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Subject: YET AGAIN & with a FOIL REQUEST -- December 9, 2021 public hearing "To discuss New York State's system of ethics oversight and enforcement" -- Request to orally testify & "discuss", in person

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND INTERNAL GOVERNANCE CHAIR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI, ESQ.

I have received NO response from you to my below November 15th and November 8th e-mails – AND there is still NO press release/public announcement about the December 9, 2021 hearing posted on the Senate Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance's website, your own Senate website, or the Senate's website, nor registration information for witnesses wishing to testify. Nor is there anything posted on the website of the hearing's "co-sponsor", Senator Krueger.

Is it your view that I and other members of the public have nothing to contribute to discussion of "New York State's system of ethics oversight and enforcement"? What is your answer – and what are your answers to the questions posed by my November 15th email as to past legislative committee oversight hearings of such components of "New York State's system of ethics oversight and enforcement" as:

- (1) the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct;
- (2) the Unified Court System's Inspector General;
- (3) the eight attorney grievance committees of New York State's four appellate divisions;
- (4) the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE);
- (5) the Legislative Ethics Commission (LEC);
- (6) the New York State Inspector General;
- (7) the New York State Attorney General; and
- (8) the New York State Comptroller.

To assist you in answering even so basic a question as when the Senate and/or Assembly previously held legislative oversight hearings of each of these entities, **I am simultaneously filing this e-mail with the Senate and Assembly FOIL/records access officers for pertinent records** – and, with respect to the Senate Judiciary Committee's June 8, 2009 and September 24, 2009 oversight hearings of the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the attorney grievance committees – whose VIDEOS and transcripts are posted on CJA's website, [here](#) – (1) access to the written statements and EVIDENTIARY materials that witnesses and would-be witnesses furnished for those two hearings and for the Senate Judiciary Committee's scheduled, but aborted, December 16, 2009 hearing and its unscheduled, but announced, further hearings; and (2) the Senate's records retention policy permitting destruction of the written statements and EVIDENTIARY materials, if they were destroyed.

Please advise without delay so that I may be guided accordingly.

Thank you.

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