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Court of Appeals
20 Eagle Street
Albany, N.Y. 12207-1095

Att: Martin Stranad, Public Information Officer

Dear Mr. Stranad:

This confirms my oral request on March 31, 1997 for immediately needed information concerning former Chief Judge Wachtler. Please advise as to the names and case numbers of all cases in which applications were made to reopen cases in which he participated prior to his resignation from the bench on November 10, 1992, based on his medical disability. Please also confirm in writing the aforesaid date of resignation, which you provided to me in our telephone conversation.

Please also advise as to each case, the outcome of the application, and whether the Court would supply us with copies of the relevant papers, as well as the decisions. If there is any charge for such information, please let me know.

For your information, ours is a national, non-profit, non-partisan, citizens' action organization, working in the public interest to build a better judiciary.

Because of the need for expedition, we ask your promptest attention. In view of what you say is your policy not to permit use of your tax-payer financed faxing facilities, we further request that a waiver be extended to us in the future, as you presumably have in effect for representatives of the media. Many of our inquiries are time-sensitive, and, indeed, we serve as resource authorities for the media, and consequently believe we should be accorded equal treatment so as to advance our purpose in serving the victims of our justice system.

Thanking you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,



DORIS L. SASSOWER, Director