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Re: Administrator XAVIER C. RICCOBONO
Mr. Justice IRA GAMMERMAN
Referee DONALD DIAMOND

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KREINDLER & RELKIN, P.C.
FELTMAN, KARESH, MAJOR & FARBMAN, Esqs.

Gentlemen:

1a. If you read the material on past instances of judicial corruption, you will find that generally the "corrupt judge" corrupts himself alone, and at least has the decency of trying to keep his colleagues uninvolved and relatively clean!

b. The conduct of Administrator XAVIER C. RICCOBONO, Mr. Justice IRA GAMMERMAN, and Referee DONALD DIAMOND is more in the nature of "administrative corruption"; it is a base and vile type of corruption; since it involves the knowing cooperation of their judicial colleagues, who recognize the true facts, but who are not strong enough to resist becoming an intimate part of such criminality!

c. Administrator XAVIER C. RICCOBONO, Mr. Justice IRA GAMMERMAN, and Referee DONALD DIAMOND, in their involvement and corruption of others, are without question, "CORRUPTION INCARNATE"!

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2a. On May 15, 1984, Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE, based upon the documented evidence, issued an Order, which "directed" Referee DONALD DIAMOND to take testimony with respect to the entire matter regarding PUCCINI CLOTHES, LTD.!

b. Obviously, Referee DONALD DIAMOND could not even attempt to comply with such Order, for a mere surface scratching would have revealed the massive larceny of judicial trust assets, perjury, and corruption!

c. Consequently, Referee DONALD DIAMOND, simply did not obey such Order, nor even attempt to do so!

d. When Referee DONALD DIAMOND was, by subsequent motion, to act, he examined only HYMAN RAFFE, "Mr. Clean", who was not involved in any misconduct, and Referee DONALD DIAMOND attempted to extract from Mr. HYMAN RAFFE, who was an adversary of Referee DONALD DIAMOND in related litigation, Mr. RAFFE's evidence of the larceny that had taken place, which to the extent that Mr. RAFFE knew of same, he unquestionably gave.

e. As part of the process, Referee DONALD DIAMOND, had me thrown out of the entire building at 60 Center Street, for merely stating that he had the obligation to warn Mr. RAFFE of his 5th Amendment rights, and found some excuse to fine Mr. RAFFE \$5,000, albeit without power to do so!

f. Referee DONALD DIAMOND did not examine DONALD C. RELKIN, Esq., who with his clients, CITIBANK, N.A. and JEROME H. BARR, Esq., who engineered the massive larceny, and caused perjurious affidavits denying same to be submitted to the courts; nor did he examine ARUTT, NACHAMIE, BENJAMIN, LIPKIN, & KIRSCHNER, P.C., who took part in same; nor did he examine FELTMAN, KARESH & MAJOR, Esqs., who for "pay-offs", openly practiced in the courtroom of Referee DONALD DIAMOND, cooperated with such criminal conduct; nor did he attempt to examine RASHBA & POKART, the accountants.

g. Nor did Referee DONALD DIAMOND even make any attempt to examine me, since he knew that I could produce the documented evidence of criminal misconduct by the boatloads!

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3a. Instead, Referee DONALD DIAMOND and Administrator XAVIER C. RICCOBONO went back to Hon. ALFRED M. ASCIONE, and on April 3, 1984, had His Honor, cancel and terminate such inquiry, by "resettling" such Order of May 15, 1984!

b. At least Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE, unlike some other jurists, had the decency not to impose costs on either Mr. RAFFE or myself, as requested by the "criminals with law degrees"!

c. Indeed, at the outset, the "criminals with law degrees" and their judicial and political patrons, had to corrupt and/or manipulate two (2) other nisi prius jurists, as well.

4a. I, who have a high regard for Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE, who I place in the same category as Mr. Justice MARTIN EVANS, although they both avoided their responsibility by the simple expedient of "closing their eyes, covering their ears, and holding their breath", when they issued their orders, such as the one by Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE of April 3, 1985 (copy annexed).

b. I place in a totally different category Mr. Justice MARTIN B. STECHER and the JUSTICES of the APPELLATE DIVISION, who as part of this criminal adventure, impose draconian penalties upon the innocent! By comparison, Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE and Mr. Justice MARTIN EVANS appear, as towers of judicial strength and independence!

5a. I can assure you that if the Order of Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE of May 15, 1984 had been obeyed on May 16, 1984, this matter would have terminated by May 17, 1984!

b. If the Order of Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE of May 15, 1984, would be resurrected today, the hearings held tomorrow, the matter would be terminated by Friday, the 19th day of September, 1986!

6a. No one believes that Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE did not know the true situation when His Honor "confirmed the findings and determinations of the Referee dated October 10, 1984 and November 1, 1984 ... as it sufficiently appears that the Referee has completed the hearings directed by this court"!

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b. If His Honor claims that he did not know the true situation, the following from the affidavit of the affidavit of LEE FELTMAN, Esq., of March 5, 1986, when LEE FELTMAN, Esq., had a temporary falling out with KREINDLER & RELKIN, P.C., will reveal that the findings of Referee DONALD DIAMOND, are false and contrived. In such affidavit, LEE FELTMAN, Esq., stated (p. 6):

"[T]hey [Kreindler & Relkin, P.C.] have substantially delayed the dissolution proceeding by impeding discovery sought by the Receiver concerning (i) the amounts that the Kaufman Estate received from Puccini after the Dissolution Order was issued enjoining such payments, and (ii) the books and records of Puccini that appear to be missing. For example, the Kaufman Estate refused to comply with a Subpoena Duces Tecum for eighteen months and remains in default in providing certain discovery despite judicial directives. Moreover, in an effort to block a lawsuit by me as Receiver against the Kaufman Estate to recover for the insolvent Puccini Estate the payments received and retained by the Kaufman Estate in violation of the Dissolution Order in this proceeding, they have adopted the position that my law firm has a conflict of interest and I should retain another firm to prosecute such suit, threatening to delay such required lawsuit by a disqualification motion [emphasis in original]."

c. At the time Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE issued his Order of April 3, 1985, Referee DONALD DIAMOND, did not even commence the inquiry.

d. Indeed, as the aforementioned affidavit of LEE FELTMAN, Esq. now reveals, when the Order of April 3, 1985 was issued by Mr. ALFRED M. ASCIONE, and for a period of seven months, KREINDLER & RELKIN, P.C. and their clients, CITIBANK, N.A. and JEROME H. BARR, Esq., were "in default in providing certain discovery despite judicial directives"; the clients of KREINDLER & RELKIN, P.C. unlawfully took monies from PUCCINI after it was involuntarily dissolved; KREINDLER & RELKIN, P.C. and its clients, were withholding PUCCINI's books and records, all of which was inconsistent with the statements contained in the April 3, 1985 Order of Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE!

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7a. The point is, by Wednesday, September 23, 1986, the Order of Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE, dated May 15, 1986, will be resurrected, that Order complied with by a fair jurist and appropriate jurist, and in an open courtroom!

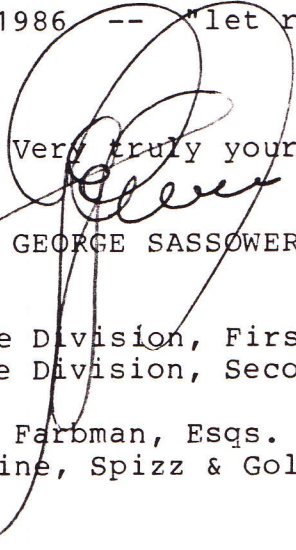
b. The firms of KREINDLER & RELKIN, P.C., its clients, and FELTMAN, KARESH, MAJOR & FARBMAN, Esqs., will sink by themselves, probably taking with them a few nisi prius jurists, including Administrator XAVIER C. RICCOBONO, Mr. Justice IRA GAMMERMAN, and Referee DONALD DIAMOND, not with a substantial portion of the passenger list of the Titanic, including Mr. Justice ALFRED M. ASCIONE, if I had my way!

c. I am now reading the "Voyage of the Iceberg -- The Story of the Iceberg that Sank the Titanic", by Richard Brown. This Iceberg did not intend to sink the Titanic, nor did it do so! The Titanic went down because of the "arrogance and stupidity" of the "fools" that commanded her, and the "fools" that were at its helm!

d. When the tragedy was all over, the Iceberg, only had a paint mark on it! I have little more than that on me!

e. September 23, 1986 -- "let right be done"!

Very truly yours,


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cc: Hon. Alfred M. Ascione
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