

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2012 1:04 PM
To: 'Dawson, Evan'
Subject: NEWS FLASH: Lawsuit on behalf of the People of New York to STOP the judicial (& D.A.) pay raises

Dear Eric,

This is no April fools joke. I just now read your December 18th e-mail response to my December 16th e-mail -- both of which are below.

Apologies for not having immediately gotten back to you. Let me make it up to you by giving you the lead on the important lawsuit, commenced on Friday, March 30th, to stop the judicial pay raises -- and with them the D.A. pay raises.

In brief, we received NO responses from Governor Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Skelos, Assembly Speaker Silver, or Chief Judge Lippman to our October 27, 2011 Opposition Report on the judicial pay raise issue. Nor did we receive any response to a March 2nd letter we sent them, calling upon them to come forward with their "findings of fact and conclusions of law" with respect to our October 27, 2011 Opposition Report and to confirm that they would be taking appropriate action to protect the People's rights and the public purse. [See Exhibit Q to verified complaint and paras. 121-125]

Because these highest constitutional offices -- as well as the Attorney General and Comptroller -- have refuse to do their job to protect the People and the public purse, we commenced a lawsuit suing them, on Friday, March 30th, challenging the judicial pay raises as unconstitutional, statutorily-violative & fraudulent.

Our order to show cause for a stay of the judicial pay raises, returnable on Monday, April 16th - the day before New Yorkers are required to pay taxes that will be used to pay for the judicial pay raises - is posted, with the verified complaint, on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the top panel "Latest News". Here's the direct link, so that you can lead with this powerful story - and link to the lawsuit documents, as well. <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>

I am available for your questions, etc. -- & can be reached at 718-708-5303.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dawson, Evan [mailto:edawson@13wham.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2011 6:55 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW-UP: "Sheriff O'Flynn Defends Raise, Respond to Critics"

Elena,

Thanks for sending this information my way. How much support do you expect this effort to have from lawmakers? How many have pledged support? No doubt it's something to follow.

Evan

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 5:29 PM

To: Dawson, Evan
Subject: FOLLOW-UP: "Sheriff O'Flynn Defends Raise, Respond to Critics"

Dear Mr. Dawson,

Thank you for your important story - the beginning of an even more important one. You state:

"O'Flynn could see a 27 percent raise by April. That's because New York lawmakers appointed a Special Commission on Judicial Compensation, which was charged with determining a fair pay structure for judges. In August, the commission announced their decision, which the state is bound to uphold unless the legislature specifically amends it. 13WHAM contacted members of the state legislature from both parties, along with district attorneys and judges in western New York. All said they expected the commission's decision to stand." (underlining added).

Presumably "the members of the state legislature...along with district attorneys and judges in western New York" who said they "expected the commission's decision to stand", are unaware of the Center for Judicial Accountability's October 27, 2011 Opposition Report to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Skelos, Assembly Speaker Silver, and Chief Judge Lippman, demonstrating the fraudulence of the Commission's August 29, 2011 Report for a 27% judicial pay hike and calling upon them to secure a legislative override so that it does not become law in April.

The Executive Summary to that Opposition Report is attached. The full Opposition Report is posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org<<http://www.judgewatch.org/>>, accessible via the top panel "Latest News". Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm> .

Please forward this on to those same state legislators, district attorneys, and judges in western New York for comment - and contact, as well, the Governor, Senate Majority Leader, Assembly Speaker, and Chief Judge.

Feel free to call me - anytime - for details and my own comment. I can be reached at 718-708-5303.

Again, thank you.

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