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Subject: **June 17, 2022 oral argument on TRO -- CJA, et al. v. JCOPE, et al. (#904235-22/Albany County)**

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This follows my phone and e-mail communications with you and/or your offices on Tuesday, Wednesday, and today concerning the lawsuit against you, *Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., et al. v. New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics, et al.*, filed in Albany County (#904235-22).

Next Friday, June 17th, at 2 p.m., oral argument will be had, in Albany County Supreme Court at 16 Eagle Street, before Justice Peter Lynch, on petitioners/plaintiffs' request for a TRO to stay the "ethics commission reform act of 2022" – Part QQ of Education, Labor, Housing, and Family Assistance Budget Bill #S.8006-C/A.9006-C – from taking effect on July 8, 2022 and to enjoin JCOPE from closing, pending final determination of the lawsuit's June 6, 2022 verified petition/complaint and its accompanying order to show cause. At issue is the sixth cause of action (¶¶78-85) that Part QQ was enacted unconstitutionally, unlawfully, and by fraud.

On June 17th, I will serve you with hard copies of the papers. In the meantime, you will not be hampered in the slightest in preparing, **fully**, for the oral argument, as all the papers are available electronically, *via* NYSCEF (New York State Courts Electronic Filing). The direct link to the electronic docket of the case is [here](#). You can also access the verified petition/complaint, the order to show cause, and my accompanying affidavit from CJA's website, www.judgewidth.org – and the direct link is [here](#). Indeed, accessing the case

via NYSCEF and CJA's website will enable you to access the scores, if not hundreds, of substantiating links petitioners/plaintiffs' papers contain, not accessible from the hard copies.

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Justice Lynch's principal law clerk, Stehle Hetman-Mika, is herewith cc'd, as discussed with her.

Thank you.

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