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TO: [Albany Legislative Correspondents Association Roster of Reporters](#)

[At 2 p.m. this Tuesday, Jan. 7th, the Court of Appeals is hearing oral argument](#) on the constitutionality of the Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (COELIG), successfully challenged by former Governor Cuomo in his lawsuit against it, in Albany Supreme Court and at the Appellate Division, Third Department.

The non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) has a great deal of direct, first-hand experience with COELIG and the facts and circumstances giving rise to it, as well as with what took place, in the *Cuomo v. COELIG* lawsuit, at the Appellate Division, Third Department.

On December 16th, CJA filed with the Court of Appeals a devastating [motion for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief to prevent fraud on the Court](#) by COELIG, by Cuomo, and by the *amici* "good government" organizations/NYC Bar Association and for "appropriate action" against them, *to wit*, sanctions and disciplinary, if not criminal, referrals. The motion demonstrates that their briefs to the Court, identically to their briefs to the Appellate Division, are materially fraudulent, that the Appellate Division decision is a fraud, and that COELIG is not only unconstitutional, *by its enactment* through the budget and by fraud, but, *as applied*, being a "herculean hoax", including its so-called "independent review committee" of 15 law school deans.

Cuomo and the "good government"/NYC Bar Association *amici* did NOT oppose the December 16th motion, at all – and COELIG's only opposition, on the December 30th return date, was a single-sentence purporting that the requested "appropriate action" has "no basis...and should be denied". Yesterday, [CJA filed a reply](#) as devastating as its December 16th motion.

For your convenience, everything is posted on [CJA's webpage for *Cuomo v. COELIG* at the Court of Appeals](#).

I am available to answer your questions. Feel free to call me, no matter how early or late.

Thank you.

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