

Center for Judicial Accountability

From: Center for Judicial Accountability <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:54 AM
To: 'Michael.Meade@ag.ny.gov'
Subject: Follow-up to Attorney General Schneiderman's May 20th Community Forum -- & declaration of "zero tolerance for public corruption", etc.
Attachments: 5-16-14-notice-xmotion.pdf

**TO: Michael Meade, Director
Intergovernmental Affairs Bureau/Office of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman**

I greatly appreciated being able to speak with you yesterday evening at Attorney General Schneiderman's excellent Suffolk County Community Forum – and I look forward to getting a response to my completed question card, with the notice of cross-motion I had attached – consistent with what is written on the printed card “If we are unable to answer your question during the event, we will provide a response to your question via e-mail”. My e-mail is elena@judgewatch.org

May I suggest that you send the question card and its attached cross-motion to Deputy Attorney General for State Counsel Meg Levine, for whom I left two messages – each unreturned – and to Attorney General Schneiderman, whose Executive Assistant, Siovone Kennedy, told me someone would get back to me – but then no one did. This is recounted at ¶¶28-30, 32, 34, 36 of my affidavit in support of the cross-motion. The direct link to the webpage from which the full record of the case can be conveniently accessed is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget-2014-2015/lawsuit-citizen-taxpayer%20action.htm>. My cross-motion affidavit recounts my exhaustive efforts to secure responsiveness at the Attorney General's office in many, many paragraphs under the title heading “Plaintiffs' Efforts to Secure Supervisory Oversight by the Attorney General & Comptroller of AAG Kerwin's Fraudulent Dismissal Motion” (pp. 15-20).

To facilitate your transmittal to Deputy Attorney General Levine and Attorney General Schneiderman, I have attached the notice of cross-motion to this e-mail and have typed below the same question as I wrote on the question card that I gave you. It follows:

Executive Law 63.1 predicates the Attorney General's litigation posture on “the interest of the state”. State Finance Law Article 7-A contemplates the Attorney General's advocacy on behalf of the People of the State, including as plaintiff. I brought a citizen-taxpayer action under Article 7-A on behalf of the People of the State and could not get any answer as to who at the Attorney General's office was evaluating my right to the Attorney General's representation and intervention. Worse still, the Attorney General, having no legitimate defense, is corrupting the judicial process, most recently by a fraudulent dismissal motion. My requests for supervisory oversight by higher-ups in the Attorney General's office – including Deputy Attorney General Meg Levine and Attorney General Schneiderman – are ignored.

Here's my [notice of] cross-motion that I have just made. Full record of cross-motion and case posted on website, www.judgewatch.org, via the homepage link “CJA Leads the Way to NYS Budget Reform...”

Please advise as to who has been evaluating my right to the Attorney General's representation and intervention and his obligation to withdraw the motion.

Genuine thanks to you, Mr. Meade, for your promised assistance. It was a wonderful event and I wish that what Attorney General Schneiderman said about his “zero tolerance for public corruption” and about being “a true believer in equal justice under law”; with “one set of rules for everyone” and “no one above the law” – and about safeguarding the public by a “public integrity bureau” and tax dollars not only by his “taxpayer protection bureau”, but by his collaboration with the Comptroller – were remotely true. We will see from his response.

Elena Sassower, Director

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

& individual plaintiff *pro se*, in citizen-taxpayer action, *Center for Judicial Accountability, et al. v. Cuomo, et al.* (Albany Co #1788-14),

acting on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest

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SUPREME COURT OF STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY COUNTY

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CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, INC.
and ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, individually and
as Director of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc,
acting on their own behalf and on behalf of the People
of the State of New York & the Public Interest,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

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DEAN SKELOS in his official capacity as
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THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE,
SHELDON SILVER, in his official capacity
as Assembly Speaker, THE NEW YORK
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in his official capacity as Attorney General of
the State of New York, and THOMAS DiNAPOLI,
in his official capacity as Comptroller of
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Defendants.
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(Justice Roger McDonough)

NOTICE OF CROSS-MOTION
in Opposition to Dismissal Motion

Oral Argument Requested

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the affidavit of the *pro se* individual plaintiff ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, sworn to on May 16, 2014, the exhibits annexed thereto, plaintiffs' memorandum of law, dated May 16, 2014, and upon all the papers and proceedings heretofore had, plaintiffs will make a cross-motion before Supreme Court Justice Roger D. McDonough at the Albany County Courthouse, at 16 Eagle Street, Albany, New York 12207, on June 6, 2014, or as soon thereafter as the parties or their counsel can be heard for an order:

(1) pursuant to CPLR §3211(c), giving notice that Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman's motion to dismiss plaintiffs' verified complaint by Assistant Attorney General Adrienne Kerwin is being converted by the Court to a motion for summary judgment for plaintiffs on their four causes of action, with a so-ordering of

plaintiffs' March 26, 2014 Notice to Furnish Papers to the Court pursuant to CPLR §2214(c) in conjunction therewith;

(2) pursuant to CPLR §3132, granting leave to plaintiffs to serve interrogatories upon defendants – *to wit*, plaintiffs' "Questions for Temporary Senate President Skelos and Assembly Speaker Silver" and "Questions for Chief Administrative Judge Prudenti", annexed to their verified complaint as Exhibit M-2 and Exhibit K-2, respectively;

(3) pursuant to Executive Law §63.1 and State Finance Law Article 7-A, compelling Attorney General Schneiderman to identify who in the Attorney General's office has independently evaluated the "interest of the state" in this case and plaintiffs' entitlement to representation/intervention of the Attorney General;

(4) pursuant to Rule 1.7 of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys, disqualifying Attorney General Schneiderman for conflict of interest;

(5) pursuant to 22 NYCRR §130-1.1 et seq., imposing maximum costs and \$10,000 sanctions against Assistant Attorney General Kerwin and all complicit supervisory lawyers in Attorney General Schneiderman's office and in the office of Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli;

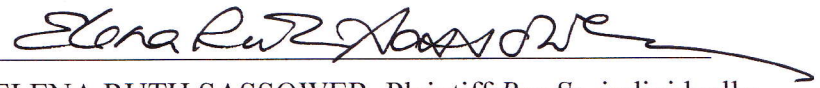
(6) pursuant to Judiciary Law §487(1), assessing penal law punishment against AAG Kerwin and all complicit supervisory lawyers in the offices of Attorney General Schneiderman and Comptroller DiNapoli, as well as such determination as would afford plaintiffs treble damages against them in a civil action;

(7) pursuant to 22 NYCRR §100.3D(2), referring AAG Kerwin and all complicit supervisory lawyers in the offices of Attorney General Schneiderman and Comptroller DiNapoli to appropriate disciplinary authorities for their knowing and deliberate violations of New York's Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys and, specifically, Rule 3.1 "Non-Meritorious Claims and Contentions", Rule 3.3 "Conduct Before A Tribunal"; Rule 8.4 "Misconduct"; and Rule 5.1 "Responsibilities of Law Firms, Partners, Managers and Supervisory Lawyers";

(8) for such other and further relief as may be just and proper, including \$100 motion costs pursuant to CPLR §8202.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that answering papers, if any, are to be served on the *pro se* individual plaintiff ELENA SASSOWER seven days before the return date by e-mail and regular mail.

Dated: White Plains, New York
May 16, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elena Ruth Sassower". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a horizontal line.

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Plaintiff *Pro Se*, individually
& as Director of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.,
and on behalf of the People of the State of New York &
the Public Interest

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