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Subject: **CJA's April 11, 2024 & June 14, 2024 letters for full Committee reconsideration of complaints that Chief Attorney Duffy declined to investigate -- & the status of CJA's April 10, 2024 complaint vs AD4-AGC Chief Counsel Kelly**
Attachments: [4-11-24-reconsideration-AD3-AGC-egan-fontaine.pdf](#);
[6-14-24-reconsideration-ad3-agc.pdf](#);
[4-10-24-reconsideration-nine-AD4agc7-corrected.pdf](#)

TO: [AD3-AGC Chair Scott J. Clippinger, Esq. & Members](#)

I have received no response to my above-attached April 11, 2024 and June 14, 2024 letters for full Committee reconsideration of Chief Attorney Monica Duffy's dismissals, *without investigation*, of two separate, yet related, fully-documented attorney misconduct complaints – both letters additionally initiating a complaint against Chief Attorney Duffy for her fraud in purporting that the complaints she was declining to investigate do “not state...professional misconduct”.

For your convenience, CJA's webpages for these two fully-documented complaints are:

- [HERE](#) for CJA's January 29, 2024 complaint against [Theresa Egan](#) and [R. Nadine Fontaine](#), each attorney-members of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation – with the complaint against Attorney Fontaine transferred to this Committee from the Second Department's Attorney Grievance Committee for its 9th Judicial District, of which I was notified by a [January 30, 2024 letter](#) of its Chief Counsel;
- [HERE](#) for CJA's [October 25, 2023 complaint](#) against five attorney-staff of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, whose transfer to this Committee I was notified of by a [March 29, 2024 letter](#) from Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committee Chief Counsel Cydney Kelly.

My e-mails transmitting the April 11, 2024 and June 14, 2024 reconsideration/complaint letters to you are below.

Please advise as to the status of these two reconsideration letters/complaints – and, additionally, the status of my above-attached April 10, 2024 complaint against Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committee Chief Counsel Kelly and her 7th Judicial District Principal Counsel Eftihia Bourtis, arising from their fraudulent dismissals, *without investigation*, of the October 25, 2023 complaint against nine attorneys, [Monroe County Attorney John Bringewatt](#), among them, whose transfer to this Committee I

was notified of by a [May 30, 2024 letter](#) from Chief Counsel Kelly, to which Chief Attorney Duffy was cc'd. I received no communications from Chief Attorney Duffy with respect thereto, nor from this Committee.

Thank you.

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Subject: Again, Corruption at AD3-AGC -- now by Chief Attorney Duffy's May 16, 2024 "Notice...Not to Investigate" CJA's Oct 25, 2023 complaint vs AD4 attorney staff, transferred by AD4-AGC Chief Counsel Kelly

TO: [AD3-AGC Chair Scott J. Clippinger, Esq. & Members](#)

Above attached is my self-explanatory letter of today's date for:

“(1) Full Committee Reconsideration of CJA’s October 25, 2023 complaint of professional misconduct by Appellate Division, Fourth Department attorney staff;

(2) Complaint against Chief Attorney Duffy for fraud by her May 16, 2024 ‘Notice of Declination to Investigate [the] Complaint’, purporting it did ‘not state...professional misconduct’;

(3) Oversight & Corrective Action by AD3-AGC Members, including pursuant to Rule 8.3(a) of New York’s Rules of Professional Conduct.”

Below is my previous April 11, 2024 e-mail, alerting you to Chief Attorney Duffy's corrupting of her office and annexing a substantiating [April 11, 2024 letter](#) – to which I received no response. This is recited at page 2 of my above-attached and here-linked [June 14, 2024 letter](#).

CJA's webpage for the [October 25, 2023 complaint](#), filed with AD4-AGC, that is the subject of my today's letter is [here](#).

Kindly forward this e-mail to the Committee members whose e-mail addresses I could not find: the non-attorneys Marcus Q. Pryor, John P. Triller, and C. Wells Horton, and attorneys Dana D. Peck, Esq. and D. Alan Wrigley, Jr., Esq.

I am available to answer questions and would welcome the opportunity to do so, under oath.

Thank you.

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Subject: Corruption at AD3-AGC -- Chief Attorney Duffy's "Notice...Not to Investigate a Complaint" vs two attorney-members of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation for penal law violations that are automatically disbarable

TO: [AD3-AGC Chair Scott J. Clippinger, Esq. & Members](#)

I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.](#) (CJA)

Your Chief Attorney Monica Duffy – on whom you rely – has, for years, been corrupting her office and the latest instance is the subject of a complaint I have embodied in my above-attached letter of today’s date for full Committee reconsideration of her two March 19, 2024 letters giving “Notice of Determination Not to Investigate” my two January 29, 2024 complaints against two attorney-members of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, whose December 4, 2023 misnomered “Report on Judicial Compensation” is a “false instrument” – so-proven by [CJA’s January 18, 2024 Opposition Report](#), on which the complaints rest.

As stated by my above-attached letter (at pp. 3-4):

“[Penal Law §175.35](#): ‘Offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree’ is a long-recognized ground for disbarment, utilized by this Committee to procure automatic disbarment for analogous federal charges. Among the Appellate Division, Third Department decisions granting this Committee’s motions for disbarment based on federal convictions or pleas: [Matter of Duker](#), 242 AD2d 853 (1997), cited by the Appellate Division, First Department’s 2022 decision in [Matter of Ahern](#), 205 AD3d 196. [Matter of Duker](#) in turn cites to [Matter of Zumbo](#), 191 AD2d 805 (3rd Dept. 1993), which then cites to [Matter of Sparrow](#), 161 AD2d 829 (3rd Dept. 1990), citing to the 1977 Court of Appeals decision in [Matter of Chu](#), 42 NY2d 490.”

CJA’s webpage for Chief Attorney Duffy’s handling of my two January 29, 2024 complaints, culminating in my April 11, 2024 complaint against her and request for full Committee reconsideration, is [here](#).

Kindly forward this e-mail to the Committee members whose e-mail addresses I could not find: the non-attorneys, Marcus Q. Pryor, John P. Triller, and C. Wells Horton, and attorneys Dana D. Peck, Esq. and D. Alan Wrigley, Jr., Esq.

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