

MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DATE: October 21, 1987

TO : Judge Charles S. Haight
FROM : Judge William C. Conner
SUBJECT: In re George Sassower
No. M-43

Dear Terry:

I appreciate your willingness to accept, as a related matter, the motion to adjudge George Sassower in criminal contempt for violating my order entered October 11, 1985 enjoining him from filing any actions in any federal court arising out of the dissolution of Puccini Clothes, Ltd. Although this motion was based upon a third-party complaint which Sassower filed in a bankruptcy proceeding in the White Plains branch of the Court, apparently Sassower has also violated the injunction by filing the federal action which was assigned to you. Since Sassower has named me along with a number of other judges as a defendant in a pending action charging divers improprieties, and has sent to the media a number of communications challenging my competence and honesty, I obviously must recuse myself in connection with the present motion.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the following:

1. my opinion and order dated October 11, 1985 containing the injunction which Sassower has allegedly violated;
2. my opinion and order dated September 22, 1986, assessing attorney's fees against Sassower;
3. my opinion and order dated November 5, 1986 denying Sassower's motion to vacate my order of dismissal of the action;

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4. the Court of Appeals order dated November 20, 1986 dismissing Sassower's appeal;
5. the motion to dismiss the third party complaint filed by Sassower in the White Plains bankruptcy proceeding and to certify the record for contempt;
6. the joint memorandum of law in support of the motion;
7. Judge Schwartzberg's order dated August 25, 1987 certifying to the District Court the facts concerning the alleged contempt of my order;
8. the memorandum of Joseph F. Cloidt, Deputy-in-Charge of the White Plains Clerk's Office forwarding the papers to me as related to the permanent injunction which I issued;
9. Sassower's letter of October 19, 1987 indicating, inter alia, his intention to move for my recusal in the contempt proceeding.

Your gracious cooperation in accepting this matter is much appreciated. Welcome to the ever-growing group of Sassower targets.

Bill

William C. Conner

WCC:lt
Enclosures (8)

cc: Chief Judge Charles L. Brieant
Judge Edward Weinfeld
Judge Whitman Knapp

Judge Howard Schwartzberg
Judge Gerard L. Goettel

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