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Subject: NEWS FLASH: THE PEOPLE FIGHT BACK! Lawsuit to Stop the Judicial Pay Raises that Go Into Effect Today, April 1st

THE PEOPLE FIGHT BACK: NO PAY RAISES FOR JUDGES WHO CORRUPT JUSTICE – THE MONEY BELONGS TO THE VICTIMS!

On Friday, March 30th, the non-partisan, nonprofit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), brought suit against New York's highest constitutional officers, challenging the pay raises for New York State judges that go into effect today, as unconstitutional, statutorily-violative, and fraudulent.

Among the contentions of the verified complaint is that it is unconstitutional to raise judicial salaries unless there are functioning mechanisms to discipline and remove judges who are not discharging their constitutional duty to render fair and impartial justice. It particularizes, with case file evidence, that existing appellate and supervisory mechanisms and the Commission on Judicial Conduct have been corrupted.

In addition to this case file evidence, the verified complaint chronicles that in 2009, the Senate Judiciary Committee aborted hearings on the Commission on Judicial Conduct and court-controlled attorney discipline system, at which a succession of witnesses testified about systemic corruption in New York's judiciary and supplied documentary evidence in substantiation. No investigation of their testimony or documents was ever undertaken, no findings were ever rendered, no committee report was ever issued.

The verified complaint asserts that the legislative and executive branches are colluding with the judiciary on the judicial pay raise issue so as to lay the groundwork for securing their own pay raises and particularizes facts culminating in a first cause of action entitled "Evisceration of the Separation of Powers: Collusion of the Three Government Branches against the People".

In addition to declaratory relief, the verified complaint seeks to have the monies that have been earmarked for the judicial pay raises deposited into a superfund for restitution to the victims of judicial misconduct.

An order to show cause to stay the judicial pay raise pending determination of the verified complaint is returnable on Monday, April 16th – the day before New Yorkers are required to pay taxes that will be used to pay for the judicial pay raises.

Both the verified complaint and the order to show cause, filed in Supreme Court/Bronx County, are posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the top panel "Latest News". Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm> .

I am available for your questions, etc. -- & can be reached at 718-708-5303.

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