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Shocking New Book “A Case of Systemic Corruption in Maryland” Charges Old-Line-State Businessman, Regulators, and Judges with Corruption and Collusion

WEST RIVER, MARYLAND, September 1, 2006---PCB, Inc. announces the publication of Jack Paternmaster’s eye-opening new exposé *A Case of Systemic Corruption in Maryland* (\$24.95, paperback, 272 pages, ISBN 0-9763803-2-3).

Asserting there is “pervasive systemic corruption” in Anne Arundel County, Maryland – particularly among its businessmen, government regulators, and boards and courts of appeal—former operational auditor Jack Paternmaster delivers a scathing indictment of his home state’s government and legal infrastructure.

“This story needs to be told because of the pervasive, systemic corruption that involved three county entities and a Maryland state entity,” writes Paternmaster. “Without this book, I am convinced there is no way to get the truth out.”

Paternmaster begins his “true and revealing journey” by focusing on the case of Chalk Point Marina in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. In richly-documented detail Paternmaster reveals how he became aware of an illegal scheme by the marina’s owner to understate the number of “slips” in a proposed new marina building plan. (A “slip” is a water area that is used for the wet storage or temporary docking of a watercraft, in conjunction with a pier, piling, buoy, or other similar facility.) By intentionally understating the number of slips in his existing and proposed new marina, the owner avoided payment of legally required fees.

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-- Jack Paternmaster, from the Preface

Chapter after chapter, Patermaster reveals how he attempted to bring this serious illegality to the attention of Maryland regulators, courts, and other government authorities. At every turn, justice was denied—as Maryland officials and courts repeatedly failed to uphold the law.

In pursuing this simple case of avoiding the law, little did I know I would be facing an undeniable buddy system of corrupt power that existed in the County’s Permit Office, the County’s Board of Appeals, the County’s Circuit Court, and in the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland,” Patermaster writes.

Patermaster reserves his harshest criticism for the Court of Special Appeals, Maryland’s second highest court. He accuses it of “biased and unethical acts” that are documented in its written decision. And he additionally asserts that the Court committed “serious prejudicial legal error[s]” in its ruling.

“In my opinion, these unethical acts have brought shame and dishonor on the Court of Special Appeals as part of Maryland’s court system,” Patermaster writes.

Ultimately, Patermaster says, this case is about far more than one marina owner’s illegal actions.

“While the initial corrupt act by the [marina owner] and collusion in the County’s Permit Office and Board of Appeals is a matter for concern for citizens in Anne Arundel County, the fact that the corruption was also nurtured in the County’s Circuit Court and finally reached its pinnacle in Maryland’s Court of Special Appeals makes the corruption and accompanying lack of trust a matter of concern for all citizens of Maryland,” Patermaster writes.

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