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**Subject:** 1- Pro Se litigants and civilian involvement in judicial committees; 2 - Judicial Payroll Fraud

**Importance:** High

Dear Senators:

1 - I testified at a NYS Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on corruption in our legal system and was kindly asked at that hearing by Senator Adams to join a civilian task force on the judiciary. With the budget cuts last year, that committee never came about. I am confident that will not be the case this year.

I raised a multitude of issues then (and since) concerning how victims in Surrogate's courts have their trusts depleted by savvy thieves who outwit court procedures. I just spoke before the Appellate court (2<sup>nd</sup> Dept.) on how slick parents can outwit child support laws by manipulating college credits in Supreme courts, circumventing the protections in Family courts, and thus becoming judicially enabled deadbeats without fear of incarceration. I constantly call up Judge Lippman's office (poor Mary!) with recommendations on how to improve court operations (I am an operational auditor) and asked to join his new task force – sadly, I did not even get the courtesy of a response from him. I am sure that will not be the case with you.

I was married to a Law Secretary for over 20 years and was witness to the backroom dealings in our courts. I have since been victimized by my ex's years of legal abuse (see Judge Miller's Matrimonial Commission report on the system abuse by court insiders in their personal cases). I was also a global auditor for over a decade with Reader's Digest. In short, I know the courts from the inside out, I know how victims can be bullied and abused by the misuse of power and the misuse of the law, and I am trained to study how operations work and how to improve them. Thus – I am asking to be included in any new committees being set up, including the judicial salary reviews.

2 – Regarding judicial salaries, I am currently advocating against the payroll fraud being committed by our judges – the NYS courts receive Federal grants and are thus beholden to Federal accounting laws. Taking two checks for one job constitutes payroll fraud by auditing standards so I have already notified the GAC in DC with these abuses by our judges (see attached). The NYS Senate Judiciary Committee must immediately change the law to prohibit this theft by individuals entrusted to uphold our laws for if they do not obey them, why should anyone else? Judge Lippman also doubled the expenses judges

are allowed from \$5,000 to \$10,000 stating that the judges can collect \$5,000 in expenses without receipts. That abuse too must be stopped – any expense over \$75 must be fully documented.

Lastly, the audits of our courts are virtually non-existent. There are no controls in place to protect abuse victims, and no one audits the accounting reports in Surrogate's (the court examiners are NOT auditors!). I am advocating on several cases (in different Surrogate's courts) where there has been no full accounting in years and none of the Surrogate's judges will even issue orders demanding them. No one in OCA seems to pull the cases and "tick and tie" to see if each case has a full and proper accounting each year. Plus, no one ever conducts an audit "look back" to see if the assets being declared represent the full value of the decedent's or disabled individual's trust/estate to begin with! All you have to do to steal in NYS is to become an executor of an estate and make up the starting number on the balance sheet – no one will ever verify if it's correct! (And yes, I have cases where millions have been stolen – from family members suffering from dementia, and even from trusts for autistic children. Is this what you want to allow in our courts? Because it is happening).

I want to help and correct these abuses. This Mubarak-like behavior must be stopped. I see some of you put on your web sites that "it is a new day in New York". Is it? If you truly believe that, then call me and tell me you're putting me on a committee where I can do something to stop these abuses.

Thank you,

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