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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 8:59 AM  
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**Subject:** **AGAIN -- Did you forward CJA's Oct. 25, 2023 complaint, as requested, to AGC-4 and to Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera & is Mr. Pulizotto's Feb 2, 2024 letter acceptable to you?**

**Attachments:** [10-25-23-complaint-cjc-agc4-oca-ig-etc.pdf](#);  
[2-2-24-ltr-from-pulizotto.pdf](#)

**TO: [Chief Administrative Judge Zayas](#)**

**Did you forward my [October 25, 2023 complaint](#), as requested, to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees and to Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera?** I have received no answer from you to that straight-forward question, posed by my below January 31, 2024 e-mail – and such is not answered by the disingenuous [February 2, 2024 letter](#) I received by postal mail from Chief Clerk VI Michael Pulizotto, Esq.

Are you aware of Mr. Pulizotto's letter, whose first paragraph reads:

“Your memorandum to Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas was referred to First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George for review<sup>fn1</sup>. On behalf of First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George, I have been asked to respond.”

Mr. Pulizotto does not identify the so-called “memorandum” to which he is referring. Presumably, it is my October 25, 2023 “Corruption Complaint against Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents”, which my October 26, 2023 email also attached and to which his annotating footnote 1 refers, stating:

“Your October 26, 2023 email to the attention of Chief Administrative Judge Zayas was similarly referred to me for response on behalf of First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George.”

The three further paragraphs of Mr. Pulizotto's letter are fashioned on express and implied falsehoods:

- (1) that I am seeking “legal advice”;
- (2) that I do not know how to file an attorney misconduct complaint;
- (3) that you have no responsibilities when the Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees, to deter submission of attorney misconduct complaints, has no electronic filing option – in contrast to the attorney grievance committees of the other three Appellate Divisions and in defiance of a policy of uniformity in attorney grievance matters, announced [December 29, 2015](#);

- (4) that you have no responsibilities when you are furnished with open-and-shut evidence of flagrant and collusive judicial misconduct by Monroe County’s supervising Family Court judge, a fellow Monroe County Family Court judge, a justice of Monroe County Supreme Court, and justices of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, trashing the rule of law and all standards of conduct; and
- (5) that you have no responsibilities when you are furnished with open-and-shut evidence of flagrant and collusive attorney misconduct, including by the Appellate Division, Fourth Department’s Chief Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Principal Appellate Court Attorney, and by the Director and Deputy Director of its Attorneys for Children Program, trashing the rule of law and all standards of conduct.

Is Mr. Pulizotto’s letter acceptable to you – and to [First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George](#)? Did you need me to quote the specific provisions of:

- the [New York State Constitution, Article VI, §28 \(“Administrative Supervision of court system”\)](#);
- [Judiciary Law Article 7-A \(“Judicial Administration”\)](#);
- the [Chief Administrator’s Rules Governing Judicial Conduct \(22 NYCRR Part 100\)](#); and
- [New York’s Rules of Professional Conduct \(22 NYCRR Part 1200\)](#),

invoked by the first sentence of my October 25, 2023 complaint (at p. 1)? These not only give you the tools to act under “our state constitution and applicable statutes” – a phrase Mr. Pulizotto repeats twice – but mandate that you yourself refer the complaint to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees, and to your appointees: [Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera](#) and [Unified Court System Inspector General Porter Campbell](#). Suffice to quote §100.3D of your Chief Administrator’s Rules Governing Judicial Conduct, entitled “Disciplinary Responsibilities”:

“(1) A judge who receives information indicating a substantial likelihood that another judge has committed a substantial violation of this Part shall take appropriate action.

(2) A judge who receives information indicating a substantial likelihood that a lawyer has committed a substantial violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct (22 NYCRR Part 1200) shall take appropriate action.”

Please let me hear from you with respect to the foregoing, by e-mail, and by no later than a week from today, February 21, 2024.

Thank you.

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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?**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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](#),<sup>fn3</sup> 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.