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TO: New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct

FROM: Elena Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: File Nos. 2023/R-05444-0556 – Request for Substantiation/Clarification of Clerk Zahner’s February 22, 2024 Letter: CJA’s October 25, 2023 corruption complaint against Monroe County Family Court judges, a Monroe County Supreme Court justice, and Appellate Division, Fourth Department justices

By a [February 22, 2024 letter](#), Commission Clerk Celia Zahner purported that the Commission had “reviewed” CJA’s October 25, 2023 complaint and asked her to advise me that it had dismissed it because:

“Upon careful consideration, the Commission concluded that there was insufficient indication of judicial misconduct to justify judicial discipline.”

Please substantiate/clarify Clerk Zahner’s letter by furnishing:

- (1) the date on which the Commission purportedly “reviewed” and “dismissed” the October 25, 2023 complaint;
- (2) the number of Commissioners who were present and voted on the complaint, their identities, and whether any of the judge-members of the Commission recused themselves;
- (3) the meaning of the phrase “insufficient indication of judicial misconduct to justify judicial discipline”, including confirmation that dismissal on such ground is without the Commission’s investigating the complaint;
- (4) the legal authority that permits the Commission to dismiss, without investigation, a complaint for “insufficient indication of judicial misconduct to justify judicial discipline”;
- (5) the specific respects in which the Commissioners deemed the October 25, 2023 complaint to be “insufficient” in its “indication of judicial misconduct”;

(6) any and all appeal/review/reconsideration procedures.

Thank you.

s/ Elena Sassower