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Please advise why the Compensation Committee's website, <https://nyscompensation.ny.gov/index.html>, has not posted the videos of its November 28th and November 30th hearings – and the written statements of its few witnesses and the substantiating materials they furnished. Also, hasn't the Committee received comments and submissions from others? Why are they not posted, as well?

And why does the Compensation Committee's website not include links to the websites of the prior compensation commissions – most importantly, to the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, whose website is <http://nyscommissiononcompensation.org/index.shtml>. As you can see, it posted the videos and transcripts of its hearings, the submissions and comments it received – and also had a panel entitled "Prior Salary Commission". The referred-to "Prior Salary Commission" was the 2011 Commission on Judicial Compensation, chaired by Mr. Thompson – and the link to its website, www.judicialcompensation.ny.gov, which was then live, is, apparently, not live currently.

As a result of my prompting, the Commission on Judicial Compensation's website posted the video of its single July 20, 2011 hearing (for about five weeks, which it removed prior to rendering its August 29, 2011 report) and partially posted the submissions and comments it had received, prior to the hearing, at the hearing, and thereafter.

By the way, the video and transcript of my testimony at the November 30, 2015 hearing of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, accessible from its website is here: <http://nyscommissiononcompensation.org/hearings-judicial.shtml>, with my extensive submissions, including the EVIDENCE I furnished, in substantiation, prior to the hearing, at the hearing, and after the hearing, accessible from its website, here: <http://nyscommissiononcompensation.org/Submissions-judicial.shtml>.

As for the video of my testimony at the Commission on Judicial Compensation's July 20, 2011 hearing, I obtained it through FOIL, after the Commission removed it from its website. It is posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, including from the left side panel "Judicial Compensation-State-NY", which brings up our webpage entitled "The Corrupt Commission Scheme to Raise Salaries of Corrupt Public Officers". Here it is, directly: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/menu-ny-judicial-compensation.htm>. The July 20, 2011 video is the FIRST under the heading "VIDEO TRAIL of TESTIMONY". As for the EVIDENCE I furnished at the July 20, 2011 hearing, in substantiation of my testimony – the two final motions, before the Court of Appeals, in CJA's Article 78 proceeding against the Commission on Judicial Conduct -- you can find it on the webpage for CJA's October 27, 2011 opposition report to the Commission on

Judicial Compensation's August 29, 2011 report. It is listed FIRST under the heading "PAPER TRAIL of further *prima facie* PROOF".

Am I correct in assuming that the records of the two prior compensation commissions have not been destroyed and are accessible to you? Please advise as to that, as well.

Finally, may I ask why the Committee is using an e-mail address that is through g-mail – rather than via its state government website address?

Thank you.

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