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Subject: **Did you forward CJA's Oct. 25, 2023 complaint, as requested, to AGC-4 and to Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera?**

Attachments: [10-25-23-complaint-cjc-agc4-oca-ig-etc.pdf](#)

TO: Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas

I have no record of response from you to my below October 26, 2023 e-mail or my below October 25, 2023 e-mail.

It also appears, based upon my phone conversation on January 26, 2024 with Fourth Dept. Attorney Grievance Committee Chief Counsel Kelly, that you did not forward my above-attached October 25, 2023 complaint to the Fourth Dept. Attorney Grievance Committee, as my October 25th e-mail had requested.

Please advise whether this is correct – and whether you also did not forward my complaint to Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera, from whom I also have no record of response.

Thank you.

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Subject: The Unified Court System's policy of uniformity for attorney disciplinary matters -- to which the attorney grievance committees of the Appellate Division, Fourth Dept. have excepted themselves

TO: Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas

This follows my phone conversation earlier this morning with [Cydney Kelly, Chief Counsel of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department's three attorney grievance committees](#), who returned my phone call from yesterday afternoon, requesting an e-mail address to which I could send the above-attached & below complaint against government-attorneys and government-retained attorneys within the jurisdiction of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District. Chief Counsel Kelly

declined to provide same – and gave no satisfactory explanation for why the Appellate Division, Fourth Department’s attorney grievance committees should not have e-mail addresses for complaints or other communications, whereas the five attorney grievance committees of the Appellate Division, [First](#), [Second](#), and [Third](#) Departments do – or how this is consistent with the Unified Court System’s policy of uniformity for attorney disciplinary matters, announced by your predecessor, Chief Administrative Judge Marks, on [December 29, 2015](#).

What is your response to this lack of uniformity? Do you deem it acceptable – and if so, why?

Meantime, I take this opportunity to commend you for your excellent assistant Cindy Martucci (212-428-2120.), who I spoke with yesterday afternoon and then again this morning, after receiving Chief Counsel Kelly’s call.

Thank you.

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Subject: Corruption Complaint: Monroe County Family & Supreme Courts & Fourth Dept Appellate Division -- Follow-up to Testimony at Oct 13th Hearing of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

**TO: New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees (7th Judicial District)
Unified Court System Inspector General Kay-Ann Porter Campbell
Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas
Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Richard Rivera**

Above-attached & [here linked](#) is my “Corruption Complaint against Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents”. Its “Conclusion” (at p. 29) reads:

“The foregoing long-overdue complaint is being furnished, additionally, to the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, before which I testified on October 13, 2023, handing up a copy of the [Independent Expert Report](#), in substantiation of my testimony as to the corruption infesting the judiciary – a threshold,

‘appropriate factor’ of constitutional dimension that it is statutorily-required to ‘take into account’. My words were as follows ([VIDEO, at 2hrs/45mins](#)):

‘Lastly, I don’t want you to believe that the corruption infesting the judiciary is only in cases of magnitude such as the cases that I have here presented. I have a, a independent report that I wrote about a Family Court case out of Monroe County, a mother called me in distress because her child had been taken away from her. And she begged me to assist her. Without charge, I, I examined the record -- and I wrote a report that was furnished, it’s a sealed file. I think you should take a look at what goes on, and you should know this is only the first piece of it. But the corruption involving this report at the Family Court level, at the Appellate Division Fourth Department from which you come, Chair Fahey, you need to take testimony. You have subpoena power. You need to – you need to examine the corruption in the judiciary –’

The only correction I would make is to add a reference to the corresponding corruption in the Monroe County Supreme Court pertaining to the Independent Expert Report.

As [the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation’s enabling statute requires you to assist the Commission, upon its request](#),^{fn3} perhaps that is the most expeditious way for it to proceed – requesting that you furnish it with the results of the investigation that is your duty to make with respect to this fully-documented, facially-meritorious complaint.”

I am available to assist you, to the max, in investigating this complaint – and would welcome giving testimony under oath. I know the innocent parents feel likewise.

Meantime, CJA’s webpage for the complaint – which cannot otherwise be accessed, out of respect for the parents’ privacy – can be reached by this link: <https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/cjc/complaint-oct-25-23.htm>.

Thank you.

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NOTE to Cindy Martucci/Assistant to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas. Following up our phone conversation at 3:40 this afternoon, kindly forward this e-mail to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera – and, additionally, to the Fourth Department’s Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District, which does not make an e-mail address for complaints and/or communications available. Thank you.

