

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:46 PM
To: 'NYS Salary Commission'

Subject: Thank you for these instructions --- Tomorrow's Albany Hearing

I think I understand what you are saying. If I am unable to turn off camera and microphone, as you have instructed, I will not activate the link until right before I am called to testify, which I assume will be at about 12:15 pm.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower

From: NYS Salary Commission <nyscompensation@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:21 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: Re: Settled then --- Tomorrow's Albany Hearing

We do not plan to do testing. Here is the zoom link. Please turn off your camera and microphone until it is your turn to testify. Thank you.

<https://nysba.zoom.us/j/99830287193>

• 877 853 5257 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 998 3028 7193

On Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 3:47 PM Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

TO: Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

Inasmuch as your only other scheduled witness is Assemblyman Cunningham, testifying by zoom, I believe it makes sense for me to spare myself the exhaustion of a trip to Albany. Therefore, I, too, will testify by zoom.

Will you be sending the link tomorrow – and is there a testing to be sure the system is working beforehand, as was done when I have testified before the Legislature at its budget hearings during covid and as was done this past April 22nd, by the Appellate Division, Third Department, for my oral argument of the appeal of *CJA v. JCOPE, et al*?

Thank you.

Elena

From: NYS Salary Commission <nyscompensation@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:35 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Subject: Re: Confused -- Tomorrow's Albany Hearing

We have sent you the full list. There are only two witnesses scheduled.

On Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 3:01 PM Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

TO: Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

I have just seen your e-mail and hasten to respond.

Are there only two witnesses? Myself and Assemblyman Cunningham, testifying by zoom?

Please advise as to the full list, so I can better decide.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower

From: NYS Salary Commission <nyscompensation@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 1:55 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Subject: Re: Thank you -- CJA's June 27, 2024 request to testify at the Commission's Oct 10, 2024 hearing on legislative and executive compensation

Ms. Sassower,

The schedule tomorrow is as follows:

Public hearing begins at noon.

1. Assemblymember Brian Cunningham (zoom)
2. Remarks by Chairperson Fahey

3. Elena Sassower

Have you decided if you will be appearing by zoom?

Thank you.

On Mon, Oct 7, 2024 at 10:53 AM Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

Thank you.

My preference is to testify, in person. However, I appreciate the possibility of testifying *via* zoom. I will let you know whether I will be testifying in person or by zoom Wednesday afternoon or first thing Thursday morning.

Again, thank you.

Elena Sassower

From: NYS Salary Commission <nyscompensation@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 10:31 AM

To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: Re: CJA's June 27, 2024 request to testify at the Commission's Oct 10, 2024 hearing on legislative and executive compensation

Yes, we have you on our list as one of the people who will be testifying. Retired Judge Fahey has also approved your participation by zoom if you would like. Once we have the approximate schedule, we will send you the zoom link for Thursday.

On Fri, Oct 4, 2024 at 1:48 PM Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

TO: Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation

I have received no response to my below June 27, 2024 email requesting to testify at the Commission's October 10, 2024 hearing in Albany, now less than a week away.

Please confirm that I have been scheduled to testify.

As the Commission allowed two witnesses favoring judicial pay raises to testify remotely at its last year's October 31, 2023 Albany hearing, held, as the October 10, 2024 hearing will be, at the New York State Bar Association, please advise as to whether any of your other witnesses will be testifying remotely and whether I have the option of testifying remotely.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 12:36 PM
To: 'nyscompensation@gmail.com' <nyscompensation@gmail.com>

Subject: Request to testify at the Commission's Oct 10th 2024 hearing on legislative and executive compensation

TO: Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation

This is to request to testify at the Commission's October 10th hearing on legislative and executive compensation, to be held in Albany, beginning at 12 noon – so-decided at your just-concluded meeting that was live-streamed.

Thank you.

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