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TO: Ryan Tarinelli/New York Law Journal

I'm tied up right now, so I cannot call you, this morning, as I had intended, with respect to my below April 29th e-mail to you with the above-attached. Would tomorrow morning be convenient – or some other time tomorrow? Please advise as to what would best fit your schedule. I assume you are reachable *via* the phone numbers indicated for you on the Legislative Correspondents Association listing: 518-449-4255; 775-291-2177, the latter being your cell. Which do you prefer I use?

Thank you.

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Your April 26, 2021 New York Law Journal article, *'Why Didn't She Recuse Herself? NY's Top Judge Sided With Her Own Greenberg Traurig Lawyer'*, quotes former New York Law Journal reporter-turned Court of Appeals spokesman Gary Spencer as stating Court of Appeals judges “exercise a personal recusal and step off of the case” when they “find they have a conflict of interest” – and that, absent recusal, “they do not discuss whether any potential conflicts were considered”.

It is a LIE for Mr. Spencer to purport – and for you to uncritically repeat -- that when Court of Appeals judges have a conflict of interest, they “exercise a personal recusal and step off of the case”. Indeed, the most recent PROOF is laid out in a FULLY-DOCUMENTED February 7, 2021 conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint against the Court of Appeals judges, filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, pertaining to their OWN pay raises and the Judiciary budget, challenged by the landmark *CIA v. Cuomo...Schneiderman...DiFiore* citizen-taxpayer action, which came before the Court of Appeals on appeals by right and by leave.