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Subject: **FW: Who is the "Whistleblower" between the two Tompkins Co. D.A. Candidates: Van Houten? Kopko? Both? Neither?**
Attachments: [10-14-16-complaint-vs-soares-das.pdf](#)

Dear Kelsey,

Thank you for your prompt return call.

As discussed, below is my October 14th e-mail to Ithaca Voice reporter Michael Smith, simultaneously transmitting the just-completed October 14th conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint to D.A. candidates Van Houten & Kopko for their response.

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Subject: Who is the "Whistleblower" between the two Tompkins Co. D.A. Candidates: Van Houten? Kopko? Both? Neither?

Dear Michael,

Following up our phone conversation earlier this morning, attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint against NY's district attorneys for their complicity in the larcenous district attorneys salary increases of which they are beneficiaries.

By copy of this e-mail, I am furnishing it to Tompkins County D.A. candidates Matthew Van Houten & Edward Kopko – whose names I have already posted on CJA's webpage: "Making the 2016 District Attorney Elections Competitive". The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/budget-2016-17/2016-da-elections.htm>.

Which of the two of them will demonstrate his fitness for public office by "blowing the whistle"? **Would they not agree that no candidate can be deemed fit who keeps silent in the face of dispositive EVIDENCE of penal law violations and disregard of fundamental conflict-of-interest rules?**

I am available to assist you – and them – to the max so that by their electoral contest for Tompkins County district attorney you can take the lead in exposing the corruption that pervades our state government, thanks to New York’s complicit district attorneys – covered-up by the D.A. stacked Commission to Investigate Public Corruption.

Thank you.

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Subject: Conflict-of-Interest/Misconduct Complaint vs the DAs to the 3rd Dept. Attorney Disciplinary Committees, with FOIL records request

TO: New York’s District Attorneys, Acting District Attorneys, & Former District Attorneys within the 3rd Judicial Department

In the absence of your response to the Center for Judicial Accountability's correspondence to you, attached is our conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint against you of today's date, being mailed to the Third Judicial Department's attorney disciplinary committee.

The complaint is posted – with the substantiating evidence to which it refers – on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible from the prominent center link: "No Pay Raises for New York's Corrupt Public Officers – The Money Belongs to their Victims!", *via* its #14 menu listing "A New Round of Disciplinary & Criminal Complaints". The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/budget-2016-17/10-14-16-complaint-vs-soares-etc.htm>.

As set forth at p. 8, the complaint is ALSO a FOIL request for records responsive to the question posed by the penultimate paragraph of CJA's July 8, 2016 letter, which each district attorney/acting district attorney could have voluntarily answered, but did not:

"What are your procedures for handling public corruption complaints, filed with your district attorney offices, where you have financial and other conflicts of interest?" (Exhibit F: at p. 6).

Thank you.

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