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**Subject:** Questions for Chief Administrative Judge Marks at Tomorrow's "Public Protection" Budget Hearing of the NYS Legislature  
**Attachments:** 1-30-18-written-statement-questions-for-marks-revised.pdf

**TO:** **Senate Judiciary Committee Chair John Bonacic**  
**Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Brad Hoylman**  
**Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz**  
**Assembly Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Anthony Palumbo**

Following up my phone conversations with your staff and messages left on your voice mails, attached is a brief statement, identifying that you must interrogate Chief Administrative Judge Marks "mercilessly" at tomorrow's hearing "because the Judiciary's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 is unacceptable. Apart from impeding intelligent comprehension – as evident from the Legislature's own flimsy and conflicting 'Color Books' – it is materially false and misleading."

To assist you in interrogating Chief Administrative Judge Marks, the attached statement furnishes "Proposed Questions". As ALL members of the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees share in the Committees' duty to scrutinize the Judiciary's proposed budget, I ask that you forward this e-mail with its attachment to ALL Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committee members so that each can evaluate the questions for him/herself.

To enable Chief Administrative Judge Marks to prepare for your interrogation, I have already sent the attached statement with questions to him and to Chief Judge DiFiore -- and such is reflected by the directly below e-mail.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Questions for Chief Administrative Judge Marks at Tomorrow's "Public Protection" Budget Hearing of the NYS Legislature

**TO:** **Chief Administrative Judge Marks**  
**(& Chief Judge DiFiore)**

So that you can prepare yourself for meaningful questioning at tomorrow's "public protection" budget hearing, attached are questions I have submitted to the Legislators so that they can properly interrogate you as to the Judiciary's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and the supposed excellence and "Excellence Initiative" that warrants it.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]

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**To:** 'David Schnall' <[schnall@nysenate.gov](mailto:schnall@nysenate.gov)>

**Subject: REVISED & SUPERSEDING: CJA's written statement in support of testimony at the Legislature's January 30, 2018 "public protection" budget hearing**

Dear Mr. Schnall,

Attached is my REVISED written statement, making substantive additions, in addition to correcting typos. Apologies for any inconvenience.

I will now contact Chief Administrative Judge Marks' office – and e-mail it to him so that he can be prepared for interrogation. Will send you the transmitting e-mail, shortly.

Thank you.

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**Subject: CJA's written statement in support of testimony at the Legislature's January 30, 2018 "public protection" budget hearing**

Dear Mr. Schnall,

Following up our phone conversation on Friday in which you confirmed that I had until 9:30 am today to submit a written statement, without which my request to testify at tomorrow's "public protection" budget hearing could not be considered, attached is the required written statement. I would appreciate if you distributed it to ALL Finance and Judiciary Committee members who will be participating at tomorrow's budget hearing.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Request to testify at the Public Protection Budget Hearing**

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your interest in testifying at this year's budget hearing.

As per our conversation, in order to be considered to testify at the Public Protection Budget Hearing, you are required to submit your testimony electronically by replying to this email no later than 24 hours prior to the date of the hearing. Upon receiving your testimony electronically, your organization's testimony will be kept on file and become part of the hearing record. Should the hearing schedule permit, we will contact you the day before the date of the hearing with the time at which you are scheduled. *When testifying, in the interest of time, please present the key points of your testimony.*

It is important to note that submitting your testimony electronically does not guarantee you will be testifying at the hearing. If you are not notified that you will be testifying, your electronically submitted testimony will become part of the hearing record. If you do not wish to testify in person, you may still submit ten copies of your testimony to this office within ten days after the scheduled hearing date and it will become part of the hearing record. No PowerPoint presentations will be accepted.

If you are selected to testify at the hearing, you are also required to also bring 50 printed copies of the testimony to the door on the day of the hearing for distribution to committee members.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office at 518-455-3573 or reply to this email.

Sincerely,

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