

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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Subject: CPI Questions

Hi Elena,

Thank you for taking the time to consider these questions. Please shoot me back an email with your thoughts. I will be in touch on Friday and am certainly interested in the report you are releasing on Monday. Some of these questions do overlap with what we spoke about today but it would be a great help if you gave a brief response to things we may have already covered.

- 1. Are professional criteria followed in selecting state-level judges?**
- 2. Are regulations preventing judges from using state funds for personal purposes effective?**
- 3. Does the judicial disciplinary agency (or equivalent mechanism) imposes penalties on offenders?**
- 4. Are judges' performance evaluations made available for the public to review?**
- 5. Are court decisions and opinions made readily available to the public?--are they made available in a meaningful and accessible manner?**
- 6. Are state-level judiciary asset disclosures are audited?**
- 7. Are the requirements for state-level judges to recuse themselves from cases in which they may have a conflict of interest effective?**
- 8. Are judicial branch actions (e.g. hiring, firing, promotions) based on nepotism, cronyism, or patronage?**
- 9. Can citizens access state-level judiciary members' asset disclosure records within a reasonable time period? At a reasonable cost? Is the information of high quality? Are they available online in a meaningful way?**

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