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Subject: **INFORMING THE VOTERS: Niagara County's re-election-seeking D.A. Seaman & its 4 re-election-seeking state legislators, etc.**

Attachments: [7-18-24-daasny-notice-complaint.pdf](#);
[7-17-24-complaint-vs-soares-to-albany-ethics.pdf](#);
[7-17-24-transmittal-to-soares.pdf](#)

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The duty of the Niagara County D.A. is to enforce New York's penal laws and obey conflict of interest protocols. That is the subject of the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-attached July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Niagara County D.A. Brian Seaman, sent to him by the below e-mail. It involves his \$221,100 D.A. salary, statutorily-linked to the Niagara county court judge salary, \$101,300 of which is the product of three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports that Niagara County's four state legislators, Senate Minority Leader Robert Ortt and Assemblymen William Conrad, Michael Norris, Esq., and Angelo Morinello, Esq., each running for re-election, are knowledgeable of and complicit in. D.A. Seaman is himself running for re-election, unopposed, on the Republican and Conservative lines, for which he faced no primary challenge on either line. How is that possible? And how is it possible that Senate Minority Leader Ortt, likewise, is running, unopposed, on the Republican and Conservative lines, for which he faced no primary challenge on either line – and that Assemblyman William Conrad is running, unopposed, on the Democratic and Working Families lines, also having faced no primary challenge on either line.

I have received no response from him to the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, which requested his response by August 1, 2024 to two simple questions:

- (1) whether he would be repudiating the \$101,300 salary difference and advising Niagara County to secure a judicial declaration voiding the three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports?;
- (2) whether he would be recusing himself from the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint and securing an independent prosecutor?

As D.A. Seaman will surely be more responsive to inquiries from the Investigative Post, I am cc'ing him.

Please call me so that we can discuss these two questions and your election reporting and editorializing about Niagara County's D.A. race, state legislative races, and judicial races – all involving “false instrument”, penal law-violating salaries for these offices.

Thank you.

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Subject: NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint -- Your D.A. salary increases, the judicial salary increases on which they are based, & the violations of NY penal laws by state legislators within your jurisdictions

District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY)

**ATT: President/Richmond County D.A. Michael McMahon
NYS' 61 Other D.A. and Acting D.A. Members**

Above-attached are CJA's July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint and underlying July 17, 2024 ethics complaint to the Albany County Ethics Commission against Albany County D.A. Soares and its accompanying transmittal letter to him.

So that I may be guided accordingly, please let me hear from each of you by no later than two weeks from today, August 1, 2024, with respect to both the NOTICE and July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, herewith filed with you.

Thank you.

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