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TO: New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct

FROM: Elena Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: (1) Conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint vs the Commission's four judge members;  
(2) Reconsideration of the Commission's dismissal of CJA's February 7, 2021 judicial misconduct complaint, as provided for by the Commission's Policy Manual §2.12;  
(3) Determination of CJA's April 26, 2021 "further and supplementing complaint", consistent with the Commission's Policy Manual §2.1.

Enclosed herewith is my sworn November 24, 2021 conflict-of-interest ethics complaint to JCOPE against Administrator/Counsel Robert Tembeckjian and Clerk Celia Zahner – if not, additionally, against all eleven Commission on Judicial Conduct members.

As the Commission has ethics jurisdiction over its own judge members:

- Appellate Division, First Department Justice Angela M. Mazzarelli;
- Appellate Division, Second Department Justice Robert J. Miller;
- Court of Claims Judge/Acting Supreme Court Justice Fernando M. Camacho;
- Brighton Town Court Justice John A. Falk,

I herewith initiate a complaint against them for violations of Public Officer §74, the Commission's own Members' Ethics Code §2, and its Policy Manual §5.3, as recited by the November 24, 2021 JCOPE complaint – as well as Judiciary Law §14, and a multitude of provisions of the Chief Administrator's Rules Governing Judicial Conduct, including §100.3D: "Disciplinary Responsibilities" pertaining to the mandatory "whistle-blowing" obligations they have, but have not discharged:

"(1) A judge who receives information indicating a substantial likelihood that another judge has committed a substantial violation of this Part shall take appropriate action.

(2) A judge who receives information indicating a substantial likelihood that a lawyer has committed a substantial violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct (22 NYCRR Part 1200) shall take appropriate action." (underlining added).

Additionally, I seek reconsideration of the Commission's dismissal of my February 7, 2021 judicial misconduct complaint, as provided for by its Policy Manual §2.12, and determination of my April 26, 2021 "further and supplementing complaint", consistent with Policy Manual § 2.1 – and the facts warranting same are particularized by the within November 24, 2021 JCOPE complaint.

Thank you.

s/ELENA RUTH SASSOWER

Enclosure: November 24, 2012 conflict-of-interest ethics complaint to JCOPE

cc: Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE)