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News Lead –

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On May 1st, the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker jointly appointed an eight-person commission to review and evaluate JCOPE (Joint Commission on Public Ethics) & the LEC (Legislative Ethics Commission).

What's been happening since? Who did the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker jointly designate as its chair and what is its methodology? How to contact it? The review commission does not seem to have a phone number, an e-mail address, an office, any staff. Will it be holding public hearings at which members of the public who have filed ethics complaints with JCOPE and LEC can testify as to the direct, first-hand experience? Or will it be taking testimony in private? Is it going to be doing outreach – or must members of the public reach out to it?

As the eight commissioners have relationships and associations with those who appointed them and who are the subject of complaints filed with JCOPE and LEC, etc. what is its protocol for dealing with conflict of interest?

These are questions that our non-partisan, nonprofit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), asked in a June 18th letter to the JCOPE/LEC review commission – which today we sent to JCOPE, LEC, and other public officers, from the Governor on-down and including U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara who, more than a year ago, reportedly subpoenaed all complaints filed with JCOPE.

These two letters and the documentary evidence substantiating them are posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent homepage link "Exposing the Fraud of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption". It leads to a link entitled "Going Where the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption Did NOT:...JCOPE". Here's the direct link to its menu page: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/exposing-JCOPE.htm>

I am available to answer questions and to be interviewed.

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