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Subject: Thank you for the courtesy of -- FW: Absence of Evidence that Judicial Compensation has Deterred Qualified Private Sector Lawyers from Becoming Judges
Attachments: 7-20-11-hand-out.pdf; 06-23-11-to-cc-12pp.pdf; 07-19-11-ag-schneiderman.pdf

your acknowledgment.

Now let's have some appropriate follow-up by the Law Journal -- including by reporting on what I actually said at the Commission's July 20, 2011 hearing and by interviewing me as to the "20 frauds" that I stated I had listed as having been presented by witnesses advocating for judicial pay raises.

As reflected by the hearing video, Joel was sitting at the front of the hearing room when I went up to testify. I also spoke with him, directly, at the hearing's conclusion about his obligation to report on what I had stated -- giving him, as well, a copy of the hand-out I had publicly provided the Commissioners before beginning my remarks. Attached is a copy of that hand-out entitled "NO PAY RAISES FOR NYS JUDGES WHO CORRUPT JUSTICE -- THE MONEY BELONGS TO THE VICTIMS!", as well as a further copy of the referred-to June 23rd letter (previously and repeatedly provided to Joel & the Law Journal), in which the basis for Chairman Thompson's disqualification for interest-- and the evidence supporting it -- was clearly stated, reinforcing what I sufficed to say orally at the hearing, before being cut off, with Chairman Thompson refusing to make any determination of the disqualification issue -- over my rightful protest. How is any of this properly reflected by Joel's July 29, 2011 article, which completely covers up what I stated as the basis for Judge Thompson's disqualification? And what justification is there for Joel's failure to even mention that I had testified in his July 21st and 22nd articles about the hearing -- or for his July 19th article incorrectly referring to CJA as "The Center of Judicial Accountability" -- and diminishing us as a "citizens group", when -- as he well knows, including from his years at Associated Press -- we are a citizens' organization, incorporated since 1994, with a breathtaking portfolio of evidence-based advocacy, with the evidence always offered by us for independent verification.

Finally, in the event Joel has not shared with you the July 19th letter I had sent the Commissioners, to which I referred at the hearing as summarizing the fraudulence of the Court of Appeals' February 24, 2010 decision in the judicial compensation cases -- a copy of which I gave Joel, in hand -- it is annexed. It sets forth a great deal of what I personally related to you on July 12th in our lengthy phone conversation together, when you called me back shortly after I had e-mailed Mr. Storey complaining about Law Journal coverage of the judicial compensation issue -- including that it "suffers from a multitude of conflicts of interest, including that Robert Fiske, Jr., a member of the Judicial Compensation Commission, appointed by Chief Judge Lippman, is on the Law Journal's Board of Editors."

I am ready to come to the Law Journal office and make an evidence-based presentation to you, to other Law Journal editors, to the Law Journal's Publisher -- and to the Law Journal's Board of Editors -- so that the Law Journal can meet its responsibilities of HONEST AND ACCURATE REPORTING on this important issue of judicial compensation, in which it has a leadership role.

Thank you.

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On 8/1/11 1:20 PM, "Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)" <elena@judgwatch.org> wrote:

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Attached is CJA's already-faxed August 1, 2011 letter to Roger Juan Maldonado, Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Council on Judicial Administration – with coverletter to the indicated recipients: (1) the Commission on Judicial Compensation; (2) New York Law Journal; and (3) the bar association leaders who testified at the Commission's July 20, 2011 hearing.

Consistent with CJA's commitment to transparency, evidence, and public accountability on the judicial compensation issue, it will be posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org <<http://www.judgewatch.org/>> – as likewise your responses thereto.

Thank you.

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