



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAW

VINCENT W. HARRIGAN
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September 19, 2016

Elena Sassower
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.
P. O. Box 8101
White Plains, New York 10602

Re: Freedom of Information Law Request
Elected Official Information

Via E-mail Only to: elena@judgewatch.org

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This follows my letter to you dated August 15, 2016 with respect to the above referenced matter.

In response to your request dated July 14, 2016, please find enclosed a chart of elected officials' salaries and benefits for the years you requested consisting of one (1) page.

We are continuing to process your request dated August 8, 2016.

As you may be aware, the County is authorized to collect a fee for providing these copies. The fee is being waived due to the small number of pages being provided.

We trust that this response is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Kurt D. Gustafson
First Assistant County Attorney

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Enclosure

Chautauqua County, New York

Elected Official	2007	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Annual Salary						
District Attorney	\$119,800	\$119,800	\$119,800	\$140,300	\$146,401	\$152,501	\$156,072
County Clerk	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$53,000
County Executive	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Sheriff	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$82,500

Paid and Earned Benefits

NYS Retirement System

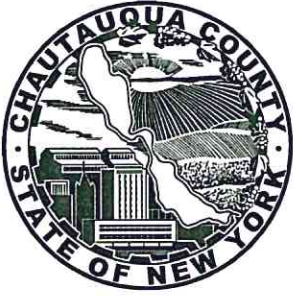
Health Insurance

Group Life Insurance

Longevity Bonus

Wellness Program (beginning 2013)

Health insurance upon retirement from County Service based on earned credit



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Re: Freedom of Information Law Request
District Attorney Information

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your requests for information to the Chautauqua County Records Access Officer dated July 14 and August 8, 2016 with respect to the above referenced matter.

The County is authorized to collect fees for copies of documents provided under the Freedom of Information Law. The usual fee is \$0.25 per copied page or the actual cost of reproducing any other record and is payable upon receipt of any documents provided. The Freedom of Information Law also stipulates that certain information can be denied, however, the County is required to advise you of your rights to appeal such denials. If you choose to appeal a denial of information, you must do so in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of such denial. The appealing authority is Vincent W. Horrigan, County Executive, 3 N. Erie Street, Mayville, NY 14757. Your appeal must state the date of the denial, the information requested, the information denied, and the reason for the denial.

This is not a denial of your request. Due to the broad scope of your request, we expect to provide a response on or before August 31, 2016.

Sincerely,

Kurt D. Gustafson
First Assistant County Attorney

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July 14, 2016

TO: FOIL/Records Access Officer – The 56 Counties Whose Judicially-Linked Full-Time District Attorneys are Paid from their County Budgets

FROM: Elena Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: FOIL: Salaries & Other “Compensation & Non-Salary Benefits” – for District Attorneys and Other Full-Time Elected County Officers

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law [Public Officers Law, VI], request is made for records reflecting:

(1) the yearly salary of the county’s district attorney, and, additionally, his/her yearly other “compensation and non-salary” benefits, such as pension, health insurance, etc.:

as of January 1, 2016 – and any change as of April 1, 2016;
as of January 1, 2015 – and any change as of April 1, 2015;
as of January 1, 2014 – and any change as of April 1, 2014;
as of January 1, 2013 – and any change as of April 1, 2013;
as of January 1, 2012 – and any change as of April 1, 2012;
as of January 1, 2011 – and any change as of April 1, 2011;
as of January 1, 2007 – and any change as of April 1, 2007;

(2) the yearly salaries and other “compensation and non-salary benefits” of the county’s other full-time elected officers, excepting state-paid judges, for 2007 and for each year from 2011 to 2016;

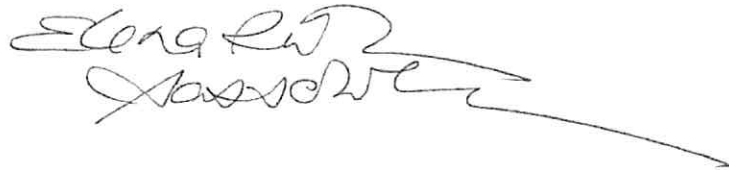
Additionally, for counties with populations under 40,000, request is made for records, including minutes, notes, and videos of relevant county board and committee meetings, showing:

- (i) the date the county board designated the office of district attorney as full-time – and the reasons therefor;
- (ii) the salary and other “compensation and non-salary benefits” of the part-time district attorney immediately prior to the change-over to full-time district attorney;

- (iii) the salary that the board determined for the county's first full-time district attorney – and his/her other "compensation and non-salary benefits" – and the basis for each;
- (iv) any subsequent changes the board made to the salary and other "compensation and non-salary benefits" of the county's full-time district attorney – and, in particular, the date it made the district attorney salary equal to that of its county judges – and the basis for each.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89.3, your response/acknowledgment is required "within five business days" of your receipt of this request. I would appreciate if you e-mailed it to me at elena@judgewatch.org.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elena R. W." followed by a stylized, cursive signature that extends to the right.