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Russ Hoyle, Editor  
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RE: CJA's Proposal for a Daily News Investigative Expose of the  
*Readily-Verifiable* Evidence of the Corruption of the New York  
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

It is now more than three months since you assigned Larry Cohler-Esses to review the appellate papers in my important public interest lawsuit against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct – and to provide you with an assessment of their significance in documentarily establishing the corruption of the New York Commission on Judicial Conduct for a Daily News investigative expose.


Please advise as to the status of Mr. Cohler-Esses' protracted review, as he fails to return my phone calls and has provided me with no information on the subject. As you know, had Mr. Cohler-Esses accepted my repeated offers of a meeting, it would have taken him *no more than an hour or so* to understand with his own eyes and brain the basic, *readily-verifiable*, facts pertaining to the Commission's corruption, including the series of fraudulent judicial decisions of which it has been the beneficiary and without which it would not have survived three separate legal challenges.

Meantime, over these months the Editorial Board has run continued to run its "*Judging the Judges*" editorials, including today's "*New York's Best Supporting Actors*" – whose false and misleading claims are exposed by the appellate papers Mr. Cohler-Esses has supposedly been reviewing. Indeed, Court of Claims Judge William Wetzel, to whom my lawsuit against the Commission was "steered" and whose self-interested and completely fraudulent judicial decision is the subject of my appellant's brief, is from the breed of Acting Supremes lauded by today's editorial as the product of "merit appointment". That Judge Wetzel's ascension to the bench is the very antithesis of "merit" is reflected by my appellant's brief (at pp. 27, 30, 34), with my August 17, 2001 motion fully documenting the flagrant "protectionism" and patronage that culminated in his reappointment (paras. 24-31).

It seems pretty obvious that Mr. Cohler-Esses would not have dared to be so deliberately dilatory in reviewing this important, time-sensitive story had he not been so instructed by you and others at the Daily News. Consequently, unless I hear from you by Monday, January 6, 2003, it is my New Year's resolution to bring the unprofessional handling of this matter by the Daily News' news/investigative divisions to the attention of Daily News Chairman and Co-Publisher Mortimer B. Zuckerman, to Daily News Chief Executive Officer and Co-Publisher Fred Drasner, and to Daily News President and Chief Operating Officer Les Goodstein, as well as to post my voluminous correspondence with Mr. Cohler-Esses, you, and others at the Daily News on CJA's website

I have similarly advised Editorial Page Editor Richard Schwartz and a copy of my letter to him of today's date is enclosed.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosure

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