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Appellate Term, Second Judicial Department
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ATT: Paul Kenny, Chief Clerk

RE: Calendaring of Oral Argument: Wednesday, December 16, 2009

John McFadden v. Elena Sassower

Appellate Term #2008-1428-WC;

#2008-1433-WC

(White Plains City Court #SP-1502/07)

John McFadden v. Doris L. Sassower & Elena Sassower

Appellate Term #2008-1427-WC;

#2009-148-WC

(White Plains City Court #SP-651/89; SP-2008-1474)

Dear Mr. Kenny,

This follows my phone conversation with Senior Court Clerk Julio Mejia earlier this morning.

I would greatly appreciate if my above four appeals, each scheduled for oral argument before the Appellate Term in Mineola on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, could be placed at the beginning of the calendar, as I have a conflicting obligation.

On that same date, I expect to testify in Manhattan before the New York State Senate Judiciary Committee at its resumed hearings on the Commission on Judicial Conduct and attorney disciplinary system – hearings largely prompted by my advocacy as Director of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. A copy of the Committee’s hearing notice is enclosed.

Thank you.



Enclosure

cc: Leonard A. Sclafani, Esq.

Doris L. Sassower

New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo

ATT: Assistant Solicitor General Diana R.H. Winters



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Wednesday, December 16th, 2009, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

NYS Senate Hearing Room

250 Broadway 19th Floor Hearing Room

New York, NY, 10007

United States

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: The Appellate Division First Department Departmental Disciplinary Committee, the grievance committees of the various Judicial Districts and the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct

PURPOSE: This hearing will review the mission, procedures and level of public satisfaction with the Appellate Division First Department Departmental Disciplinary Committee, the grievance committees of the various Judicial Districts as well as the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct

New York City

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

10 A.M.

250 Broadway, 19th Floor Hearing Room

New York, New York 10007

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court is the entity that is legally responsible for enforcing the Rules of Professional Conduct governing the conduct of attorneys in New York State. The Appellate Division Departments have created grievance committees that are charged with the investigation of complaints against attorneys. Within the First Judicial Department the Departmental Disciplinary Committee of the Appellate Division investigates complaints against attorneys. The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct was created by the State Constitution and is charged with investigating complaints against Judges and Justices of the Unified Court System.

According to the 2009 Report of the Commission on Judicial Conduct, there were 1,923 complaints filed in 2008. Yet of these complaints only 262 were investigated and of those, 173 were dismissed. This hearing will examine the processes and procedures that are followed by the various agencies charged with the responsibility of enforcing the rules and regulations that must be followed by the Judiciary and the Bar in the State of New York. It will also evaluate public satisfaction with the disciplinary process.

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