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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 6:29 PM
To: 'edawson@13wham.com'
Subject: FOLLOW-UP: "Sheriff O'Flynn Defends Raise, Respond to Critics"
Attachments: 11-8-11-executive-summary.pdf

Dear Mr. Dawson,

Thank you for your important story – the beginning of an even more important one. You state:

“O’Flynn could see a 27 percent raise by April. That’s because New York lawmakers appointed a Special Commission on Judicial Compensation, which was charged with determining a fair pay structure for judges. In August, the commission announced their decision, which the state is bound to uphold unless the legislature specifically amends it. 13WHAM contacted members of the state legislature from both parties, along with district attorneys and judges in western New York. All said they expected the commission’s decision to stand.” (underlining added).

Presumably “the members of the state legislature...along with district attorneys and judges in western New York” who said they “expected the commission’s decision to stand”, are unaware of the Center for Judicial Accountability’s October 27, 2011 Opposition Report to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Skelos, Assembly Speaker Silver, and Chief Judge Lippman, demonstrating the fraudulence of the Commission’s August 29, 2011 Report for a 27% judicial pay hike and calling upon them to secure a legislative override so that it does not become law in April.

The Executive Summary to that Opposition Report is attached. The full Opposition Report is posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel “Latest News”. Here’s the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>.

Please forward this on to those same state legislators, district attorneys, and judges in western New York for comment – and contact, as well, the Governor, Senate Majority Leader, Assembly Speaker, and Chief Judge.

Feel free to call me – anytime – for details and my own comment. I can be reached at 718-708-5303.

Again, thank you.

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