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**Attachments:** [8-13-18-ltr-to-organizations-amicus.pdf](#);  
[8-14-18-email-from-norden.pdf](#)

**TO: Douglas Keith, Counsel/Fair Courts Project – Brennan Center for Justice/at NYU Law School**

Thank you for your call & the generous amount of time you gave to our conversation, focused on the judicial disqualification/disclosure issues that are threshold on appellants' perfected appeal, both below – and now at the Appellate Division, Third Department.

Attached is my August 13<sup>th</sup> letter request for the Brennan Center's *amicus curiae* and other assistance, transmitted by the below e-mail to Larry Norden. Also attached is Mr. Norden's yesterday two-sentence e-mail response. Notwithstanding I followed up by a voice mail message requesting that he call me so that we could discuss it, I have, as yet, received no return call.

Kindly, bring my attached letter request – and the magnitude of the case -- to the attention of the highest echelons of the Brennan Center, together with my request for supervisory oversight of Mr. Norden's without-explanations denial of *amicus* and other assistance. As discussed, an original of the letter – and a hard copy of the appellants' brief and 3-volume reproduced record on appeal -- has probably arrived today, having been sent on August 13<sup>th</sup> by priority mail.

Thank you.

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Following up my phone conversations and messages for you last week, requesting that, individually or collectively, your organizations file an *amicus curiae* brief in the perfected appeal of CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action pertaining to the state budget, attached is my letter to you of today's date, being mailed with our appellants' brief and three-volume reproduced record on appeal. The webpage on which the brief and three-volume record are posted is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/appeal/7-4-18-appellants-brief.htm>.

Kindly confirm that my letter will be promptly furnished to all those responsible for making *amicus curiae* decisions at your organizations – and the time frame within which I can expect a response, hopefully, positive and enthusiastic.

Thank you.

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