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## RE: <u>QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC</u> <u>NOMINATION FOR NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL:</u> SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 DEBATE

Each of the four candidates for the Democratic nomination for New York Attorney General, as well as the Republican nominee, was sent – by fax, e-mail, and certified mail/rrr – a June 20, 2006 memorandum-letter from the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA).

The letter summarized CJA's "direct, first-hand experience with New York's current and past Attorneys General, going back nearly a decade and a half". It recounted that "New York's Attorneys General engage in a *modus operandi* of litigation fraud to defend state judges and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption, where they have NO legitimate defense -- and are rewarded by fraudulent judicial decisions". The letter asked the candidates whether, if elected, they would confront the <u>documentary evidence</u> of this corruption, established by casefiles, and take appropriate corrective steps, including criminal prosecutions of the <u>personally</u> involved Attorneys General – Eliot Spitzer among them.

There has been NO response from ANY of the Attorney General candidates to this serious and substantial June 20, 2006 letter. Why is that? Is this the kind of responsibility and responsiveness that voters can expect from them if elected New York's highest law enforcement officer?

The Attorney General is "The People's Lawyer". Did these four Democratic candidates <u>not</u> read the 3-1/4-page letter and its 15 pages of substantiating enclosures? And did they <u>not</u> review the referred-to casefile evidence posted on CJA's website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u>, including the records of three separate lawsuits against the Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption? What were their findings of fact and conclusions of law as to these casefile records?

So that these four candidates cannot plead ignorance – and so that voters can NOW have the candidates' clear and unequivocal answers as to whether, if elected, they will make findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to such casefile records – and whether, based thereon, they will meet their <u>mandatory</u> professional and ethical obligations to take appropriate action, including by criminal prosecutions of their predecessor Attorneys General, a copy of this memo is being faxed and e-mailed to each of them.

It is long past time to END that which is *readily-verifiable* from casefile records<sup>1</sup>: the State Attorney General's *modus operandi* of litigation fraud in defending lawsuits against state judges and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, rewarded by fraudulent judicial decisions – causing vast and irreparable injury to innocent New Yorkers and to New York State as a whole.

For the convenience of all concerned, CJA's <u>electorally-decisive</u> June 20, 2006 memorandum-letter, with its certified mail/e-mail/ and faxed receipts, is posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the sidebar panel, "Elections 2006: Informing the Voters" – under the heading "Searching for Champions".

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cc: Would-Be New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo Would-Be New York Attorney General Mark Green Would-Be New York Attorney General Charlie King Would-Be New York Attorney General Sean Patrick Maloney WNBC-NY Channel 4 reporter Gabe Pressman, moderator of a televised September 3, 2006 debate between the Democratic Attorney General candidates Would-Be New York Attorney General Jeanine Pirro, Republican Nominee The Media The Public

It must be noted that in 1998, when the <u>Law Journal</u> and City Bar sponsored a similar debate between that year's four candidates for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General (Eliot Spitzer, among them), CJA presented a comparable question. Our September 8, 1998 memo to the <u>Law Journal</u> and City Bar, annexing our September 7, 1998 correspondence to each of these Attorney General candidates are posted on our above-cited <u>New York Law Journal</u> and City Bar webpages.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CJA has repeatedly provided copies of such casefiles – including of the lawsuits against the Commission on Judicial Conduct – to BOTH the <u>Law Journal</u> and City Bar, indeed to Ms. Fischer and Mr. Kamins *personally* so that they could *independently verify* the documentarily-established corruption and take action, consistent with their professional and ethical responsibilities. See, CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org – sidebar panels: "Press Suppression – <u>New York Law Journal</u>" (including CJA's November 30, 2001 and August 12, 1997 letters to Kris Fischer) and "Searching for Champions (Correspondence): Bar Associations – Association of the Bar of the City of New York" (including CJA's June 20, 2000 letter to then City Bar President Evan Davis, which then City Bar Judiciary Committee Chairman Barry Kamins *personally* saw on that date, and which was referred-to in CJA's subsequent correspondence to him, with a copy given to him, *in hand*, on September 12, 2000; CJA's November 13, 2000 report (pages 11-12)); Also, see sidebar panel "Searching for Champions (Correspondence) – NYS: "Appellate Division, Second Department Review Committee" (in particular, CJA's November 6, 2003 letter to Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes (pages 14-21)).