

# Integrity in the Courts

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September 22, 2008

The Honorable David Paterson,  
Governor of The State of New York  
The State Capital  
Albany, New York 12224

*via U.S. Mail &  
facsimile # 518-408-2549*

**RE: 1. The Establishment of The Commission on Court Oversight  
2. The Appointment of Chief Judge Margarita Lopez Torres**

Dear Governor Paterson:

Your gubernatorial presence has renewed the promise of hope to the great people of New York. We are encouraged by, and have long yearned for, your leadership in reforming the condition of avarice and corruption that exists within and about our state's court system.

Our yearlong research has revealed a troubling state court "ethics" oversight structure that is itself corrupt. We have documented countless examples where the law, attorneys, litigants, state employees and, in fact, judges have been targeted for annihilation simply because of a political whim or from 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 overlooked for no other reason than their favored position or political affiliation.

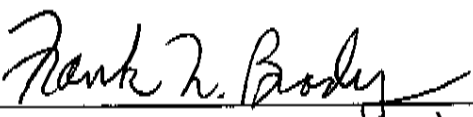
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Further, and in the interest of true court reform, we respectfully request that you immediately take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the name of Judge Margarita Lopez Torres be presented to the State Commission on Judicial Nomination for insertion on the list of candidates to be considered for Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.

We also respectfully request that you meet with us so that we may personally present you with the findings from our research. Each of our 40 founding members have a one-page overview, along with supporting documentation, to formally begin the work of your Commission on Court Oversight.

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.

Very truly yours,

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