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Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 4:32 PM
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Subject: **Thank you, Natalie Blundell, for your powerful testimony & recommendations at the Nov 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing of the NY Family Court by the Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families**

Attachments: not-for-posting-cja-testimony-for-nov-1-senate-hearing-on-family-court-corrected.pdf

TO: Natalie Blundell/WeSpoke

Thank you for your powerful testimony at the [November 1, 2023 hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Committee on Children and Families](#) – and your recommendations for investigation and reform.

I am the director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) which, for decades, has documented the corruption of New York's courts and the collusion and cover-up of those charged with oversight. This includes senators before whom you testified on November 1st. Presumably, this is the reason I was NOT permitted to testify at the hearing – and identifying this, with substantiating proof, is my above written testimony, submitted for the record. My e-mail transmitting it to the Senate committees is below.

After you review it, I would greatly appreciate speaking with you – including about participating with you in [the federal action announced by your website](#). My contribution to it, in addition to the above-testimony, is my September 25, 2023 complaint to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District, and the OCA-Inspector General, described and linked at the end of the testimony. It arises from an Article 10 child abuse/neglect proceeding in Monroe County Family Court – and its starting point is a 94-page Independent Expert Report I wrote.

I note you have a [webpage about filing complaints with the Commission on Judicial Conduct and attorney grievance committees](#). What have your members reported about their experiences in filing complaints? Have you filed any?

Thank you.

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Subject: Superseding/Corrected: CJA's (NOT FOR POSTING) Testimony for the Record of the Nov 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing of the NY Family Court by the Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families -- (#1: NOT FOR POSTING)

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families

Kenan Kurt/Chief of Staff Counsel -- Senate Judiciary Committee

James Ostaszewski/Counsel & Legislative Director – Committee on Children & Families

Following up the voice mail message I left before 10 am on Senator Hoylman's voice mail (212-633-8052) for Gabby, to which I have received no return call, the above-attached corrects typos and makes limited substantive additions to the testimony NOT for posting that I furnished by the below e-mail for the record of the November 1st oversight hearing.

I will momentarily e-mail to you my redaction of this corrected/superseding testimony, removing its LIVE link – FOR POSTING on [your webpage for the hearing](#).

Thank you – and apologies for any inconvenience.

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Subject: CJA's Testimony for the Record of the Nov 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing of the NY Family Court by the Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families -- #1: NOT FOR POSTING

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families

Kenan Kurt/Chief of Staff Counsel -- Senate Judiciary Committee

James Ostaszewski/Counsel & Legislative Director – Committee on Children & Families

As instructed yesterday by Senator Hoylman's Communications Officer/Legislative Aide Gabby, above is my written testimony for the record of the Nov 1st oversight hearing, required to be submitted by 5 pm today for inclusion. Because its last paragraph contains a LIVE link to my October 25, 2023 complaint pertaining to a sealed Family Court case, I will separately send you the identical written testimony with the LIVE link removed, for posting on [your webpage for the hearing](#). The LIVE-link version, here attached, is for the Senators and appropriate staff.

Thank you.

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

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Subject: Corruption Complaint: Monroe County Family & Supreme Courts & Fourth Dept Appellate Division -- Follow-up to Testimony at Oct 13th Hearing of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

**TO: New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees (7th Judicial District)
Unified Court System Inspector General Kay-Ann Porter Campbell
Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas
Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Richard Rivera**

Above-attached & here linked is my "Corruption Complaint against Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents". Its "Conclusion" (at p. 29) reads:

"The foregoing long-overdue complaint is being furnished, additionally, to the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, before which I testified on October 13, 2023, handing up a copy of the Independent Expert Report [link removed], in substantiation of my testimony as to the corruption infesting the judiciary – a threshold, 'appropriate factor' of constitutional dimension that it is statutorily-required to 'take into account'. My words were as follows ([VIDEO, at 2hrs/45mins](#)):

'Lastly, I don't want you to believe that the corruption infesting the judiciary is only in cases of magnitude such as the cases that I have here presented. I have a, a independent report that I wrote about a Family Court case out of Monroe County, a mother called me in distress because her child had been taken away from her. And she begged me to assist her. Without charge, I, I examined the record -- and I wrote a report that was furnished, it's a sealed file. I think you should take a look at what goes on, and you should know this is only the first piece of it. But the corruption involving this report at the Family Court level, at the Appellate Division Fourth Department from which you come, Chair Fahey, you need

to take testimony. You have subpoena power. You need to – you need to examine the corruption in the judiciary –’

The only correction I would make is to add a reference to the corresponding corruption in the Monroe County Supreme Court pertaining to the Independent Expert Report.

As [the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation’s enabling statute requires you to assist the Commission, upon its request](#),^{fn3} perhaps that is the most expeditious way for it to proceed – requesting that you furnish it with the results of the investigation that is your duty to make with respect to this fully-documented, facially-meritorious complaint.”

I am available to assist you, to the max, in investigating this complaint – and would welcome giving testimony under oath. I know the innocent parents feel likewise.

Meantime, CJA’s webpage for the complaint – which cannot otherwise be accessed, out of respect for the parents’ privacy – can be reached by this link: xxx..

Thank you.

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NOTE to Cindy Martucci/Assistant to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas. Following up our phone conversation at 3:40 this afternoon, kindly forward this e-mail to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera – and, additionally, to the Fourth Department’s Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District, which does not make an e-mail address for complaints and/or communications available. Thank you.