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## **HOLDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE:**

"NO PAY RAISES FOR NYS JUDGES WHO CORRUPT JUSTICE -THE MONEY BELONGS TO THE VICTIMS!"

## COMPENDIUM OF EXHIBITS – Vol. 2

## OPPOSITION REPORT TO THE "FINAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL COMPENSATION"

IN SUPPORT OF: (1) legislative override; (2) statutory repeal; (3) criminal referrals; (4) appointment of a special prosecutor, task force, and/or inspector general

#### Exhibit I: CJA's August 8, 2011 letter to Commissioners

"RE: Threshold Issues Barring Commission Consideration of Pay Raises for Judges: (1) Chairman Thompson's Disqualification for Interest, as to which there has been No Determination; (2) Systemic Corruption in New York's Judiciary, Embracing the Commission on Judicial Conduct, as to which the has been No Determination; (3) The Fraud & Lack of Evidence Put Forward by Advocates of Judicial Pay Raises"

### Enclosures:

- **(1)** Transcription of Elena Sassower's July 20, 2011 testimony before the Commission on Judicial Compensation
- Comptroller Ed Reagan's 1989 report "Commission on Judicial (2) Conduct – Not Accountable to the Public: Resolving Charges Against Judges is Cloaked in Secrecy", with press release "Commission on Judicial Conduct Needs Oversight"
- (3) Transcription of Elena Sassower's questions at December 11, 2002 forum on Commission on Judicial Conduct, co-sponsored by NYS Bar Association & Fund for Modern Courts

#### Exhibit J-1: CJA's August 17, 2011 letter to Commissioners

"RE: Protecting the People of this State from Fraud: The Commission on Judicial Compensation's Duty to Identify the Case Presented by Opponents of ANY Judicial Pay Raises & to Make Findings with Respect Thereto, in Discharge of its Statutory Responsibilities"

### Enclosure:

CJA's August 16, 2011 letter to NYC Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo & Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary Chairman Zachary Carter

- Exhibit J-2: CJA's August 17, 2011 letter to Advocates of Judicial Pay Raises

  "RE: Protecting the People of this State from Fraud: The Commission on Judicial Compensation's Duty to Identify the Case Presented by Opponents of ANY Judicial Pay Raises & to Make Findings with Respect Thereto, in Discharge of its Statutory Responsibilities"
- Exhibit J-3: August 17, 2011 e-mail transmittal to NYC Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo, Mayor's Advisory Committee Chairman Zachary Carter, Bar Leaders Testifying at July 20, 2011 hearing, Victor Kovner/Chair-Fund for Modern Courts, Brennan Center for Justice: Michael Waldman/Executive Director, J. Adam Skaggs/Senior Counsel, Democracy Program

"Subject: Protecting the People of this State from Fraud: The Commission on Judicial Compensation's Duty...in Discharge of its Statutory Responsibilities"

Exhibit J-4: August 19, 2011 e-mail transmittal to Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau, Former Chief Judge Judith Kaye, Coalition of NYS Judicial Associations' Organizers Judges W. Dennis Duggan & Daniel Turbow, Joseph L. Forstadt, Esq./Counsel-Associations of Supreme Court Justices, Former Appellate Division, Second Department Justice Robert Spolzino

"Subject: Protecting the People of this State from Fraud: The Commission on Judicial Compensation's Duty...in Discharge of its Statutory Responsibilities"

- Exhibit J-5: August 22, 2011 e-mail transmittal to Martin Cirincione/Deputy
  Director/NY Prosecutors Training Institute, Inc., Dorchen
  Leidholdt/Director-Center for Battered Women's Legal
  Services/Sanctuary for Families, Catherine Cerulli/Associate
  Professor-University of Rochester School of Medicine
  "Subject: Protecting the People of this State from Fraud: The Commission on
  Judicial Compensation's Duty...in Discharge of its Statutory Responsibilities"
- Exhibit J-6: CJA's August 19, 2011 letter to Denis M. Hughes, President/NYS AFL-CIO "RE: Request for a Meeting & Reconsideration by the New York State AFL-CIO of its Support for Judicial Pay Raises"
- Exhibit J-7: CJA's August 22, 2011 letter to NYS League of Women Voters & Citizens Union of NYC

"RE: Request for a Meeting & Withdrawal of Support for Judicial Pay Raises"

# Exhibit K-1: CJA's August 23, 2011 letter to Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau

"RE: Ensuring that the Commission on Judicial Compensation is Not Led into Constitutional Error: Clarification of the Office of Court Administration's 'Memorandum discussing constitutional considerations in establishing judicial pay levels' – and the Substantiating Evidence" Enclosures:

- (1) OCA "Memorandum discussing constitutional considerations in establishing judicial pay levels"
- (2) CJA's June 14, 2011 letter to Chief Administrative Judge Pfau <u>Attachments</u>:
  - (1) Chief Administrative Judge Pfau's December 7, 2007 and September 23, 2008 Administrative Orders
  - (2) "Introduction" and "Questions Presented" from appellant's three appeal briefs
  - (3) March 16, 2011 letter to Appellate Division Justices Skelos, Eng, Hall, & Lott
  - (4) May 23, 2011 letter to Governor Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Skelos, Assembly Speaker Silver, Chief Judge Lippman

## Exhibit K-2: August 25, 2011 acknowledgment letter from OCA Counsel John McConnell

# Exhibit L: CJA's August 26, 2011 letter to Chief Administrative Judge Pfau

"RE: PART 2 – Ensuring that the Commission on Judicial Compensation is Not Led into Constitutional Error: Clarification of the Office of Court Administration's 'Memorandum discussing constitutional considerations in establishing judicial pay levels' – and the Substantiating Evidence" Enclosure:

ABAJournal.com - "What America's Lawyers Earn" - NYS's 62 Counties

## Exhibit M: CJA's September 2, 2011 letter to Commission

"RE: Not Accessible to the Public: (1) The Videos of the Commission's Hearing and Meetings; (2) the Commission's 'Final Report'; and (3) 'All of the comments and submissions' Received by the Commission, Including CJA's August 17, 2011 Letter Entitled 'Protecting the People of this State From Fraud..."