

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 ORAL TESTIMONY**  
**In Opposition to Confirmation of Milton Williams, Jr., Esq.**  
**as Chair of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board**

Please deem my testimony as under oath and subject to the penalties of perjury.

My name is Elena Ruth Sassower. I am director and co-founder of the nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization Center for Judicial Accountability, that documents corruption in the judiciary.

“Cases are perfect paper trails. There's a record, so it's easy to document judicial corruption.” These are the words I spoke on September 17, 2013 before the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption in the presence of Milton Williams, Jr., one of its three co-chairs.

I appear here today before you in opposition to Mr. Williams' confirmation as chair of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board.

Acting on his conflicts of interest, born of personal, professional, and political relationships, Mr. Williams successively used positions of public trust to which he was appointed to betray his duties and the public:

- [In 2013-14, as co-chair of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption;](#)
- [In 2015, as a member of the Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline;](#)
- [At present and since 2019, as one of two vice-chairs of the First Department Attorney Grievance Committee.](#)

He did this with knowledge that he was thereby abetting and perpetuating judicial corruption involving the state Commission on Judicial Conduct and the state Attorney General, in collusion with New York's executive and legislative branches and ethics and criminal authorities, wholly subverting constitutional state governance, stealing massive amounts of taxpayer monies, and causing vast and irreparable injury to the People of New York.

I have furnished [written testimony](#) with substantiating particulars, hyperlinked to the evidence. It is posted on our website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), accessible from the top panel “Latest News”.

Based on the evidence furnished by my written testimony, Mr. Williams cannot be confirmed by you as he flagrantly does not meet the standard fixed by the Charter for appointment to the Conflicts of Interest Board: “independence, integrity, civic commitment and high ethical standards” ([Chapter 68, §2602\(b\)](#)). He is a corrupter, unfit for any office of public trust.

I am available to answer questions to assist you in discharging your Charter-mandated duties.

[I have furnished Mr. Williams with my written testimony](#) expressly so that he might have the due process opportunity to respond. You must require him to do so.