

Center for Judicial Accountability

From: Center for Judicial Accountability <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 4:07 PM
To: 'Morgan Pehme'
Cc: Jon Lentz (jlentz@cityandstateny.com); 'ashort@cityandstateny.com'
Subject: what is "pure paranoia" about my simple question -- RE: Why am I not receiving your daily "First-Read" e-mail?

Tracking:	Recipient	Read
	'Morgan Pehme'	
	Jon Lentz (jlentz@cityandstateny.com)	
	'ashort@cityandstateny.com'	Read: 6/21/2013 4:12 PM

as to whether – it being the third time or so that this has happened -- you have deliberately “dropped” me from your “First Read”? The fact is that you, Mr. Lentz, and Mr. Short have all failed to respond to fully-documented corruption stories, involving our highest public officers and huge amounts of taxpayer money, unfolding before you – which any unconflicted, competent journalist would seize.

As for your attempt to besmirch me by purporting that the reason you had not responded to my “last two long voice mails” is because you didn’t want to get into an hour-long shouting-match, I resent your distortion of what was a completely professional and productive conversation between us on May 31st. This is reflected by our e-mail exchange immediately thereafter – and I suggest you check back to that exchange.

Finally, as you were sending me your gratuitously insulting e-mail, I was sending you a copy of my e-mail to Rex Smith of the Albany-Times Union. This, not only in substantiation of what I discussed with you on May 31st, *to wit*, that the deficiencies and superficialities of the press are a MAJOR REASON for the corruption of our state government, but because – as identified by my April 30th e-mail to the Times Union, to which you were an indicated recipient -- City & State deemed Mr. Smith and the Times-Union capitol reporters worthy of inclusion in its “Power 100 List”.

Thank you.

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From: Morgan Pehme [<mailto:mpehme@cityandstateny.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 2:35 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability
Cc: jlentz@cityandstateny.com; ashort@cityandstateny.com; Jasmin Freeman; Andrew Holt; Michael Johnson
Subject: Re: Why am I not receiving your daily "First-Read" e-mail?

Elena:

We have never dropped anyone from our First Read email list... ever. I am copying our colleagues in the digital department on your message below, so they can look into your technical difficulty.

Honestly, this email comes across as pure paranoia. The reason I have not responded to your last two long voice mails is because I don't have an hour to spare getting into a shouting match with you like the last time you

called. I imagine that is why other members of the media have not been as receptive to you as you would like as well.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

All the best,
Morgan

On 6/21/13 2:04 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability wrote:

This is now, I believe, the third time this has happened. It is bad enough that you do not choose to investigate and report on any of the fully-documented major corruption stories that I have furnished you, on a silver platter. Are you also deliberately trying to keep from me from seeing what you are circulating as news?

Please advise.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director

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