

# *State of New York*

## *Court of Appeals*

*Decided and Entered on the  
eighteenth day of March, 2025*

**Present**, Hon. Jenny Rivera, *Senior Associate Judge, presiding.*

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Mo. No. 2025-25

In the Matter of Center for Judicial  
Accountability, Inc. et al.,  
Appellants,

v.

New York State Joint Commission on Public  
Ethics, et al.,  
Respondents.

(Index No. 904235-22)  
(APL-2024-150)

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In the Matter of Center for Judicial  
Accountability, Inc. et al.,  
Appellants,

v.

New York State Commission on Legislative,  
Judicial, and Executive Compensation, et al.,  
Respondents.

(Index No. 902654-24)  
(APL-2024-149 and APL-2024-175)

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Appellants having appealed and moved for sanctions &c. in the above causes;

Upon the papers filed and due deliberation, it is

ORDERED, on the Court's own motion, that the appeals, insofar as taken on behalf of  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. by Elena Ruth Sassower, are dismissed, without costs,  
upon the ground that Elena Ruth Sassower is not Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.'s  
authorized legal representative (*see* CPLR 321 [a]); and it is further

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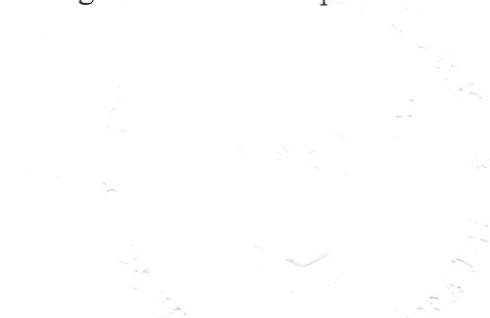
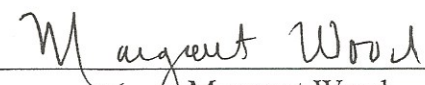
ORDERED, that the appeal in the first captioned matter insofar as taken by Elena Ruth Sassower on her own behalf, from the October 2024 Appellate Division order, is dismissed, without costs, upon the ground that the order appealed from does not finally determine the proceeding/action within the meaning of the Constitution and the appeal insofar as also treated as taken from the June 2024 Appellate Division order is dismissed, without costs, upon the grounds that (1) as to the portion of the order as affirmed the dismissal of the petition and the denial of sanctions, no substantial constitutional question is directly involved and (2) the order does not otherwise finally determine the proceeding/action within the meaning of the Constitution; and it is further

ORDERED, that the appeals in the second captioned matter insofar as taken by Elena Ruth Sassower on her own behalf, from the August 2024 Supreme Court orders and November 2024 Supreme Court order, is transferred, without costs, to the Appellate Division, Third Department, upon the ground that direct appeals do not lie when questions other than the constitutional validity of a statute are involved (*see* NY Const, art VI, §§ 3 [b] [2], 5 [b]; CPLR 5601 [b] [2]); and it is further

ORDERED, that the motion, on behalf of Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. by Elena Ruth Sassower, for sanctions &c. is dismissed upon the ground that Elena Ruth Sassower is not Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.'s authorized legal representative (*see* CPLR 321 [a]); and it is further

ORDERED, that the motion, by Elena Ruth Sassower on her own behalf, for sanctions &c. is denied.

Chief Judge Wilson took no part.

  
  
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Margaret Wood  
Deputy Clerk of the Court