatically argued.

Argument on the regular calendar is limited to thirty (30) minutes per side.

Parties desiring to submit without argument must file a motion. Parties shall appear at the scheduled time unless notified by the Clerk that the court is willing to have the case submitted without argument.

#### **Summary Calendar**

Cases on the summary calendar are **not** automatically argued.

Under D.C. App. R. 33 (c), counsel, or a party proceeding without counsel, desiring to present argument, must request permission in writing within ten days of the date of this notice. Requests for oral argument must be received by the court within the aforementioned ten days and must be served on all parties.

If granted, argument on the summary calendar will be held on the date and time indicated on the notice. Argument is limited to fifteen (15) minutes per side.

If you wish to examine the appeal record file in the Clerk's Office, you must arrange to do so by calling the Clerk's Office at least seven (7) days in advance of the date you wish to inspect the record. This procedure is necessary as the records and briefs will have been sent to the assigned judge and will not be available until the date of argument.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on September 10, 2006, I served a copy of my September 10, 2006 letter to the D.C. Court of Appeals pertaining to the calendaring of the consolidated appeals in Sassower v. United States of America (#04-CM-760; 04-CO-1600) upon:

- (1) the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia ATT: Assistant Attorneys General Florence Pan and Roy W. McLeese, III, by fax to 202-514-8779, and by first-class mail to them at 555 Fourth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530;
- (2) Professor David M. Zlotnick, Counsel for *Amicus Curiae* Professor Andrew Horwitz; by fax to 401-276-4899, by e-mail to ahorwitz@rwu.edu, and by first-class mail to Roger Williams School of Law, 10 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809;
- (3) Jonathan L. Katz, Esq., Counsel to *Amicus Curiae* D.C. Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, by fax to 301-495-8815, by e-mail to jon@markskatz.com, and by first-class mail to 1400 Spring Street, Suite 410, Silver Spring. Maryland 20910.

Copies of the fax and e-mail receipts are attached.

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