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**Subject:** **RE: STATUS? -- There is no confusion -- RE: Your Leadership as Chair of the Western Panel, Pursuant to Social Services Law §371-b & 42 USC §5106a**

Elena,

After reviewing all the documents, the Western Panel will not take up this matter for further review or inquiry.

Best,

Todd Sage  
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**Subject:** **STATUS? -- There is no confusion -- RE: Your Leadership as Chair of the Western Panel, Pursuant to Social Services Law §371-b & 42 USC §5106a**

Dear Todd,

What is the status of your review of the [Independent Expert Report](#) and [October 25, 2023 complaint](#)? Tonight will be a week since our last exchange – and I have no record of response from you or anyone else to the below.

In the event you have not forwarded the e-mail exchange, Independent Expert Report, and October 25, 2023 complaint to the other members of the Western Panel, I request that you do so – and also forward it to all members of the Eastern and New York City Panels, if their respective chairs and vice chairs have not themselves done so. All members of the three Panels must be part of the serious conversation that should be taking place...

Please advise – and let me know when next week you are available for a phone conversation or zoom call with me – and, if you deem appropriate, to include the other chairs, vice chairs and members.

Thank you.

Elena

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**Subject: There is no confusion -- RE: Your Leadership as Chair of the Western Panel, Pursuant to Social Services Law §371-b & 42 USC §5106a**

Policies and procedures for child protective services are implemented through the courts. The [Independent Expert Report](#) and [October 25, 2023 complaint](#) document the evisceration of those policy/procedure standards, *in toto*. This is within the purview of the Panels. Let's speak after you and your fellow Chairs/Vice Chairs have reviewed the Independent Expert Report and complaint, which you do not indicate you have yet done.

Thank you.

Elena

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**Subject: RE: Your Leadership as Chair of the Western Panel, Pursuant to Social Services Law §371-b & 42 USC §5106a**

Elena,

I appreciate your engagement with the Western Citizen Review Panel, but I must admit there seems to be a bit of confusion regarding what you are seeking from us. You reference New York Consolidated Laws, Social Services Law - SOS § 371-b, which clearly outlines the mandate for citizen review panels. These panels are tasked with examining the policies, procedures, and, where appropriate, specific cases, to assess how effectively state and social services districts are fulfilling their child protection responsibilities. This includes adherence to state plans and child protection standards as established under federal law, and any other criteria deemed essential for child protection.

However, I want to clarify that our panel does not possess judicial oversight powers. The complaints and concerns you've raised appear to be more aligned with issues of judicial process and the conduct of legal

professionals, which fall outside our panel's purview. The entities responsible for overseeing New York Family Courts include the New York State Unified Court System, the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, Appellate Divisions of the New York State Supreme Court, the Judicial Conduct Commission, and indirectly, the State Legislature and Governor through legislative and budgetary powers.

In light of this, while we recognize the shortfall in our panel's composition, and have communicated this need to the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and the relevant state branches for member appointments, our capacity to enforce this mandate is limited. Without legal representation or independent funding, our panel's role remains advisory and evaluative, focusing on child welfare practices and policies within our jurisdiction.

Regarding your statement about New York City Panel Chair Lansner, it's important to note that the role of any panel member, regardless of their professional background, does not extend to providing legal advice or interpretations to other members. The expectation for Mr. Lansner or any attorney serving on the panel to educate members on legal matters oversteps the boundaries of their designated roles. Our panels would indeed require independent legal representation to address such needs, and it would be inappropriate and a conflict of interest to seek legal counsel from panel members, even if they are attorneys.

As for the panel meetings, they are predominantly open to the public, promoting transparency and community involvement. Exceptions are made for closed executive sessions to discuss sensitive matters. WRI Solutions provides our administrative support, and a calendar of our meetings is available upon request. We encourage public participation and value community insights into our processes.

If you have specific cases you believe require our attention, within the scope of child welfare and not judicial proceedings, we are prepared to collaborate with OCFS and county authorities to review practices and policies for potential improvement.

I hope this clarifies the panel's position and limitations. We are committed to addressing child welfare concerns within our mandate and welcome constructive dialogue to enhance our collective efforts.

I've attached our recent report to the state, which outlines our current initiatives, and I would invite you or members of your organization to promote those that you feel are aligned with your own efforts.

Respectfully,

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**Subject:** Your Leadership as Chair of the Western Panel, Pursuant to Social Services Law §371-b & 42 USC §5106a

Dear Todd,

Thank you for your below prompt e-mail.

I am NOT asking the New York State Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services to bring a legal action. I am asking the Panels to discharge their investigative and evaluative duties pursuant to [Social Services Law §371-b, ¶3](#), which states:

“Each citizen review panel shall, by examining the policies and procedures of the state and social services districts and, where appropriate, specific cases, evaluate the extent to which the agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities in accordance with: (a) the state plan established pursuant to [42 U.S.C. §5106a\(b\)](#); (b) the child protection standards set forth in [42 U.S.C. §5106a\(b\)](#); and (c) any other criteria that the panel considers important to ensure the protection of children...”

CJA’s October 25, 2023 complaint – and the Independent Expert Report on which it rests – is an “appropriate, specific case[]”, establishing that ALL agencies and entities in Monroe County responsible for upholding and enforcing standards and safeguards with respect to child protective proceedings are flagrantly corrupted. Monroe County is within the geographic jurisdiction of the Western Panel, which you chair, and which, pursuant to [Social Services Law §371-b, ¶2](#), is required to have 13 members – not the 6 it has – and is equipped with resources, pursuant to [Social Services Law §371-b, ¶1](#), which states: “The office of children and family services shall make available resources to support the needs of each citizen review panel” and, additionally, by ¶4:

“Each citizen review panel shall have access to information on specific cases in accordance with [paragraph \(A\) of subdivision four of section four hundred twenty-two](#) of this chapter. Each panel shall also have reasonable access to public and private facilities which are in receipt of public funds and are providing child welfare services within the panel's jurisdiction. Where necessary, the office shall assist a panel in obtaining access to information or facilities as authorized in accordance with this section. ...”

Even better is [42 U.S.C. §5106a\(c\)5\(B\)](#) mandating that the “State...shall provide the panel, upon its request, staff assistance for the performance of the duties of the panel”.

Certainly, it is a simple matter for the Western Panel to request that the various agencies and entities that are showcased by the October 25, 2023 complaint and Independent Expert Report furnish you with their specific responses. What, if anything, do they deny or dispute?

New York City Panel Chair Lansner, an attorney with decades of expertise in these matters, should long ago have educated the lay members of the Panels to the purpose and meaning of [Social Services Law §371-b](#) and [42 U.S.C. §5106a](#). But, of course, that would have exposed that the NYC Panel he chairs has been operating without the required “one subcommittee for each borough”, mandated by [Social Services Law §371-b, ¶1](#). How to explain this? And how to explain that he has allowed the Panels to operate year, after year, after year, without a full complement of 13 members each, when, as he knew, it was easy to rectify the situation by an Article 78 mandamus proceeding against the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker to compel their compliance with their appointing obligations, pursuant to [Social Services Law §371-b, ¶2](#). Drafting an Article 78 petition would have taken him half an hour.

Also concerning is that the Panels appear to have held no “public hearings” for at least the past ten years, notwithstanding [Social Services Law §371-b, ¶3](#) states: “Each panel may hold public hearings on issues

within the panel's jurisdiction" and [42 U.S.C. §5106a\(c\)\(4\)\(C\)](#) entitled "Public outreach" states: "Each panel shall provide for public outreach and comment in order to assess the impact of current procedures and practices upon children and families in the community and in order to meet its obligations under subparagraph (A)".

In short, [Social Services Law §371-b](#) and [42 U.S.C. §5106a](#) furnish you, as chair of the Western Panel, with everything you need to put the Western Panel back on track, statutorily – and CJA's October 25, 2023 complaint is a monumental "appropriate, specific case" compelling you to do so. The two other Panels will follow your lead.

Please call me, at your convenience, on Monday, after you have reviewed the [Independent Expert Report](#) and [October 25, 2023 complaint](#) so that we can have a conversation about the foregoing.

As I believe it would be beneficial to share this exchange with the other parties to my below e-mail to which you alone have responded, I am cc'ing them, for their comment.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** RE: Conflict-of-Interest/Corruption Complaint vs NYC Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services Chair David Lansner, Esq. -- & designation of "appropriate, specific case" pursuant to Social Services Law §371-b & 42 USC §5106a

Elena,

I'm not sure what you are asking of us. We do not have legal representation assigned to use, nor do we have a budget as we are an all-volunteer panel. So, while we may agree to disagree with the concerns raised, we have no oversight ability or mechanism to bring legal action. While I personally feel we might have standing based on our legislative mandates, our ability to bring an action is limited.

I'm just trying to clarify what you are asking of us regarding action items or supporting actions you might be bringing as part of your group.

Thanks

Todd

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**Subject:** Conflict-of-Interest/Corruption Complaint vs NYC Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services Chair David Lansner, Esq. -- & designation of "appropriate, specific case" pursuant to Social Services Law §371-b & 42 USC §5106a

**TO:** [New York State Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services](#)

Western Panel Chair Todd Sage

Eastern Panel Chair Eunju Lee

Eastern Panel Vice Chair Mary McCarthy

New York City Vice Chair Jocelyn Brown

I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#).

Three months ago, the chair of your New York City Panel, David Lansner, Esq., testified at the [November 1, 2023 oversight hearing on Family Court, held by the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Committee on Children and Families](#) (VIDEO, at 5hrs/45 mins – 51 mins) – at which I and New York Families Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Sebastian Doggart, not having the approved race and poverty-based agenda of testimony, were not permitted to testify. Following Chair Lansner's testimony and that of Family Justice Law Center Executive Director/Founder David Shalleck-Klein, Esq., I sent them the below e-mails, with the above-attached October 25, 2023 "Corruption Complaint against Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents".

The only response I received, from Chair Lansner, was on November 8, 2023, to my initial e-mail to him of that same date – and to which I replied by a November 9, 2023 e-mail questioning why he had not advised me that he "would be forwarding the complaint to the chair and ALL members of the Western Panel, whose geographic area is Monroe County and the region encompassed by the Appellate Division, Fourth Department" I asked whether he did not believe that:

"the Western Panel should be reviewing it and taking appropriate action – pronto. And what about the chair and ALL members of the Eastern Panel and ALL members of the New York City Panel? Isn't the EVIDENCE of corruption and fraud particularized by the complaint sufficiently horrifying and high-level to require their involvement, as well?"

I further stated:

"The ONLY explanation I can fathom is that you are disabled from discharging your professional, ethical, and civic responsibilities by conflicts of interest, in which case, at very least, your obligation is to so-disclose to the members of the three New York State Citizen Review Panels for Protective Services and to recuse yourself from the review and action that is their statutory charge.

Please advise, so that I may know how to proceed.”

Chair Lansner did not deny the foregoing – and, in fact, did not respond to my November 9, 2023 e-mail, or to my two subsequent e-mails, on November 17, 2023 and December 1, 2023.

**I am, therefore, turning to you directly with this complaint against Chair Lansner for his conflict-of-interest-driven corrupting of his office as chair of the New York City Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services. Please confirm that he did not furnish you with the October 25, 2023 complaint – and advise as to how you will be handling it, consistent with your duties pursuant to [Social Services Law §371-b, ¶3](#). Is it not obvious that the complaint, starting with the [Independent Expert Report](#) on which it rests, is a monumental “appropriate, specific case[]” from which to “evaluate the extent to which the agencies [of New York state and local governance] are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities in accordance with: (a) the state plan established pursuant to [42 USC §5106a\(b\)](#); (b) the child protection standards set forth in [42 USC §5106a\(b\)](#); and (c) any other criteria that the panel considers important to ensure the protection of children”?**

I am available to answer all your questions and to update you as to the status of the October 25, 2023 complaint – and would look forward to doing so, under oath.

Meantime, Chair Lansner and attorney Shalleck-Klein are being cc’d so that they can explain their conduct reflected by the below e-mails.

Thank you.

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**Subject: LAST TIME -- CJA's October 25, 2023 Corruption Complaint...Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents**

Dear Mr. Lansner,

Were you NOT planning to respond to my below November 9<sup>th</sup> e-mail, about which I reminded you by my below November 17<sup>th</sup> e-mail?

And is it NOT concerning to you that I have received NO response from Mr. Shalleck-Klein to my five below e-mails?

How do you explain this?

Please advise IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** **AGAIN -- CJA's October 25, 2023 Corruption Complaint...Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents**

Dear Mr. Lansner,

I have received no response from you to my below November 9<sup>th</sup> e-mail. Is this because you have not responded? If so, why is that?

I also have still received no response from Mr. Shalleck-Klein. Is this concerning to you? By this now 5<sup>th</sup> e-mail to him, I, likewise, request the reason.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** **CJA's October 25, 2023 Corruption Complaint...Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents**

Dear Mr. Lansner,

While I thank you for your below e-mail, I do not think it is an appropriate response to my above October 25, 2023 "Corruption Complaint against Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent



Parents” – and certainly not in your capacity as chair of the New York City Panel of the [New York State Citizen Review Panels for Protective Services](#) whose [federally](#) and [state](#)-mandated purpose is to “examine the policies, procedures, and practices of the State and social services districts and, where appropriate, specific cases”.

I asked you two questions: (1) what are your “thoughts about a §1983 federal action based thereon”; and (2) what is your “experience – and those of other Family Court litigating attorneys – in filing complaints with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, Attorney Grievance Committees, and the OCA IG”, such as I have done by the October 25<sup>th</sup> complaint. You answered neither – and have not even helped me to obtain such answers, as, for example, from David Shalleck-Klein, from whom I still have received no response to what, in cc’ing him on my e-mail to you, was my third e-mail to him.

Why is that? And why, as chair of the New York City Citizen Review Panel for Protective Services, did you not advise me that you would be forwarding the complaint to the chair and ALL members of the Western Panel, whose geographic area is Monroe County and the region encompassed by the Appellate Division, Fourth Department? Did you not believe the Western Panel should be reviewing it and taking appropriate action – pronto. And what about the chair and ALL members of the Eastern Panel and ALL members of the New York City Panel? Isn’t the EVIDENCE of corruption and fraud particularized by the complaint sufficiently horrifying and high-level to require their involvement, as well?

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Please advise, so that I may know how to proceed.

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**Subject: RE: Thank you, David Lansner, for your powerful testimony at the Senate's Nov 1st oversight hearing on the Family Courts -- & for your civil rights actions on behalf of victims & to make change**

Think you for writing to me. Alas, we are unable to take on any new matters at this time. We wish you success.

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**Subject:** Thank you, David Lansner, for your powerful testimony at the Senate's Nov 1st oversight hearing on the Family Courts -- & for your civil rights actions on behalf of victims & to make change

**TO:** [David Lansner, Esq./Co-Chair – NYS Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services](#)

Thank you for your powerful testimony at the November 1<sup>st</sup> [Senate oversight hearing on the Family Courts](#) – and the civil rights actions you have brought on behalf of victims and to make change.

I am the director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#), which, for decades, has been bringing strategic litigations “on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest”. Indeed, I believe that because those litigations so-devastatingly particularized the EVIDENCE of New York’s corrupted courts – and of the collusion and cover-up of those charged with oversight, such as the senators – that I was denied my request to testify about “[Family Court corruption, covered up by supervisory, appellate, & ethics authorities & other courts, etc.](#)” at the November 1st hearing.

You can assess my testimonial capacity about Monroe County Family Court, covered up by Monroe County Supreme Court & the Appellate Division, Fourth Department – and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera’s knowledge thereof, [prior to testifying at the November 1st hearing](#) – by the above-attached October 25, 2023 complaint, which I sent, expressly for him and Chief Administrative Judge Zayas, by the below e-mail.

I would appreciate your reviewing it – and letting me know your thoughts about a §1983 federal action based thereon. I have requested the same of David Shalleck-Klein, by the below two e-mails, but have not received any response to that question – or to my further question as to his “experience – and those of other Family Court litigating attorneys – in filing complaints with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, Attorney Grievance Committees, and the OCA IG.” I’d be grateful for your response to this, as well.

Please call me, when convenient.

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**Subject: AGAIN -- Thank you, David Shalleck-Klein, for your powerful testimony yesterday -- & for your vision of "affirmative litigation to seek justice for families mistreated" "to challenge and remedy the abuses of this system**

**TO: [Family Justice Law Center Executive Director & Founder David Shalleck-Klein, Esq.](#)**

I have received no response to my below November 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail. Has it been overlooked?

Looking forward to hearing from you, soon. Are you aware that your written testimony, with its Exhibit A, has still not been posted on the [Senate's webpage for the November 1<sup>st</sup> hearing?](#)

Thank you.

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**TO: [Family Justice Law Center Executive Director & Founder David Shalleck-Klein, Esq.](#)**

Thank you for your powerful testimony yesterday at [the Senate's oversight hearing on the Family Courts.](#)

I am the director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#), which, for decades, has been bringing strategic litigations "on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest". Indeed, I believe that because those litigations have so-devastatingly particularized the EVIDENCE of New York's corrupted courts – and of the collusion and cover-up of those charged with oversight, such as the senators – that I was denied my request to testify about "[Family Court corruption, covered up by supervisory, appellate, & ethics authorities & other courts, etc.](#)" at yesterday's hearing.

You can assess my testimonial capacity about Monroe County Family Court, covered up by Monroe County Supreme Court & the Appellate Division, Fourth Department – and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera's knowledge thereof, [prior to testifying at yesterday's hearing](#) – by

the above-attached October 25, 2023 complaint, which I sent, expressly for him and Chief Administrative Judge Zayas, by the below e-mail.

I would appreciate your reviewing it – and letting me know your thoughts about a §1983 federal action based thereon.

Also, I would very much like to see the Exhibit A pertaining to your correspondence with the OCA supervisory echelons to which you referred when you testified yesterday, but which is [not yet posted](#), nor your written testimony of which it is part. Also, what is your experience – and those of other Family Court litigating attorneys – in filing complaints with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, Attorney Grievance Committees, and the OCA IG?

Please call me, when convenient.

Thanks.

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**Subject: Corruption Complaint: Monroe County Family & Supreme Courts & Fourth Dept Appellate Division -- Follow-up to Testimony at Oct 13th Hearing of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation**

**TO: New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct  
Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees (7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District)  
Unified Court System Inspector General Kay-Ann Porter Campbell  
Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas  
Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Richard Rivera**

Above-attached & [here linked](#) is my “Corruption Complaint against Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents”. Its “Conclusion” (at p. 29) reads:

“The foregoing long-overdue complaint is being furnished, additionally, to the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, before which I testified on October 13, 2023, handing up a copy of the [Independent Expert Report](#), in substantiation of my testimony as to the corruption infesting the judiciary – a threshold, ‘appropriate factor’ of constitutional dimension that it is statutorily-required to ‘take into account’. My words were as follows ([VIDEO, at 2hrs/45mins](#)):

‘Lastly, I don’t want you to believe that the corruption infesting the judiciary is only in cases of magnitude such as the cases that I have here presented. I have a, a independent report that I wrote about a Family Court case out of Monroe County, a mother called me in distress because her child had been taken away from her. And she begged me to assist her. Without charge, I, I examined the record -- and I wrote a report that was furnished, it’s a sealed file. I think you should take a look at what goes on, and you should know this is only the first piece of it. But the corruption involving this report at the Family Court level, at the Appellate Division Fourth Department from which you come, Chair Fahey, you need to take testimony. You have subpoena power. You need to – you need to examine the corruption in the judiciary –’

The only correction I would make is to add a reference to the corresponding corruption in the Monroe County Supreme Court pertaining to the Independent Expert Report.

As [the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation’s enabling statute requires you to assist the Commission, upon its request](#),<sup>fn3</sup> perhaps that is the most expeditious way for it to proceed – requesting that you furnish it with the results of the investigation that is your duty to make with respect to this fully-documented, facially-meritorious complaint.”

I am available to assist you, to the max, in investigating this complaint – and would welcome giving testimony under oath. I know the innocent parents feel likewise.

Meantime, CJA’s webpage for the complaint – which cannot otherwise be accessed, out of respect for the parents’ privacy – can be reached by this link: <https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/cjc/complaint-oct-25-23.htm>.

Thank you.

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**NOTE to Cindy Martucci/Assistant to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas.** Following up our phone conversation at 3:40 this afternoon, kindly forward this e-mail to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera – and, additionally, to the Fourth Department’s Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District, which does not make an e-mail address for complaints and/or communications available. Thank you.