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Jay Jochnowitz, Editor  
Albany Times Union

RE: "Law Day": May 1<sup>st</sup> – and Beyond

Dear Mr. Jochnowitz:

Thank you for your return call – and the generous time you gave to our conversation. Assuredly, New York's highest public officers – among them, the Governor, Chief Judge, and Attorney General -- will be giving speeches and listening to each other's speeches on "Law Day" (May 1<sup>st</sup>). Beyond those congratulatory speeches, however, is a different reality. Maybe you can start by finding out WHY there's been no legislative oversight hearings of the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct these past 15 years?

Enclosed are the following to help you get started:

- (1) Info on "Law Day" (May 1<sup>st</sup>) – including Congressional Resolution;
- (2) State Comptroller's 1989 Report on the Commission: "*Not Accountable to the Public: Resolving Charges Against Judges is Cloaked in Secrecy*", pp. 4-7: "Results of Examination";
- (3) CJA's 10/26/01 letter to Senator David Patterson – reiterating CJA's request that he take steps to secure a legislative oversight hearing of the Commission and outlining the three categories of *readily-verifiable* evidence establishing the Commission's corruption;
- (4) CJA's 12/19/01 F.O.I.L. request to Senate Judiciary Committee for info and documents on Governor Pataki's judicial appointees and their confirmations.

I look forward to providing you with the *readily-verifiable* evidence for the powerful and electorally-significant stories represented by the foregoing. That way you can draw your *own* conclusions as to the corruption of our essential governmental processes of judicial selection and discipline – corruption in which Governor Pataki and Attorney General Spitzer are knowledgeable and actively complicitous.

P.S. Also enclosed, my Letter to the Editor, "*Sitting in Judgment*", Metroland, 2/28/02

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