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Subject: **Your Aug 15th articles in Niagara Gazette & Investigative Post MUST be the starting point for an expose of how Niagara County's corrupt public officers, collude with its corrupt political parties, to render Niagara County elections completely sham.**

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](#)

TO: Mark Scheer/Niagara Gazette – Investigative Post

Your two August 15th articles, "[Lockport Assemblyman Norris in line for a judgeship](#)" (Niagara Gazette) and "[Four judgeships, four cross-endorsed candidates](#)" (Investigative Post), must be the starting point for an expose of how corrupt public officers aid and abet each other, including by fraudulent salary raises, and, in collusion with corrupt political parties, disenfranchise voters and render elections completely sham.

I can assist you with a mountain of primary-source, documentary EVIDENCE. To begin with, Assemblyman Norris corrupted his office as a state legislator – and D.A. Seaman has protected him, since 2020, when Seaman was running to be elected D.A. Here's my [August 24, 2020 e-mail to Seaman](#), specifically inquiring about his conflict-of-interest pertaining to Norris – who, with his fellow Niagara County state legislators, was the subject of my [June 18, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to then Niagara County D.A. Wojtaszek](#). Seaman ignored the e-mail and, following his election as Niagara D.A., ignored my [January 19, 2021 e-mail](#) resubmitting to him the grand jury/public corruption complaint and my [July 27, 2020 FOIL request](#), to which I had received a shocking and incriminating [September 18, 2020 response from D.A. Wojtaszek](#).

Likewise, D.A. Seaman ignored my above-attached July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, also against Niagara County state legislators, Norris among them – and this is the subject of my below August 13th e-mail to the [Niagara Gazette/Lockport Union-Sun Journal](#) that I sent shortly after speaking with Group News Editor Miles – and which, by an earlier [August 13th e-mail](#), I had sent to the [Investigative Post](#).

With respect to the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, its EVIDENCE includes four e-mails to Norris, in four different legislative capacities, all containing, in their titles, "...ALERT: \$34.6M at

pp. 18-19 of Budget Bill #S.8301/A.8801 must be stricken, as it is the product of statutory violations & fraud by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation":

- [my January 19, 2024 e-mail to Norris as a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee](#)
- [my January 19, 2024 e-mail to Norris as a member of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee](#)
- [my January 24, 2024 e-mail to Norris as member fo the Assembly Rules Committee](#)
- [my January 24, 2024 e-mail to Norris as a member of the Assembly Minority Leadership](#)

There is so much more – but I will wait until I speak with you, so as not to further overwhelm you. Call me, I am available, no matter how early or late.

Thank you.

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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.

TO: [Lockport Union-Sun & Journal](#) & [Niagara Gazette](#)

Cheryl Phillips, Publisher
Matt Winterhalter, Managing Editor
Joyce Miles, Group News Editor

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. Likewise, how is it possible that Senate Minority Leader Ortt is running for re-election unopposed, on Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primary for either line – and that Assemblyman William Conrad is running for re-election unopposed, on Democratic and Working Families lines for which he faced no primary for either line. As for Assemblymen Norris and Morinello, each running for re-election on both Republican and Conservative lines, they also faced no primary for either line.

I received no response from D.A. Seaman 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 Lockport Union Sun & Journal & Niagara Gazette, 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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