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**Subject:** **CORRUPTION at AD3-AGC: CJA's two Feb 27, 2025 complaints vs Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation Attorney-Members Egan & Fontaine -- AND MORE**

**Attachments:** [2-27-25-complaint-egan-3rd.pdf](#);  
[2-27-25-complaint-fontaine-3rd.pdf](#);  
[feb-3-2025-opposition-report.pdf](#)

**TO: Appellate Division, Third Department Attorney Grievance Committee –**  
**ATT: New Chair Elena Jaffe Tastensen & Members**

I have received no response from you to CJA's above-attached two February 27, 2025 complaints against Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation Attorney-Members Theresa Egan and Nadine Fontaine, sent to [AD3AGC@nycourts.gov](mailto:AD3AGC@nycourts.gov) by my below February 27, 2025 e-mail.

Please confirm that this is because you have NOT responded, explain the reason, and what you intend, going forward.

Likewise, please confirm and explain why:

- you have NOT responded to my [April 11, 2024 letter for full Committee reconsideration](#) of Chief Attorney Duffy's two March 19, 2024 notices of determination "not to investigate" CJA's January 29, 2024 complaints against Commissioners Egan and Fontaine;
- you have NOT responded to my [June 14, 2024 letter for full Committee reconsideration](#) of Chief Attorney Duffy's May 16, 2024 notice of determination "not to investigate" CJA's October 25, 2023 complaint against attorney-staff of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, transferred by Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committee Chief Counsel Cydney Kelly;
- you have NOT responded to my [February 14, 2025 letter for full Committee reconsideration](#) of Chief Attorney Duffy's two January 15, 2025 notices of determination "not to investigate" CJA's October 24, 2024 complaints against AG

attorneys Beezly Kiernan and Andrea Oser for litigation fraud in *CJA v. JCOPE, et al.* (CV-23-0115) AND her two January 15, 2025 notices of determination “not to investigate” CJA’s October 25, 2024 complaints against AG attorneys Noah Engelhart and John Moore for litigation fraud in *CJA v. Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation, et al.*

What are you intending with respect to these three reconsideration letters, each additionally a complaint against Chief Attorney Duffy for fraud and requesting oversight and corrective action by the Committee members.

Please let me hear from you by next Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, “Law Day” – including confirmation that you have forwarded this e-mail to non-lawyer Committee members John P. Triller (Warren County), C. Wells Horton (Chenango County), and Keith A. O’Hara (Broome County), as I here request.

I am available to answer questions and invite you to call. I extend the same invitation to Unified Court System Inspector General Porter Campbell, cc’d on this e-mail.

Thank you.

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**Subject: New Conflict-of-Interest/Corruption Complaints vs Theresa Egan, Esq. & Nadine Fontaine, as Members of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation**

**TO: Appellate Division, Third Department Attorney Grievance Committee**

As a result of [your nonfeasance and misfeasance with respect to CJA’s fully-documented January 29, 2024 complaints against Theresa Egan, Esq. and Nadine Fontaine, Esq.](#) for knowingly and deliberately violating ethical rules and laws as members of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, rendering a “false instrument” December 4, 2023 “Final Report on Judicial Compensation” – so-demonstrated by [CJA’s January 18, 2024 Opposition Report](#) – they went on to do more of the same, with their fellow commissioners, by a “false instrument” November 14, 2024 “Final Report on Legislative and Executive Compensation”.

Attached are new fully-documented complaints against each of them, resting on [CJA’s February 3, 2025 Opposition Report](#), also attached.

As it appears that my [April 11, 2024 letter for full Committee reconsideration](#) of Chief Attorney Duffy's determination "not to investigate" my January 29, 2024 complaints against Commissioners Egan and Fontaine, sent by the below e-mail, has NOT been determined (notwithstanding my alerting [October 10, 2024 e-mail](#) and [February 14, 2025 letter](#), sent by an [e-mail](#) that included the below), please deem these new complaints in further support of that still-pending April 11, 2024 request.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Corruption at AD3-AGC -- Chief Attorney Duffy's "Notice...Not to Investigate a Complaint" vs two attorney-members of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation for penal law violations that are automatically disbarable**

TO: [AD3-AGC Chair Scott J. Clippinger, Esq. & Members](#)

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

Your Chief Attorney Monica Duffy – on whom you rely – has, for years, been corrupting her office and the latest instance is the subject of a complaint I have embodied in my above-attached letter of today's date for full Committee reconsideration of her two March 19, 2024 letters giving "Notice of Determination Not to Investigate" my two January 29, 2024 complaints against two attorney-members of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, whose December 4, 2023 misnomered "Report on Judicial Compensation" is a "false instrument" – so-proven by [CJA's January 18, 2024 Opposition Report](#), on which the complaints rest.

As stated by my above-attached letter (at pp. 3-4):

“[Penal Law §175.35](#): ‘Offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree’ is a long-recognized ground for disbarment, utilized by this Committee to procure automatic disbarment for analogous federal charges. Among the Appellate Division, Third Department decisions granting this Committee’s motions for disbarment based on federal convictions or pleas: [Matter of Duker](#), 242 AD2d 853 (1997), cited by the Appellate Division, First Department’s 2022 decision in [Matter of Ahern](#), 205 AD3d 196. [Matter of Duker](#) in turn cites to [Matter of Zumbo](#), 191 AD2d 805 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1993), which then cites to [Matter of Sparrow](#), 161 AD2d 829 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1990), citing to the 1977 Court of Appeals decision in [Matter of Chu](#), 42 NY2d 490.”

CJA’s webpage for Chief Attorney Duffy’s handling of my two January 29, 2024 complaints, culminating in my April 11, 2024 complaint against her and request for full Committee reconsideration, is [here](#).

Kindly forward this e-mail to the Committee members whose e-mail addresses I could not find: the non-attorneys, Marcus Q. Pryor, John P. Triller, and C. Wells Horton, and attorneys Dana D. Peck, Esq. and D. Alan Wrigley, Jr., Esq.

I am available to answer questions and would welcome the opportunity to do so, under oath.

Thank you.

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