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Katie Sherwin, Administrative Staff for the Commission on Judicial Compensation
Executive Chamber/The Capitol
Albany, New York

RE: Not Accessible to the Public: (1) The Videos of the Commission on Judicial Compensation's Hearing & Meetings; (2) the Commission's "Final Report"; and (3) "All of the comments and submissions" Received by the Commission, Including CJA's August 17, 2011 Letter Entitled "Protecting the People of this State From Fraud..."

Dear Ms. Sherwin:

This follows our August 26th conversation about the Commission on Judicial Compensation's website, www.judicialcompensation.ny.gov, in the lobby of the Office of Court Administration, after the Commission's meeting.

The problem I reported to you last week remains unchanged. When I try to access the videos of the Commission's July 20th hearing and of its August 8th meeting, which the Commission moved to an "Archive" webpage on August 25th, they do NOT play. Instead, the following appears:

"Windows Media Player cannot find the file. If you are trying to play, burn, or sync an item that is in your library, the item might point to a file that has been moved, renamed, or deleted."

Indeed, that is what also appears when I try to access the video for the Commission's August 26th meeting.

Additionally, there remains no video link for the Commission's July 11th meeting. Although you told me that the company which telecast the July 11th meeting did not make a video, perhaps the company's telecast was recorded by someone else. Have you checked with the Office of Court Administration, including its press office, as to whether it recorded the telecast?

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Also, the Commission's homepage link to its "Final Report", which initially did work, is no longer operational. Only the five "Appendix" documents to the "Final Report" are accessible.

Part of the now inaccessible "Final Report" is the Commission's August 29th letter to the Governor, Temporary Senate President, Assembly Speaker, and Chief Judge. It states:

"All of the comments and submissions that have been received by the Commission may be found on the Commission's website, www.judicialcompensation.ny.gov."

However, this is NOT the case. Indeed, when we spoke together on August 26th, I discussed with you submissions that had NOT been posted on the Commission's "Submissions" webpage – among these, CJA's August 17th letter to the Commission. You agreed that the August 17th letter should have been posted – and, for your convenience, on August 29th, I resent it to you for posting. Yet, the August 17th letter, entitled:

"Protecting the People of this State from Fraud: The Commission on Judicial Compensation's Duty to Identify the Case Presented by Opponents of ANY Judicial Pay Raises & to Make Findings with Respect Thereto, in Discharge of its Statutory Responsibilities",

has not been posted. Enclosed are the August 17th and August 29th e-mail receipts for that letter.

I wish you a happy Labor Day weekend – and ask that you advise as to the foregoing as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA SASSOWER, Director
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Enclosures: E-mail receipts for CJA's August 17th letter to the Commission

cc: Commission on Judicial Compensation:

William C. Thompson, Jr., Chairman

Commissioners: Richard Cotton, Esq.; William Mulrow; Robert Fiske, Jr., Esq.;

Kathryn S. Wylde; James Tallon, Jr.; Mark Mulholland, Esq.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [elena@judgewatch.org]
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Subject: Protecting the People of this State from Fraud: The Commission on Judicial Compensation's Duty to Identify the Case Presented by Opponents of ANY Judicial Pay Raises & to Make Findings with Respect Thereto, in Discharge of its Statutory Responsibilities
Attachments: 8-17-11-ltr-commission-6pp.pdf; 8-1-11-commission-nylj-bar-9pp.pdf

Attached is CJA's above-entitled letter to you of today's date, with its enclosed August 1st letter to you, NYLJ, & the bar leaders who testified at the July 20th hearing separately attached.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 3:47 PM
To: 'contact@judicialcompensation.ny.gov'
Subject: Hello, Katie!
Attachments: 8-17-11-ltr-to-commission-21-pp.pdf

Dear Katie,

Following up our conversation together on Friday after the Commission's meeting, attached, for your convenience, is CJA's previously sent August 17, 2011 letter to the Commissioners, with its included exhibits, for posting on the Commission's website.

Thank you.

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