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Subject: **AGENDA: Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #1501/A.2001 -- & the Questions to be Answered by Chief Administrative Judge Marks & by Temporary Senate Presidents Stewart-Cousins/Flanagan & Assembly Speaker Heastie**

Attachments: [2-19-18-written-testimony-with-questions-24pp.pdf](#)

TO: Senate Finance Committee
Chair Liz Krueger
Ranking Member James Seward
Assembly Ways and Means Committee
Chair Helene Weinstein, ESQ.
Ranking Member William Barclay, ESQ.

At the Senate Finance Committee's first meeting of this 2019 Legislative Session – on February 26, 2019, called from “off the floor” – Chair Krueger announced “we don't have any bills before us today”, but, rather, “two nominees proposed by the Governor for consideration” – <https://www.nysenate.gov/calendar/meetings/finance/february-26-2019/finance-meeting>.

This was most surprising – as both the Senate Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee have had the Governor's budget bills since January 15, 2019, the day he introduced them. Why has neither Committee been holding meetings for its members to discuss, amend, and vote on the Governor's budget bills, consistent with Article VII, §§ 1-7 of the New York State Constitution?

This is to request that you place the Governor's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.1501/A.2001 on the agendas of the Committees' next meetings – and, with it, the Center for Judicial Accountability's above attached February 19, 2019 written testimony pertaining thereto, submitted for the Committees' February 11, 2019 budget hearing on “local government officials/general government” – and appending two sets of “QUESTIONS”:

- (1) 41 “QUESTIONS FOR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE LAWRENCE MARKS” pertaining to the Judiciary's proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the Governor's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.1501/A.2001;
- (2) 27 “QUESTIONS FOR FORMER TEMPORARY SENATE PRESIDENT JOHN FLANAGAN, & ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CARL HEASTIE, & FOR TEMPORARY SENATE PRESIDENT ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS” pertaining to the Legislature's proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the Governor's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.1501/A.2001.

Are there any of the 41 “QUESTIONS” that you believe Chief Administrative Judge Marks should not be answering? How about the 27 “QUESTIONS” for the Legislature’s presiding officers? Will you, as the Committees’ leaders, individually or collectively, send the “QUESTIONS” to them for answers – and, if not, will you allow the Committees’ members to discuss and vote on whether, each Committee, by a majority, and on its letterhead, shall do so?

For your convenience, CJA’s webpage on which the February 19, 2019 written testimony is posted, with links to the substantiating EVIDENTIARY PROOF, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2019-legislative/feb-19-2019-written-testimony.htm>.

I am ready to assist you, to the max, in discharging your constitutional responsibilities to protect the People of the State of New York from unconstitutionality, unlawfulness, and fraud in Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.1501/A.2001. I would happily appear before the Committees, under oath, to answer members’ questions and make an EVIDENTIARY presentation.

Finally, as I have received no confirmation from your staff that CJA’s February 19, 2019 written testimony was distributed to the Committees’ members, as I understood it would be, please confirm that this was done, or that it will be immediately done – as otherwise I will forward it to them myself.

Thank you.

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