


# Integrity in the Courts

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)*

February 2, 2009

The Honorable Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick  
Acting Chief Justice of the New York Court of Appeals

via U.S. Mail &  
facsimile # 

**RE: Call for Action on Corruption in the New York State Judiciary and Bar**

Dear Judge Ciparick:

Your status as the state's top Justice has renewed the promise of hope to the great people of New York. We loudly echo what the Hon. David Paterson said about you in November of 2007, "[Judge Ciparick] has pursued justice in accordance with the rule of law in an exemplary manner and is one of New York's finest public servants." Judge Ciparick, we need your immediate help and leadership in reforming the condition of avarice and corruption that exists within and about our state's court system.

Immediately troubling is the revelation from public testimony at the January 27, 2009, NYS Senate Judiciary Committee hearing before Chairman, Senator John L. Sampson: the existence of dozens of complaints that have been "white-washed" by the Commission on Judicial Conduct, and that have resulted in tainted information produced by the CJC and sent to the Commission on Judicial Nomination.

The evidence is clear: the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the statewide attorney grievance committees are irreversibly corrupt. The growing outcry, volume of lawsuits and complaints from every corner of this state represents the serious condition of wholesale corruption and lawlessness by those charged with "ethics oversight." The time for action is now, and the most capable person is you, this state's judicial leader. We respectfully request that you take immediate, and public, action.

Our two-year-long research has revealed a troubling state court "ethics" oversight structure that is itself corrupt. We have documented dozens of examples where the law, attorneys, litigants, state employees and, in fact, judges have been targeted for annihilation simply because of a political whim or the vengeful, misguided desires of a few. Conversely, we have evidence of many outrageous and criminal acts by certain individuals within and about the state court system that have been substantively ignored for no other reason than their favored position or political affiliation.

We have asked Senator Sampson to hold statewide, and televised, public hearings so that formal findings and recommendations may be presented to state lawmakers for appropriate action. We have commitments from current and retired New York attorneys and judges who wish to testify before him.

We ask that you publicly support the holding of public hearings, by the State Senate, into the corruption at the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the various attorney grievance committees.

True "ethics oversight" must be restored, and the current system of destruction and cover-up must end. We are confident that future generations will echo our gratitude of your restoration of our faith in our government and in our system of law.

by: 

Very truly yours,  
Integrity in the Courts  
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