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Subject: Elections 2016: What Assemblyman Steck & Other Re-Election Seeking Legislators Concealed in Responding/Non-Responding to Your Times-Union Survey on Pay Raises...
Attachments: 5-3-16-email-to-steck.pdf; 2-7-14-email-to-steck.pdf

Dear Casey,

RE: "Hard to talk of pay raises", Albany Times Union, October 24, 2016: <http://www.timesunion.com/tuplus-local/article/Hard-to-talk-of-pay-raises-10131609.php>

I am rushing out the door right now. ALL the legislators are up for re-election – and a great many, such as Assemblyman Steck, are lawyers. They certainly know how to evaluate the significance of lawsuit challenges – as, for instance, CJA lawsuits challenging the constitutionality and lawfulness of the statutes establishing the Commission on Judicial Compensation and the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, *as written and as applied*. Their duty was to reveal to you that, AS A MATTER OF LAW, any fair and impartial tribunal would have to strike down the statutes and the Commission reports – with a "claw-back" of the \$200 million dollars already disbursed in judicial and district attorney salary increases and related salary-based non-salary benefits.

Below and attached is what I sent to Assemblyman Steck last week – to which I received no answer.

By copy of this e-mail to him, let him correct and supplement your reporting of his response to you. The transcript of his testimony, before the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation on March 23, 2016, is here: <http://nyscommissiononcompensation.org/pdf/CompensationCommission032316%203.pdf>. See pp. 19-37. The video is here: <http://nyscommissiononcompensation.org/index.shtml>

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Subject: What was the outcome of your review of the March 23rd verified 2nd supplemental complaint in CJA's citizen-taxpayer action? --

Dear Assemblyman Steck,

After leaving a voice mail message for you at your district office, I have just concluded a lengthy conversation with your assistant, Ms. Brown pertaining to our phone conversations on May 3, 2016 and my e-mail to you of that date. It is attached, as is my February 7, 2014 e-mail to you. I have no record of response from you to either of these. Did you respond?

What findings of fact and conclusions of law did you – as a lawyer-legislator and member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee – make with respect to the May 23rd verified 2nd supplemental complaint in CJA’s citizen-taxpayer action concerning the budget, the judicial pay raises – and the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation?

I will be testifying before the Commission tomorrow – including as to what became of the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth causes of action in the lawsuit – now presented as the sixth, seventh, and eighth causes of action in a new citizen-taxpayer action, commenced on September 2, 2016: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2016/menu-2nd-citizen-taxpayer-action.htm>. Do you agree – or disagree – that, like the first, its posture is one of summary judgment for the plaintiffs?

Thank you.

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