April 26, 1985

To Bar Association Presidents in the State of New York:

You and your membership are cordially invited to attend a joint session of the state and federal judiciaries of New York, sponsored by the State/Federal Judicial Council. To be held at 3:30 P.M. on May 14, in room 408 (the Appellate Term Courtroom) of the New York State Supreme Court Building, 60 Centre Street, the program is entitled "Working with the Individual Judge Assignment System." Our mutual purpose is for state and federal trial judges to share their experiences with the individual calendar, so that the coming implementation by state trial judges can be effectuated smoothly.

Speakers will include two state and two federal judges who have extensive experience with individual calendar systems. Chief Judge Constance Baker Motley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York will describe the experience of the nation’s largest federal court in adopting the system 15 years ago, and Judge Roger J. Miner of the Northern District of New York, formerly a state judge and state prosecutor, will describe his experience with the recent adoption by a smaller and more rural district of the same system. Justices Albert M. Rosenblatt and Martin B. Stecher of the New York Supreme Court will describe their experiences under the individual calendar in the state courts, in the criminal and civil parts respectively.

Other participants will include Chief Judge Sol Wachtler, who will deliver opening remarks, and numerous top judges of both judicial systems. The program will include ample time for questions and discussion, and will be followed by a period for informal socializing and exchange of views. We hope that you and your members can attend.

Sincerely,

Edwin Kassoff
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State/Federal Council

Steven Flanders
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Conference Co-ordinators