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**Subject:** "Lindsay Fellowship in Government Leadership and Practice", Etc.  
**Attachments:** 3-28-16-email-to-press.pdf; 3-31-16-email-to-press.pdf; nys-constitution-article7-sections-1-7-and-article4-section7.pdf

**TO: Michael Jacobson/Executive Director – CUNY INSTITUTE FOR STATE & LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

Following up my phone conversation yesterday morning with your projects assistant, Vestina Sinkeviciute, concerning the "[Lindsay Fellowship in Government Leadership and Practice](#)" – and my follow-up phone conversation with her a short time ago – below is my August 21, 2017 e-mail to which you were an indicated recipient – and to which I received no response from you or anyone else.

Please call me, as immediately as possible, about it – and about the August 22, 2017 e-mail to which you were also an indicated recipient – to which I also received no response from anyone else. For your convenience, I will also forward it to you.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** **VIDEOS & Primary-Source Evidence for Scholarship on the NYS Budget & NYS Governance**

**TO: Shaun Edwards-Senior Policy Associate /CUNY INSTITUTE FOR STATE & LOCAL GOVERNANCE – TRUTH & INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROJECT**

Following up your call-back and our extensive phone conversation earlier this afternoon, for which I thank you, below is the e-mail I sent on Friday to William Glasgall, which recaps much of what I discussed with you – and showed you from CJA's website, [www.judgewidth.org](http://www.judgewidth.org) -- as to the gold-mine of primary-source documentary evidence that our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), wishes to contribute to advance CUNY Institute's scholarship on the New York State budget and New York state governance.

I am taking this opportunity to also send this e-mail to Executive Director Michael Jacobson, for whom I left a voice mail message on Friday, shortly before calling Mr. Glasgall. I believe you stated that you were also calling on Mr. Jacobson's behalf, but I would very much like to speak with him directly, including about involving the Institute's inaugural class of "Lindsay Fellows", three of whom sit on such pertinent Assembly committees as Governmental Operations (Alicia Hyndman), Ways and Means and Corrections (Nily Rozic), and Codes and Corrections (Walter Mosley). As they were not



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As per my e-mail, just sent – below is my August 22, 2017 e-mail, to which I also received no response.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
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**Subject:** Empowering Students -- & Bringing Transparency & Integrity to the NYS Budget & Governance...

### **TO: Professor Laurie Miller/Associate Director of Cornell Institute of Public Affairs**

Thank you for your prompt call back and the generous amount of time you gave to our conversation. As discussed, I am most excited to learn of the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs and its Public Service Exchange and Capstone Project, through which the Volcker Alliance was able to utilize the talents and interests of Cornell students for its important Truth & Integrity in Government Finance Project pertaining to the New York state budget.

I will follow-up with Volcker Alliance's State and Local Program Director William Glasgall about the uniform questionnaire that Cornell students utilized in gathering their info for the Alliance about the New York's state budgets for the 2015, 2016, and 2017 fiscal years. These are the very fiscal years that are embraced by the Center for Judicial Accountability's two citizen-taxpayer actions pertaining to the New York state budget – and it is essential that there be examination of the pleadings and the lawsuit records, as these establish that the State has had NO DEFENSE to the causes of action laying out the unconstitutionality, statutory violations, and fraudulence of what has been going on – and that the People are entitled to SUMMARY JUDGMENT. This would be a perfect project for students interested in law, public policy, finance, journalism – one which they could creatively and productively expand upon in a myriad of ways, including by interviews of the defendant public officers – the Governor, Senators, Assembly Members, Comptroller, Attorney General, Chief Judge, as well as of scholars of the New York State Constitution, law professors, bar associations, "good government" organizations, and the press – all of whom have been sitting on the sidelines, withholding comment.

Hopefully, the Volcker Alliance will take the lead in coordinating and developing such powerful follow-up to the questionnaire component of its examination of the New York state budget, which you told me had not included interviews. I will pursue that possibility with Mr. Glasgall when I speak with him. I am most concerned that the Alliance's upcoming report on the New York state budget be based on evidentiary proof, not self-serving answers to questionnaires, cumulatively tabulated or reported in a fashion that prevents independent verification.

Students are an untapped resource and can make the HUGE difference in bringing transparency and integrity to the New York state budget and other aspects of state governance, likewise rife with corruption, dysfunction, and fraud. I look forward to working with you – and with Michael Jacobson, Executive Director of CUNY's Institute on State and Local Governance -- in making that happen – and sooner, rather than later.