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Dear Mr. Storey,

Laura -- the assistant to Kris Fisher -- told me yesterday that Ms. Fisher will be out all week. She told me the same thing last Tuesday morning, July 5th, when I summarized for her my contacts with the Law Journal since May 23rd about the Judicial Compensation Commission.

Laura also hung up on me yesterday, when I asked her about which Law Journal reporter had been at the Judicial Compensation Commission's organizational meeting hours earlier -- and, presumably, would be writing a story. When I immediately called back, I got a voice mail on which I left an extensive message.

Please call me at your earliest convenience, so that we can discuss the Law Journal's coverage of the Judicial Compensation Commission -- as to which, as I related to Laura last week -- the Law Journal suffers from a multitude of conflicts of interest, including that Robert Fiske, Jr., a member of the Judicial Compensation Commission, appointed by Chief Judge Lippman, is on the Law Journal's Board of Editors.

Thank you.

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Subject: Request to Testify at the July 20, 2011 Public Hearing & Other Requests on Behalf of the Public

The non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), whose correspondence to the Judicial Compensation Commission called upon it to hold "public hearings", hereby requests to testify at the July 20, 2011 public hearing in STRONG OPPOSITION to any raise in judicial compensation for the reasons set forth by that correspondence, dated May 23, 2011, June 23, 2011, and June 30, 2011.

So that the public may be informed as to how the Judicial Compensation Commission has been -- and is -- flagrantly deceiving it and betraying its interests, this is to further request that the Commission post on its new website, www.judicialcompensation.ny.gov, ALL submissions it has received, especially submissions in opposition to increased judicial compensation -- CJA's afforesaid correspondence, among them.

Should the Commission refuse to post such received submissions on its website, CJA requests to review and obtain copies, preferably in pdf format, pursuant to FOIL and such other applicable legal authority. We will then post the submissions on our website, www.judgewatch.org -- on the resource page entitled "Bringing Transparency, Evidence, & Public Accountability to the One-Sided, Media-Created View (Swallowed Whole from the Legal Judicial-Establishment) that NY Judges are Underpaid & Entitled to a Raise", identified by our June 23, 2011 letter. Here's the direct link to that webpage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/nys-judicial-compensation.htm> .

Finally, so that the public is not misled about the "public" nature of the Commission's first organizational meeting, held yesterday, July 11, 2011, at 9:00 am -- without notice to CJA -- this is to request, pursuant to FOIL, etc., any documents reflecting the date and manner in which the Commission gave notice to the public of the meeting, a copy of such notice, and the recipients to whom the notice was given. Indeed, although CJA alerted the Commission, by our June 30, 2011 letter, that "New York State has a website for meeting notices and webcasts -- <http://www.nysegov.com/webcast.cfm> ", the Commission did not post notice of its July 11, 2011 meeting thereon. A pdf of that website, downloaded at 12:41 pm yesterday, memorializes that fact. It is herewith attached and additionally posted on our website, together with this e-mail.

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