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**Subject:** **AGAIN, & for the 3rd Time: What is the status of CJA's Jan 29, 2024 sworn complaint vs the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation? Etc.**

**Attachments:** [1-29-24-complaint-with-form-58pp.pdf](#)

**TO:** [Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government \(COELIG\)](#)

Below is my chain of e-mails to you pertaining to CJA's above-attached and here-linked [January 29, 2024 complaint vs the \(3rd\) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation](#) – to which the ONLY response I received was a completely generic, boiler-plate June 5, 2024 “Automatic reply” e-mail to my below June 5, 2024 e-mail that had been sent moments before.

Did you respond – and if not, why not?

Please furnish me with:

- the complaint number assigned to CJA's January 29, 2024 complaint – and advise as to its status;
- the complaint number assigned to [CJA's October 2, 2023 complaint vs COELIG's commissioners, executive director, etc.](#) – and advise as to its status, including of its reconsideration request of [CJA's July 8, 2022 complaint](#) & [October 6, 2022 supplement](#);
- “the Commission's written procedures/manual for receipt, docketing, acknowledgment, preliminary review, investigation of complaints, notification of disposition to complainants – and reconsideration”, requested by my [December 5, 2023 FOIL request](#) in connection with the October 2, 2023 complaint/reconsideration request, and reiterated by my below June 5, 2024 e-mail.

As I do not have e-mail addresses for new Commission Chair Austin and new Commission member Caras, I request that you forward this e-mail to them.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** FOIL Request for COELIG's written procedures/manual governing complaints & reconsideration; CJA's unacknowledged Jan 29, 2024 complaint & Oct 2, 2023 complaint

**TO:** [Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government \(COELIG\)](#)

[Executive Law §94.10\(e\)](#) requires that “The commission shall notify the complainant, if any, that the commission has received their complaint”. Yet, even after sending you my below May 30, 2024 e-mail inquiring as to the status of CJA’s above-attached January 29, 2024 complaint against the seven members of the (3<sup>rd</sup>) Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, I have still received no notification from you of receipt of that complaint. Why is that?

By a [December 5, 2023 FOIL request](#) in connection with CJA’s [sworn October 2, 2023 complaint vs COELIG’s commissioners, executive director, etc](#), to which I had received no notification of receipt – and have still received none – I requested:

“the Commission’s written procedures/manual for receipt, docketing, acknowledgment, preliminary review, investigation of complaints, notification of disposition to complainants – and reconsideration. As illustrative, here is what I received, pursuant to FOIL, to comparable requests, [from the State Inspector General](#) and [from the New York City Department of Investigation](#).”

Your response, by a [January 9, 2024 e-mail](#), was:

“Written procedures that align with the Ethics Commission Reform Act are in preparation but, at this time, are not yet final. ... As such, the Commission is withholding non-final intra-agency drafts of its written procedures concerning the topics referenced in your request at this time.”

Haven’t such requested “written procedures/manual” by now been finalized?

Pursuant to FOIL, I request same.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** STATUS? -- CJA's Jan 29, 2024 Sworn Complaint vs (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

**TO:** [Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government \(COELIG\)](#)

I have received no acknowledgment or other communication, including of disposition, for my above-attached sworn and notarized fully-documented January 29, 2024 complaint against the seven members of the (3<sup>rd</sup>) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation for their knowing and deliberate Public Officers Law §74 violations, sent by the below e-mails.

What is the status of the complaint – and what “reference ID” number did you assign to it?

Thank you.

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The above corrects a bookmarking error only. Please forward to Co-Chair Austin, whose e-mail I don't have. Although Commissioners Carni and Whittingham each resigned, I am cc'ing them, so that they can be apprised of the situation they enabled.

Thank you.

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Attached is CJA's complaint against the seven members of the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation for their knowing and deliberate violations of [Public Officers Law §74](#) to which they swore to comply. The particulars, with live links to the substantiating evidence, are set forth by CJA's January 18, 2024 Opposition Report to the Commission's misnomered December 4, 2023 "Final Report on Judicial Compensation", attached to the complaint form. Page 17 recites details of their signed and sworn Public Officers Law §74 declarations.

Thank you.

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