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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ken Jockers
Executive Director
The Fund for Modern Courts
351 West 54th Street
New York, New York 10019

Re: Nomination of Michael Soudry of ECO-STAT LLC

Dear Mr. Jockers:

Michael Soudry, an economist with ECO-STAT LLC ("ECO-STAT"), has been nominated by New York Lawyers for the Public Interest ("NYLPI") for the 2002 Samuel J. Duboff Memorial Award, honoring extraordinary nonlawyer services that have improved the quality of justice in New York State. I write in support of Mr. Soudry's nomination for this prestigious Award.

In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, NYLPI enlisted several of its member law firms to represent, on a pro bono basis, the families of the low-wage restaurant and maintenance workers killed in the World Trade Center. Cadwalader was one of the firms that volunteered for this project. I am the Cadwalader partner in charge of these pro bono representations.

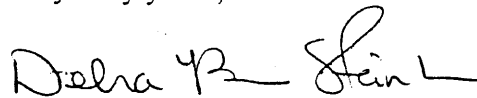
The restaurant and maintenance workers' families represented by the NYLPI member firms (including Cadwalader) have elected to file claims with the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. Claimants to the Fund have the option of accepting the presumed economic loss calculations published by the Fund or invoking the Special Master's discretion to enhance the presumed awards by challenging the economic assumptions underlying them. Because the Fund's economic assumptions produce artificially low awards for the restaurant and maintenance workers' families, the services of an economist became essential if we were to present fairly these victims' claims based upon their individual circumstances.

We reached out to Michael Soudry, who is a highly respected economist with ECO-STAT and an expert in the field of wrongful death damage calculations. We made an extraordinary request of Mr. Soudry. We asked him to review, analyze and prepare reports for the restaurant and maintenance workers' families, represented by the NYLPI consortium of law firms, who have elected to file claims with the federal Fund. Moreover, we asked Mr. Soudry to undertake this massive project free of charge. Over the course of the past year, Mr. Soudry and his colleagues at ECO-STAT have prepared, or are in the process of preparing, more than 50 reports supporting the Victim Compensation Fund claims of the restaurant and maintenance workers' families to the Victim Compensation Fund.

Mr. Soudry's work has made it possible for the poorest, most vulnerable and underprivileged survivors of the September 11 victims to enhance their federal Fund awards. Without Mr. Soudry, these families would have been seriously disadvantaged in asserting their claims to the Fund.

It is my privilege and honor to nominate Michael Soudry of ECO-STAT for the 2002 Samuel J. Duboff Memorial Award. Honoring Michael Soudry with this Award recognizes his devotion to the quality of justice, as demonstrated by the invaluable assistance that he has provided to the September 11 victims' families in rebuilding their lives.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Brown Steinberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Debra Brown Steinberg