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RE: United States of America v. Letitia A. James, Criminal No. #2:25cr 122
“No one is above the law”, “tremendous breaches of the public’s trust”, & your assistance in securing criminal indictment of NYS Attorney General Letitia James for her “intentional, criminal acts” as attorney general, destroying constitutional, lawful NYS governance, since she was sworn into office, January 1, 2019

I am director and co-founder of the [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.](http://www.judgewatch.org) (CJA), a nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens organization, based in New York.

Your [October 9th press release](#) “New York State Attorney General Indicted” quotes you as stating:

“No one is above the law. The charges as alleged in this case represent intentional, criminal acts and tremendous breaches of the public’s trust ... The facts and the law in this case are clear, and we will continue following them to ensure that justice is served” (underlining added),

Yet the [indictment](#) is against Letitia James as a private person, unconnected with her office as NYS attorney general, which it does not mention. What you describe as “tremendous breaches of the public’s trust” are not because she misused her office to obtain a “mortgage loan for the property located at 3121 Peronne Avenue, Norfolk Virginia”, but because she happens to be NYS attorney general.

The reason for this letter is to alert you that it is as NYS attorney general that Ms. James truly has committed “tremendous breaches of the public’s trust” – and that, consistent with “No one is above the law”, she must be prosecuted for her “intentional, criminal acts”, as attorney general, destroying constitutional, lawful NYS governance, involving the massive NYS budget, the “false instrument” salary increases it embeds, *including for her own salary*, and NY’s “public protection”/ethics and criminal entities.

As to this official misconduct, which began upon Attorney General James being sworn into office on January 1, 2019, the U.S. Justice Department has had the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE since October 16, 2020, five years ago today. That was when I filed with the FBI an [October 16, 2020 criminal complaint](#), *per* instruction of the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York, resting on a [June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to the Albany County district attorney](#) that I had filed against Attorney General James and NYS' other highest constitutional officers in its three government branches, with [61 corresponding grand jury/public corruption complaints](#) to NY's 61 other district attorneys. To this, the FBI did not respond, NY's four Acting U.S. Attorneys did not respond, the Biden White House did not respond, the Senate Judiciary Committee responsible for U.S. Attorney confirmations, did not respond, and NY's four newly-confirmed U.S. Attorneys did not respond.

Similarly, the Justice Department's Office of Inspector General, to which I filed a [September 3, 2021 complaint](#) against the FBI and the four NY Acting U.S. Attorneys, did not respond. Instead, by an [unsigned November 10, 2021 letter bearing no person's name](#), the General Counsel's Office of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys purported that "The OIG [had] chosen not to investigate [the] allegations", but had "referred" my complaint to it, and that it had "no authority to examine [the] allegations", further stating:

"Your allegations appear to be entirely local in nature and under the jurisdiction of state offices. Typically, investigations of these types of allegations of criminal activity are conducted by local law enforcement and prosecuted by local officials. If you feel that local officials have acted improperly or are unresponsive, you may wish to contact New York state officials responsible for monitoring local government activities. Generally, this will be the State Attorney General's Office." (underlining added).

On June 4, 2021, I tried to alert then former President Trump to the situation by a ["Dear Mr. Trump" message](#) on CJA's website, stating, in pertinent part:

"DEAR MR. TRUMP:

Your NY Democratic prosecutors -- NY Attorney General Letitia James & Manhattan D.A. Cyrus Vance, Jr. -- who are pursuing you because '*no one is above the law*', are themselves '*above the law*' -- and while you were still president, the FBI & your 4 acting US Attorneys for NY had the OPEN-and-SHUT, *prima facie* EVIDENCE to indict them & scores of other NY public officers for corruption and fraud involving the NY state budget and 'false instrument' pay raises they stole for themselves. The highest of these public officers -- ALL Democrats -- are Governor Andrew Cuomo and the heads of NY's Legislative and Judicial branches.

...

MR. TRUMP, the reason you know nothing about any of this is because NY's mostly left-leaning press has, for years, been complicit in the systemic corruption of NY's governance -- involving all three government branches. It has concealed, totally, the EVIDENCE of what has been going on and, by its knowingly false reporting and editorializing, has sped the collapse of constitutional checks and balances, including by its rigging of NY's elections. Here's [CJA's 30-year archive chronicling this](#) -- and here's our two lawsuits aimed at securing media accountability, the first vs [The New York Times](#) and the second vs [Gannett](#) -- both 'thrown' at trial and appellate levels by fraudulent judicial decisions of NY's state courts because there was NO legitimate defense to either lawsuit. Here's also CJA's most recent and IMMEDIATELY relevant chronicling of the 'fake news', corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism that has deprived the People of the State of New York of what they have needed to know about their public officers and state governance: [last year, before the 2020 elections](#) and, after, in [November](#) and in [December](#), and this year: in [January](#), [February-March](#), [April-May](#), and thus far, in [June](#).

MR. TRUMP, from [this website](#), you have the EVIDENCE to PROVE that you are being invidiously and selectively investigated by AG James and DA Vance who have corrupted their offices and are pocketing fraudulent pay raises for their crimes -- and that the media has known about this, but reported NOTHING. You have a slam-dunk opportunity to not only help yourself, but, simultaneously, to do a great public good: to 'drain the swamp' that is NY's governance and expose -- definitively and beyond all doubt -- its 'fake news' press. Go to it! ..."

Nearly two years later, by an April 3, 2023 ["Dear Mr. Trump" message](#), I reached out again, stating, in pertinent part:

"DEAR MR. TRUMP:

More than a week *before* Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg procured your indictment, I sought to furnish you with the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE that Bragg, as chief deputy in the New York Attorney General's Office, was complicit in the corruption of New York state governance, involving the entirety of the state budget & the pay raises it embeds; that his 2021 election as Manhattan D.A. was rigged by the 'fake news media'; and that at least since [June 14, 2021](#) Bragg has known that then Manhattan D.A. Cyrus Vance, Jr. and Attorney General Letitia James, who were pursuing you because 'no one is above the law', were themselves 'above the law' and had flagrantly corrupted their offices.

...

MR. TRUMP, no grand jury which knew that Manhattan D.A. Bragg was withholding from it the June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint that I had filed with D.A. Vance against Manhattan state legislators for stealing billions of taxpayer dollars and subverting, totally, constitutional, lawful governance would have handed him an indictment against you, arising from a \$130,000 payment, from personal monies, to keep quiet an extramarital affair.

Doubtless, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office fed the grand jury the kind of fraud emblazoned at the top of its website: 'ONE STANDARD OF JUSTICE FOR ALL' -- and was unaware that D.A. Bragg had NOT re-established the 'Public Corruption Unit' that had existed in the Manhattan D.A.'s Office, for years, until my July 29, 2020 FOIL request for records and information about the Office's handling of public corruption complaints, following which D.A. Vance 'restructured' the 'Public Corruption Unit' as the 'Police Accountability Unit focusing exclusively on police misconduct and law enforcement matters'.

MR. TRUMP, your New York prosecutors, D.A. Bragg and AG James, have been 'above the law', unaccountable, and defrauding the public by their 'ONE STANDARD OF JUSTICE FOR ALL' pretenses. The rock-solid EVIDENCE, summarized and furnished by my very first March 22nd e-mail which my four subsequent e-mail each included, will enable you to not only help yourself, but ALL the People of New York - - and the nation -- by 'draining the swamp' of public corruption enabled, perpetuated, and accelerated by Bragg and James, in collusion with the 'fake news media'. Go to it!..."

In the 2-1/2 years since, Attorney General James has continued to corrupt her office to destroy ALL checks and balances of NYS governance. The only difference is that the size of the larcenous, policy-packed, OFF-THE-CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS state budget is now \$254 billion dollars, approximately a third of which comes from the federal government.

As previously, over these past 2-1/2 years, I have complained in testimony for the Legislature's budget hearings, filed further ethics and criminal complaints against Attorney General James, filed another state lawsuit, in 2024, suing her, yet again, for what she has been doing, including the sham of her Public Integrity Bureau.¹ So, too, have I sent countless e-mails to NY's press, which have reported none of it, including because the eviscerated safeguarding checks have enabled the capture of NYS governance by their favored hard left -- the embodiment of which is NYS Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, whose win to be New York City mayor the press have been rigging.

¹ These further criminal complaints have included a February 28, 2024 corruption complaint to the FBI against Attorney General James, *et al.*, and, pertaining thereto, a March 1, 2024 corruption complaint to the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section of its Criminal Division. There was no response to either.

Notably, the press reporting of your October 9th indictment of Attorney General James repeats, as if true, her flagrantly false portrayals of herself as a defender of “truth”, who upholds “our Constitutional order”, “bedrock principles of our country,” has “done [her] job as New York State Attorney General”, whose conduct in office has been “based on the facts and evidence — not politics” and “[her] office will continue to fiercely protect New Yorkers and their rights”.²

Likewise, the press repeats, as if true, the accolades of Attorney General James’ co-conspirators and beneficiaries in crime, such as Governor Kathy Hochul:

“New Yorkers know [Letitia James] for her integrity, her independence, and her relentless fight for justice. What we’re seeing today is nothing less than the weaponization of the Justice Department to punish those who hold the powerful accountable.”³

and Mamdani:

“The Attorney General has had our back, time and again. We have hers”,⁴

“thank you to New York’s attorney general, Tish James. For years, you have fought the good fight for New Yorkers, and now it’s our time to fight for you”,⁵

who further described her as:

“an attorney general who has spent all of her time worrying about the people of the state”.⁶

² [“Letitia James indicted by federal grand jury in Virginia - City & State New York”](#) (City & State, October 9, 2025); [“New York AG Letitia James and others react to indictment on fraud charge”](#) (WHEC.com/News10NBC, October 9, 2025); [“How Letitia James, Now Indicted, Will Stay as New York’s Attorney General”](#) (NYT, October 10, 2025); [“New York AG Letitia James indicted on fraud charge”](#) (AP, October 10, 2025); [“Letitia James, NY attorney general, indicted for fraud by DOJ; slams Trump for ‘political retribution’”](#) (Daily News, October 10, 2025); AG James’ October 9, 2025 [written statement & video](#).

³ Governor Hochul’s October 9, 2025 [social media post](#), quoted, *inter alia*, by City & State, *supra*, and linked by [“What Are the Charges in Letitia James’s Indictment?”](#) (NYT, October 9, 2025).

⁴ Quoted, *inter alia*, by City & State, *supra*.

⁵ [“Letitia James campaigns for Zohran Mamdani in her first public appearance since federal indictment”](#) (NBC News, October 14, 2025) [“NY AG Letitia James rallies for Zohran Mamdani in her first public appearance since indictment”](#), (CNN, October 14, 2025).

⁶ [“Tish James Indictment Reverberates in Cuomo-Mamdani Fray”](#) (The City, October 10, 2025).

To assist you in verifying the foregoing – including what Mamdani knows, what Hochul knows, and what the press know about Attorney General James’ corruption, in office, for which she and they must be indicted – and will be convicted – I have created an [EVIDENTIARY webpage for this letter](#),⁷ in support of **THE RELIEF HERE REQUESTED:**

referral of New York Attorney General James to whatever remains of the [Justice Department’s Public Integrity Section of its Criminal Division](#) or to New York’s four U.S. Attorneys, for presentment to federal grand juries of the EVIDENCE of her corrupting her office as New York state attorney general.⁸

Grand jury indictment of Attorney General James will be speedy, as the EVIDENCE includes a multitude of “false instrument” filings by her or in which she has been complicit – and as to which, because of her corruption and that of NY’s 62 district attorneys, there has been ZERO enforcement of NY’s penal laws.

So, too, will there be speedy indictments of Attorney General James’ many, many co-conspirators who she has protected, aided, and abetted since January 2019 – these including, in addition to Governor Hochul, such candidates running for top offices in the 2025 New York City elections as:

- NYC Mayoral Candidates Mamdani, Cuomo, if not, additionally, Curtis Sliwa;
- NYC Manhattan Borough President Candidate & NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal;
- Incumbent NYC Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, running for re-election;
- Incumbent NYC Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, running for re-election;
- Incumbent NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, running for re-election.

Suffice to add, NY’s press is fully familiar with the EVIDENCE that these candidates cannot be elected, because they must be indicted – and will be convicted – for their “intentional, criminal acts” of public corruption. Indeed, by an [October 8, 2025 verified complaint](#), I commenced a federal lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, naming 25 “representative” press defendants for their *knowingly* false, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism,

⁷ The EVIDENTIARY webpage for this letter is <https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/federal-lawsuits/10-16-25-ltr-evidentiary-webpage.htm>.

⁸ According to press reports, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York is embarked on such efforts – but pertaining exclusively to Attorney General James’ prosecutions of President Trump and the NRA, “[Justice Dept. Abruptly Escalates Pressure Campaign on a Trump Adversary](#)” (NYT, August 8, 2025); “[U.S. attorney’s office subpoenas New York AG Letitia James](#)” (Politico, August 8, 2025); “[NY AG Letitia James subpoenaed by Justice Department over \\$454M civil fraud case against Trump](#)” (NY Post, August 8, 2025); “[Federal prosecutors subpoena NY AG Letitia James over Trump, NRA cases per reports](#)” (Gothamist, August 8, 2025).

specifically focused on these very races, plus races for “district attorneys in approximately a dozen other counties throughout the state” (at ¶1).

Culminating the lawsuit’s four causes of action for “journalistic fraud”, for institutional reckless disregard for truth”, for “defrauding purchasers, contributors, & taxpayers”, and for “conspiracy”, is a request for “other & further relief”:

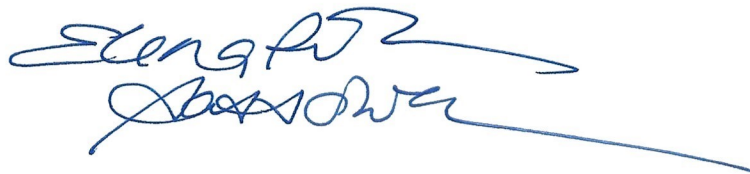
“referring defendants to the U.S. Department of Justice and Federal Communications Commission for investigation of their frauds and conspiracy crimes”. (at p. 71, bold added).

Based on your review of the October 8, 2025 verified complaint – and the mountain of EVIDENCE furnished therein – I expressly request that you also make such referral.

I am available to answer your questions, IMMEDIATELY and under oath. Meantime, I will furnish this letter to the lawsuit’s defendants – and to press not named in the lawsuit – so that they can report, accordingly and speedily, to NY voters who they have *knowingly* and deliberately kept “in the dark”, totally, about Attorney General James’ corrupting of her office and what has been going on.

I affirm the foregoing to be true, under penalties of perjury.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lindsey Halligan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

cc: The Press