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Commission on Judicial Conduct
801 Second Avenue,
New York, New York, 10017

Re: Hon. Martin H. Rettinger

Gentlemen:

1. Hon. Martin H. Rettinger, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, approved the appointment of Rashba & Pokart to make an investigatory accounting, when the accused law firms were Kreindler & Relkin, P.C. and Arutt, Nachamie, Benjamin, Lipkin & Kirschner, P.C.

Rashba & Pokart were the accountants for the accused firm of Kreindler & Relkin, P.C. (or their clients in the matter).

Arutt, Nachamie, Benjamin, Lipkin & Kirschner, P.C. had previously and unlawfully taken \$10,000 from the judicially entrusted funds of Puccini Clothes, Ltd., "laundered" such funds, giving \$6,200 to Rashba & Pokart, in payment of a bill due by Kreindler & Relkin, P.C.

Assuming arguendo, Mr. Justice Rettinger was unaware of such relationships and payment when the appointment was authorized, he has certainly known of such fact since at least June of 1983, but has made no attempt to revoke, recall, modify, or cancel such appointment and designation, despite efforts made for him to do so.

His failure in this respect leads one to assume at least some knowledge beforehand, or suspect circumstances.

In any event, now knowing the aforementioned to exist and not taking any corrective actions with respect to this "fraud upon the court" is, in my opinion, reprehensible.

Think of it! Of all the accountants in New York City, to choose a firm of accountants to investigate its own client and a firm that laundered monies to it from the subject of the investigation, is enough to make one regurgitate!

I enclose a copy of the check from the Arutt firm to the Rashba firm and the entry in the books examined by Rashba which reveals the payment of \$10,000 from Puccini, whose assets were then custodia legis, and thus unlawfully taken. It is labeled "legal".

2. Referee Donald Diamond of Supreme Court, New York County, has stonewalled any and all inquiry into the above relationships, and the above is the result of hard, difficult, expensive, legal procedures, when they should be openly disclosed.

3a. I would give you more facts, but from the enclosed portion of the order of Mr. Justice Ira Gammerman, dated January 23, 1985, His Honor has prohibited me from making any complaints about the subject to any "professional disciplinary or grievance committee".

b. While I believe such order improper, if not egregious, both in substance and the manner it was obtained (not limited to the portion enclosed), I will respect same for the time being, at least.

c. Nevertheless, I do not believe your body to be a "professional disciplinary or grievance committee" and if I am incorrect or if you believe that any justice of the court could issue such order (I do not), please disregard and destroy this letter.

d. As to the others mentioned in this letter, wherein the prohibition applies, as Mark Anthony would say, they, of course, are indeed "honorable men"!

4a. I do not believe I have to say more in view of the attempts being made to silence both me and my client.

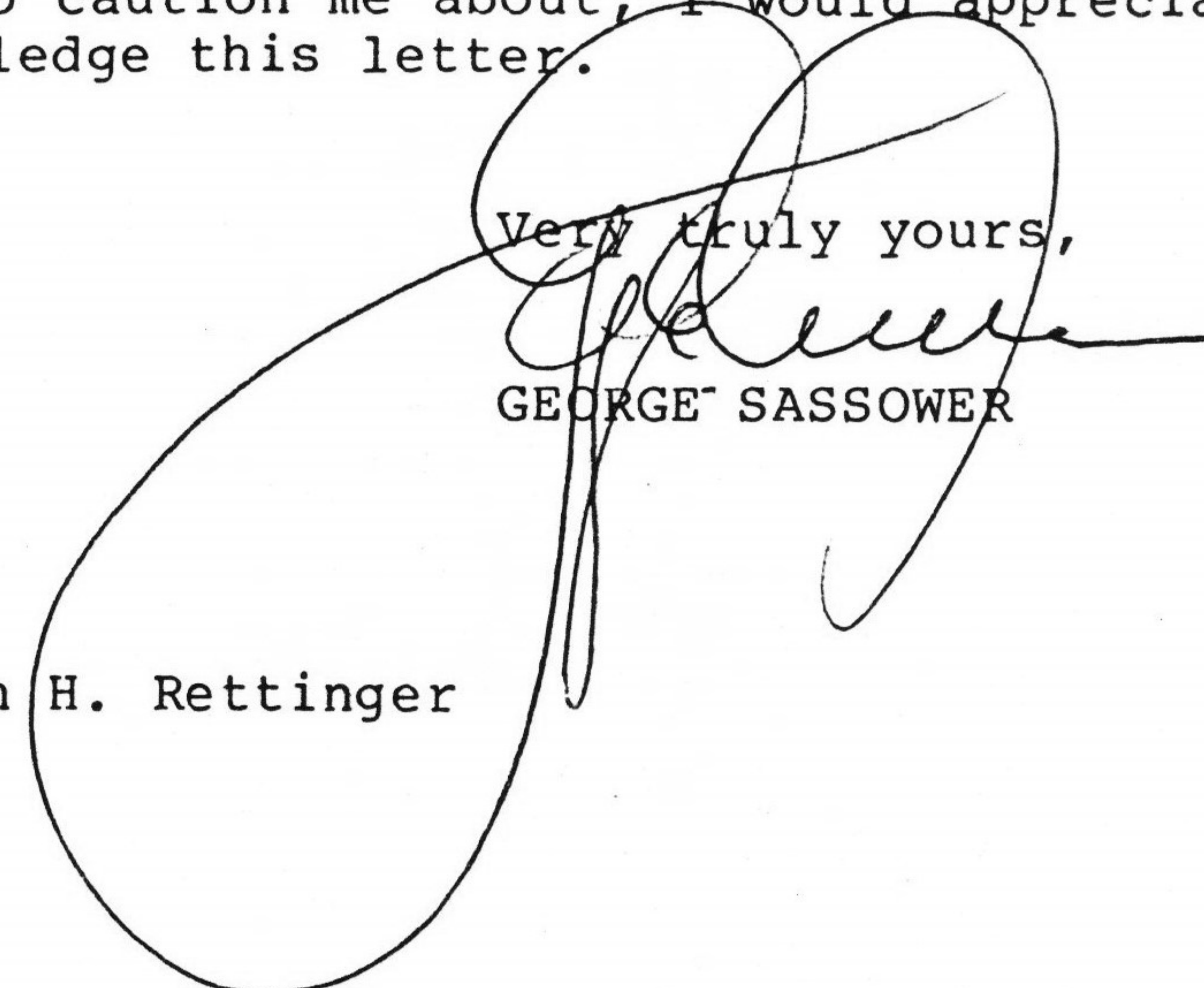
b. Although my only interest, and indeed believe it to be an obligation, is to obtain the revocation of an unlawful appointment, I will cooperate with your committee, if you shall so require.

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5a. One further point I believe I should make. I am so angered by the entire Puccini matter, and the judicial attitude with respect to same, I believe it has reached the stage where I must release it to the media, which would, of course, include the Rettinger affair.

b. Of course I will not mentioned this complaint in such release, but if there is anything else that you wish to caution me about, I would appreciate it when you acknowledge this letter.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE SASSOWER

GS/h

cc: Hon. Martin H. Rettinger

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ARUTT, NACHAMIE, BENJAMIN, LIPKIN &
KIRSCHNER, P.C.
SPECIAL ACCOUNT 2
292 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Rashba & Pokart, C.P.A. \$ 6,200.00
Six thousand and two hundred 00 DOLLARS

ARUTT, NACHAMIE, BENJAMIN, LIPKIN
KIRSCHNER, P.C.

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Manufacturers
RASHBA & POKART
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summons dated January 7, 1985, which is subsequent to the temporary restraining orders dated December 7, 1984 and this Court's oral decision on December 19, 1984 extending the temporary restraining orders and granting a permanent injunction to Movants; and it is further

ORDERED, that Hyman Raffe and George Sassower, acting singly, together or in conjunction with any person or entity or acting at the behest, direction or instigation of any person or entity, and all others acting in concert or cooperation with or acting at the behest, direction, or instigation of either or both Hyman Raffe or George Sassower, are permanently enjoined and restrained from: filing or serving, or attempting to intervene in or initiate, in any court, tribunal, agency or other forum of this State, any lawsuit, proceeding, investigation or other adversary matter, and from making or filing a complaint, grievance or correspondence with a professional disciplinary or grievance committee, the subject matter of which arises out of or relates to any of the following:

(a) The action or conduct of Puccini Clothes, Ltd., or its shareholders, officers, directors or

employees, or any of them, either singly or in any combination;

(b) the judicial dissolution, or the receivership of Puccini Clothes, Ltd.;

(c) the conduct of the Receiver for Puccini Clothes, Ltd., or the representation of the Receiver by Feltman, Karesh & Major;

(d) the making or filing of any complaint, grievance or correspondence with a professional disciplinary or grievance committee;

(e) the litigations related to or arising out of any of the matters set forth in subparagraphs (a) through (d) herein, including, but not limited to any litigation arising out of or relating to the right of the Estate of Milton Kaufman to enforce any aspect of the guarantees executed by Raffe;

(f) the acts of any litigant or the attorneys for any litigant in connection with any of the foregoing;

against any one, all or combination of the Movants and the following, whether alone, together or joined with any other person or entity not enumerated hereinbelow:

(i) the co-executors of the Estate of Milton Kaufman, Jerome H. Barr and Citibank, N.A., individually or in their representative capacities;

Relkin, P.C. ... (ii) the law firm of Kreindler &

(iii) Lee Feltman, Esq., individually
or in his capacity as Receiver for Puccini Clothes, Ltd.

(iv) the law firm of Feltman, Karesh &
Major,

(v) Eugene Dann

(vi) Robert Sorrentino

(vii) the law firm of Nachamie, Kirschner,
Levine, Spizz and Goldberg, P.C.; and with respect to above

subparagraphs (i) through (vii) the following shall apply
to:

15 | the foregoing enumerated persons or firms, any representative
member, employee, associate, affiliate, ~~relative (by blood,~~
~~adoption or marriage), friend, associated entity, employer,~~
agent, principal, insurer, bonding company or surety thereof,
past, present or future; and it is further

15 | ORDERED, that this Order is enforceable by any, or
all of the Movants, and by any one or more of the persons or
entities set forth in the prior paragraph ~~or any representative~~
~~member, employee, affiliate, relative (by blood, adoption or~~
~~marriage), friend, associate, associated entity, employer,~~
agent, principal, insurer, bonding company or surety thereof,
past, present or future; and it is further