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New York State Attorney General Dennis Vacco is the subject of a scorching ad in today's New York Law Journal. The ad, "*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*", describes how New York's highest law enforcement officer engages in litigation misconduct to defend state officials and agencies sued for official misconduct, including corruption -- when he has *no* legitimate defense. It provides three graphic examples. In the first case, Attorney General Vacco defended the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, in the second case, Appellate Division, Second Department justices, and, in the third case, those same justices, as well as his own office, sued as a defendant. The third case is now on appeal before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and seeks disciplinary and criminal referral of Attorney General Vacco for his "fraudulent and deceitful conduct" in the district court. The ad expressly challenges Mr. Vacco to be at the oral argument, this **Friday, August 29th**, and "*personally* defend the appeal -- if he dares!" [10 a.m., 40 Centre Street-NYC, courtroom 506].

The \$3,077.22 ad, whose text follows, is presented by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), a non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, whose \$16,770 New York Times Op-Ed page ad, "*Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?*", is also enclosed. That 1994 ad is the backdrop to the Second Circuit case.

For further information, telephone CJA at 914-421-1200. The three case files, cited in today's ad, are available upon request. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR REPORTERS CALL ATTORNEY GENERAL VACCO FOR COMMENT!**

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[New York Law Journal, August 27, 1997, at page 3]

## **RESTRAINING "LIARS IN THE COURTROOM" AND ON THE PUBLIC PAYROLL**

*On June 17th, The New York Law Journal published a Letter to the Editor from a former New York State Assistant Attorney General, whose opening sentence read "Attorney General Dennis Vacco's worst enemy would not suggest that he tolerates unprofessional or irresponsible conduct by his assistants after the fact". Yet, more than three weeks earlier, the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), a non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, submitted a proposed Perspective Column to the Law Journal, detailing the Attorney General's knowledge of, and complicity in, his staff's litigation misconduct -- before, during, and after the fact. The Law Journal refused to print it and refused to explain why. Because of the transcending public importance of that proposed Perspective Column, CJA has paid \$3,077.22 so that you can read it. It appears today on page 4.*