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**Subject:** A goldmine of primary source evidence for scholarship -- & to inform your media comment, & Campbell conversations...  
**Attachments:** constitutional-provisions.pdf; 3-23-16-2nd-supp-complaint-16th-cause-of-action.pdf; 9-2-16-complaint-9th-cause-of-action.pdf; 8-10-17-open-ltr.pdf

### **TO: Professor Grant Reeher/Director of the Campbell Public Affairs Institute at Syracuse University**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to pick up on where we left off, in our first conversation, nearly a year ago, pertaining to the 2009 Temporary Senate Committee on Rules and Administration Reform. As I recollect, you were kind enough to have called me back, promptly, upon receiving my message at that time— albeit you were then in transit, I believe, at an airport. My apologies for failing to follow up, including as minimally as sending you the link to CJA's website, [www.judgewidth.org](http://www.judgewidth.org).

As you could see from what I showed you today, CJA's website furnishes a goldmine of primary-source evidence for scholarship & to inform your media comment, & Campbell conversations. As discussed, your most recent Campbell conversation: <http://wrvo.org/post/state-sen-dave-valesky-campbell-conversations-0>, was with Senator Valesky, the lead Democratic co-chair of the 2009 Temporary Senate Committee on Rules and Administration Reform, before whom you testified at its first February 6, 2009 hearing in Syracuse. It was my discovery of that conversation, this morning, including about the state budget, that especially prompted my call to you. The direct link to CJA's webpage from which you access ALL the various RULES REFORM RESOURCE WEBPAGES is here: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/NYS-legislature-rules-leadership.htm>.

From these RULES REFORM RESOURCE WEBPAGES, you can access the 2004, 2006, and 2008 Brennan Center Reports – underlying the 2009 establishment of the Temporary Senate Committee on Rules and Administration Reform – and all related primary-source materials that I was able find. I highly recommend that you make it a priority to watch the Committee's third hearing, on February 26, 2009, in Manhattan – including because it was there that Senator Valesky remarked upon the importance of the budget – and Jeremy Creelan identified that one of the legitimate criticisms of the Brennan Center reports was that they did not specifically address the budget: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=W6A1oFIX7\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=W6A1oFIX7_Y) (at 1 hr/30 mins).

Did the Brennan Center not know that the New York State budget was "OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS"? It has refused to comment on CJA's discovery of this, laid out by our citizen-taxpayer actions – most dramatically, by our March 23, 2016 second supplemental complaint in the first citizen-taxpayer action: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/3-23-16-osc-2nd-supp-complaint.htm> – and then, again, by our March 29, 2018 supplemental complaint in our second citizen-taxpayer action: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/9-2-16-osc-complaint/3-29-17-osc.htm>.

As discussed, I testified about the budget being "OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS" at the Legislature's budget hearings – twice last year and twice this year – and your viewing of the VIDEOS of my testimony will give you a good overview of the situation. You can most conveniently access the VIDEOS --- and the EVIDENCE substantiating my testimony -- via CJA's "2018 Legislative Session" menu page, here: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm>.

Below is my self-explanatory March 29, 2018 e-mail to the press – also sent to Cynthia Nixon's campaign treasurer – Professor Zephyr Teachout. Its four attachments are above – the first of which are constitutional provisions relevant to

the budget – Article VII, Sections 1-7, and Article III, Sec. 10. The fourth attachment is CJA’s August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER, summarizing the significance of CJA’s citizen-taxpayer actions to the 2018 elections – and such is further summarized and demonstrated by the e-mail chain beneath the March 29<sup>th</sup> e-mail.

I look forward to speaking to you again. Call me, at your convenience, hopefully soon -- as time is of the essence, both with respect to constitutional governance and the 2018 elections.

Especially if you are busy, I urge you to enlist your students and to seek the assistance of other scholars, including at Syracuse law school, able to give you the benefit of their expert legal and constitutional opinions about the pleadings and record of the citizen-taxpayer actions – and of CJA’s corruption and ethics complaints that criminal and disciplinary authorities have been “sitting on” since 2013, including Albany District Attorney Soares, with whom I filed a supplement on March 6, 2018, for enforcement of “The Public Trust Act”: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/enforcing-public-trust-act.htm>.

I offer you – and them – my full assistance.

Thank you.

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