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March 17, 1998

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
40 Foley Square
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ATT: Beth J. Meador, Supervising Administrative Attorney

RE: §372(c) Judicial Misconduct Complaints:
#97-8535 (District Judge Sprizzo)
#97-8539 (Circuit Judge Jacobs)
#97-8540 (Circuit Judge Meskill)
#97-8541 (District Judge Korman)

Dear Ms. Meador:

Thank you for your March 2nd response to my February 27th letter to Mr. Madsen. However, your letter raises more questions than it answers. For your convenience, a copy is enclosed.

Frankly, we do not understand why Chief Judge Winter's Order, which purports to be dated February 9th, should have been mailed to your office. After all, the Chief Judge does have an office in the building. Presumably, in the days immediately following February 9th -- a Monday -- he was personally present in the building. Why would he not have brought his Order with him, rather than mailing it? Please direct this letter to Chief Judge Winter for a response.

Moreover, if -- as you state -- your office did not receive the mailed Order until February 17th, how is it that the file stamp on the Order represents that the Order was filed on February 9th by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. This is the earliest date on which the Order could have been mailed to the Court of Appeals -- if, in fact, the Order was signed on February 9th, as it purports. Further, if the Order had been filed on February 9th, wouldn't you would have known about it when, four days later, you responded to my telephone inquiry by informing me that there had been no disposition of the above-numbered §372(c) complaints? That was Friday, February 13th.

Finally, we bring to your attention that your letter did not respond to the final paragraph of my letter -- and that we have received no separate response from Mr. Madsen, to whom the letter was addressed. That paragraph inquired as to the identity of the judges on the Judicial Council for the Second Circuit since we intend to file a petition for review of Chief Judge Winter's Order. It also requested a copy of the Second Circuit's most recent Rules Governing Complaints against Judicial Officers under 28 U.S.C. §372(c).

Inasmuch as the March 25th date for filing our petition for review is fast approaching, we would appreciate as *prompt* a response as possible. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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Paralegal Assistant to Complainant,
DORIS L. SASSOWER

Enclosure

cc: Bernard Madsen, Jr., Deputy Clerk
Jay Weinstein, Assistant Attorney General

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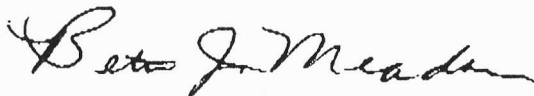
Re: In re: Sassower 97-8535, 97-8539, 97-8540, 97-8541

Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am in receipt of the copy of your letter to Mr. Madsen, dated February 27, 1998. The judgment issued by Chief Judge Winter was mailed to our office. We received it on February 17, 1998. At that time, Mr. Madsen was on vacation, and I attended to the extra volume of work as expeditiously as possible. I regret that your judgment was one of the items that came during this period.

Please bear in mind that your cases are four among hundreds for which we have responsibility in addition to our other on-going work. We do this work systematically and with as much speed as is possible while maintaining accuracy and efficiency. It is not possible for us to single out any one case or group of cases for special treatment. Again, I'm sorry for any inconvenience that our procedures may have caused.

Sincerely,



Beth J. Meador

cc: Bernard Madsen