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**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2024 2:35 PM  
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**Cc:** 'David.Soares@albanycountyny.gov'

**Subject:** **EXPEDITION REQUIRED BY ALBANY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION: Conflict of Interest Complaint vs Albany County D.A. Soares**

**Attachments:** [7-17-24-complaint-vs-soares-to-albany-ethics.pdf](#);  
[7-17-24-transmittal-to-soares.pdf](#)

**TO: Albany County Ethics Commission**

c/o Law Department Counsel – Asst. County Attorney Sia Zois Googas  
c/o Clerk of the Legislature Necole Chambers

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's signed and notarized July 17, 2024 ethics complaint against Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares for violation of Albany County's Code of Ethics, proscribing financial interest and mandating recusal. CJA's webpage on which it is posted is [here](#).

In conformity with the instructions on the complaint form and the [Ethics Commission's website](#), the complaint will also be mailed "in an Envelope Marked 'Confidential'...c/o Clerk of the Legislature". You will find, however, that reviewing the complaint from the above-attached or posted pdf is far more useful, as it contains live hyperlinks to the evidence, to facilitate verification.

I note that the sole "Ethics Commission Determination" posted on the Commission's website, that of [November 15, 2023](#), states "Due to the Law Department having a conflict [pertaining to the subject complaint], the Commission determined that outside counsel was necessary to handle the preliminary review phase investigation".

In light of the particulars of this complaint (at pp. 5-8) pertaining to my 2016 e-mails to then County Attorney Daniel Lynch, alerting him to the situation and to his duty, I trust the Ethics Commission will similarly decide that the Law Department has a conflict and that outside counsel must be retained.

Please confirm that this is the case – and that the Ethics Commission, whose next meeting is not until [September 25, 2024](#), will be making that decision at an IMMEDIATE meeting convened for that purpose, inasmuch as this complaint against D.A. Soares, impacting the 2024 Albany D.A. race and the races for all 213 state legislative seats, plainly requires investigation and determination PRONTO.

To further facilitate expedition, D.A. Soares is cc'd on the complaint and on this e-mail, which includes the above-attached July 17, 2024 transmittal letter to him, to which the Ethics Commission is cc'd.

Thank you.

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