

**SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION
FOURTH JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT FORM**

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION:

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CONTACT WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Have you filed a complaint with any other agency, such as a Bar Association or District Attorney's Office? If yes, state the name of the agency:

See CJA's accompanying October 25, 2023 complaint, with its transmitting October 25-26, 2023 e-mails, to:

- the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct;
- Unified Court System Inspector General Kay-Ann Porter Campbell;
- Cindy Martucci, assistant to Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas, for transmittal to him, to Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Richard Rivera – and to you;
- the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation.

What action was taken by the agency?

The only response I received to CJA's October 25, 2023 complaint was an acknowledgment from the Commission on Judicial Conduct (#2023/R.0544-0556).

Based on my phone conversation on Friday, January 26, 2024 with Chief Counsel Cydney Kelly, it appears that Chief Administrative Judge Zayas did not transmit the complaint to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committee, as requested.

COURT ACTION TAKEN BY YOU AGAINST THE ATTORNEY:

Have you taken any civil or criminal action against the attorney?

No.

ALLEGATIONS:

This is a conflict-of-interest/corruption complaint against taxpayer-paid Monroe County Attorney John Bringewatt. The particularized facts and law are set forth by CJA's accompanying October 25, 2023 complaint.

The starting point for the October 25, 2023 complaint is my accompanying February 22, 2022 Independent Expert Report, about which I testified at the October 13, 2023 hearing of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation – and which, at the conclusion of the hearing, I gave, *in hand*, to its chair, Eugene Fahey, Esq.

In compliance with your rules, hard copies of both the October 25, 2023 complaint, February 22, 2022 Independent Expert Report, and October 25-26, 2023 e-mails are enclosed. The pdf of each contains live links to facilitate verification. They are posted on a publicly-inaccessible webpage of CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, here: <https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/cjc/complaint-oct-25-23.htm>.

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Signature Date

This complaint is affirmed as true
under penalties of perjury, pursuant to CPLR §2106.