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**PoorboyinRoch**

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6:46 AM on August 29, 2011

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This is an outrage. Another example of NYS government being out of touch with reality. NYS Supreme Court Judges have a 14 year term of office. Where else can you find a job that pays \$160K a year, long with generous perks and benefits, that you are guaranteed to have for 14 years, no matter what you do (or don't do)!!! They have to run for office only twice and they can retire with a NYS pension! What a deal!! Where do I sign up? Given this, I really have trouble believing that it's tough finding qualified people for these offices. WAKE UP PEOPLE! This is just another excuse from NYS Government to throw away our tax dollars for no purpose! These judges don't need a raise, they need a good dose of reality!

**Number-6**

Score: 1

7:29 AM on August 29, 2011

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I for one am not "urging" a 27 percent pay increase for any state employees. Most people in the private sector are lucky to get a two percent raise if any. Meanwhile some panel recommends a 27 percent salary increase. That's Ridiculous! If these judges feel they are not being paid what they are worth they can step down from the bench and work as attorney's. I hear those folk make a decent living. God knows there's enough lawyers around.

3 replies

**BensonHodges**

Score: 1

7:41 AM on August 29, 2011

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Bureacrats granting raises to other bureacrats. If they don't like the salary they can go back to being ambulance chasing lawyers. My fixe income hasn't increased in ten years.

**transit1**

Score: 0

7:59 AM on August 29, 2011

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If they don't like the Pay the are getting have them go back to being Ambulance chasers. Once again a govt. panel makes up it's mind that these judges deserve a raise in salary, once again they don't care because it's not their money that's paying them. god when are these people going to wake up to the fact that NYS is in debt, and getting deeper everyday as long as so many Corp. and Tax paying people are moving out of NY and all that's left are the ones that are collecting cadillac health care, subsidized housing,

subsidized heating, Food stamps and on and on and on !

### RoadLizard

8:30 AM on August 29, 2011

Score: -2

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I laughed at the comment made by the bar association clown that says we cant attract top talent without huge salries. Realy? What exactly makes a top talent judge? Alls they do is sit up there, flip a coin, and sentence people. Big freegin deal. Ill do it for half that amount. Where do I sign up?

Typical lawyers.... totally worthless.

... 1 reply

### Needles

8:35 AM on August 29, 2011

Score: -2

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In upstate NY, the pool of candidates for Supreme Court elections is bottomless and the current salary is more than acceptable. The problem is NYC where the cost of living does not allow judges the option of living on the upper East/West sides of Central Park. This not only affects the prestige of the job but their social register standing and might mean that in NYC the quality of the candidates is nowhere near the same as upstate. The social register standing refers to the quality and wealth of the people the judge might meet at cocktail parties who might be able to influence his judgement. But who cares about NYC?

Yet, as is typical in NY, we can't just raise judicial salaries in NYC where the problem is, and the greatest number of judges - we have to let the rising tide raise all boats.

Judges know what the salary and benefits are when they accept a nomination. As long as the pool of candidates is limitless, the only ones complaining are those that desire a more prestigious apartment in NYC to serve out the remainder of their 14 years and retire at a pension that will allow them a condo in FL for the Winter.

Solution - get rid of the independent commissions that allow politicians to avoid being responsible and let voters within the various judicial districts decide what that districts judges should be paid. When we have a problem getting candidates, we can raise the pay.

Another option would be to shorten the term of office to 5 years so judges that are not happy with their chosen lot in life can 'retire' and get back into the 24/7 grind of a lucrative paractice. We could also add a rule that says a judge would need to serve three terms to qualify for any pension.

### transit1

8:41 AM on August 29, 2011

Score: -2

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Gad,

Aren't they elected for 10 yrs. Their job security is almost as safe as a Teachers ! What more could they want.

### 2012ENDOFANERROR

10:03 AM on August 29, 2011

Score: -1

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I am an attorney, and I am ashamed of these judges. What a joke. Most of these judges failed at the practice of law so they became judges. What an absolute disgrace.

### tohighnow

10:05 AM on August 29, 2011

Score: 0

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More money will help draw top talent. What a laugh this is another example of government BS. Has more money work in the schools? How much do they paid for medical insurance ? How much do they pay toward their pensions ? How much do they

get for expenses ? How many days are they in court ? If these facts were figured in their salaries they would be way over paid. If they want more money then cut the benefits. That is the way it works in the real world.

Just what we need richer 14 year term judges passing judgment on the masses. If they don't understand the pain of the rest then they our further out of touch. They seem to think they are above most of us now. Hows that working for you?

**Bus35**

Score: 0

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10:44 AM on August 29, 2011

**NO RAISE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Who the heck is on this commission????????????????????

27% for what????????????????????

If they been on the bench for ten years get them off.

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Where is **ANDY** on this

farce??

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crimeguy

10:44 AM on August 29, 2011

Score: 1

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Anybody else her looking at a 27% raise? I didn't think so. First and foremost, judges are politicians. I don't think that ANY politicians deserve a raise, especially given the state of the economy.



rmag19

1:43 PM on August 29, 2011

Score: 1

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Im all for them getting their 27% raises to get their pay in closer alignment to the private sector, however, in order for them to get the pay increase, they need to give up their excellent and free health insurance and switch from a tax payer funded pension to a 401k like the private sector now has...

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