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Subject:

Commission to Investigate Public Corruption: Follow-Up to Sept. 17 Testimony of

Center for Judicial Accountability Director Elena Sassower

**Attachments:** 

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Dear Commission Members & Special Advisors -

Attached is a self-explanatory letter of today's date pertaining to my testimony before you at the Commission's September 17<sup>th</sup> public hearing in Manhattan. It is already posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, <a href="https://www.judgewatch.org">www.judgewatch.org</a> – on the same page as with our previous correspondence to the Commission, beginning with our August 5<sup>th</sup> letter. Here's the direct link: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/aug-5-2013-ltr-etc.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/aug-5-2013-ltr-etc.htm</a>.

As I have no e-mail addresses for the following: (1) Commissioner J. Patrick Barrett; (2) Commissioner Seymour James, Jr.; (3) Special Advisor D'Amico; (4) Special Advisor Raymond Kelly, please ensure that this e-mail is forwarded to them, so that all may be held accountable to the People whose trust in New York's government and its public officials the Commission is supposed to restore.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) 914-455-4373

P.S. Below is my September 18<sup>th</sup> e-mail itemizing the documentary evidence I furnished the Commission at the Septemer 17<sup>th</sup> hearing in support of my testimony – and what I had hand-delivered for District Attorney Soares' Public Integrity Unit on August 21<sup>st</sup>, in substantiation of our July 19<sup>th</sup> corruption complaint (highlighting added). The photo of that hand-delivery is attached.

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Subject: Sept 17th Testimony of Elena Sassower, Director/Center for Judicial Accountability

## TO: COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE PUBLIC CORRUPTION

Attached is a superseding copy of the testimony I e-mailed to you yesterday at 2:46 pm – the original of which I furnished at the conclusion of the hearing to Bryce Jones. It corrects typographic errors in the sentence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of my testimony, now reading:

"Indeed, it may truly be said that ALL the witnesses testifying before you today about the judicial abuse and lawlessness that scarred and destroyed their lives— and who will be testifying before you at subsequent hearings— and who have and will be submitting statements— would either not have been so-victimized or would have long ago secured redress, but for what a succession of corrupt New York state judges did in 'throwing' these three Article 78 proceedings by fraudulent judicial decisions, aided and abetted by a panoply of state and federal public officers, all of whom we alerted to what was taking place, as likewise the press, academia, bar associations, and 'good government groups'."

Obviously, this is one of the most important sentences of my testimony.

The testimony is posted on CJA's website – on a webpage especially created for it – and posts hyperlinks for the substantiating evidence – including VIDEO evidence. Here it is: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/sassower-elena.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/sassower-elena.htm</a>

I brought hard copies of the documentary evidence, supporting my testimony, to the table during my oral presentation – and handed it to Mr. Jones at the end of the hearing. I briefly explained to him how I had organized it, for the Commission, which is as follows:

<u>FOLDER 1: Testimony</u>: containing (1) my September 17, 2013 written testimony; (2) my draft statement for the Senate Judiciary Committee's December 16, 2009 hearing on the Commission on Judicial Conduct & court-controlled attorney disciplinary system; and (3) my August 13, 2013 letter to the Commission, plus subsequent e-mails – all unresponded-to; and (4) my August 22, 2013 e-mail to Commission Special Advisor Bartoletti, with August 21, 2013 letter to Governor Cuomo & "Guide to Legislative Oversight"

<u>FOLDER 2: Corruption Complaints</u>: The first is CJA's July 19, 2013 corruption complaint to Commissioner DA Soares – as it enclosed all the other corruption complaints (in addition to the Executive Summary to CJA's October 27, 2011 Opposition Report). Also included: CJA's April 2, 2013 NOTICE to the Senate Finance Committee and Assembly Ways & Means Committee, which I furnished to DA Soares with the hand-delivery of the below substantiating materials, on August 21, 2013

FOLDER 3: Correspondence enclosed with CJA's April 15, 2013 corruption complaint to US Attorney Bharara

AND.. THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT in CJA v. CUOMO -- bundled by rubberbands to its Exhibits

By the way, here's a photo of the box containing the substantiating materials I delivered to D.A. Soares office, for his Public Integrity Bureau Chief Eric Galarneau, taken at the receiving window on August 21, 2013. The box should be preserved, as even it has evidentiary significance, reflecting a return address of "The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government". I will elaborate further at a later time. Suffice to refer you to page 8 of my Aug 5, 2013 letter to the Commission, identifying "the corruption of yet another essential safeguard to protecting against public corruption: that furnished by academia through honest, evidence-based scholarship. Such scholarship does NOT exist for huge and critical areas to which your investigations must reach." (capitalization in original).

I am available to assist the Commission in its investigations, including by furnishing methodologies that make sense. Feel free to call to invite me to do so.

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Subject: Testimony for Tonight's Hearing: Elena Sassower, Director/Center for Judicial Accountability

Attached is my written testimony for tonight's hearing – superseding the draft sent yesterday.

It is already posted on our website, with the substantiating referred-to evidence. Here's the direct link:  $\frac{\text{http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/sassower-elena.htm .}$ 

Thank you.

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