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TO: New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct

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

RE: File Nos. 2025/A-0213, 0214: Request for Substantiation/Clarification of Clerk Zahner's August 20, 2025 Letter – & for Reconsideration & Referral to the Rensselaer, Ulster, & Albany County District Attorneys: CJA's April 30, 2025 conflict-of-interest/corruption complaint vs Rensselaer County Court Judge Jennifer Sober & Ulster County Surrogate Court Judge Sara McGinty for "wilful misconduct in office" in *Center for Judicial Accountability, et al. v. Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation... Wilson, Zayas, et al. (Albany Co. #902654-24)* to financially benefit themselves and protect from accountability the corrupt judicial, executive and legislative respondents with whom they have relationships and dependencies.

By an [August 20, 2025 letter](#), Commission Clerk Celia Zahner purported that the Commission had "reviewed" [CJA's April 30, 2025 complaint](#) and asked her to advise me that it had dismissed it because:

"Upon careful consideration, the Commission concluded that there was insufficient indication of judicial misconduct to justify judicial discipline."

Please substantiate/clarify Clerk Zahner's letter by furnishing:

- (1) the date on which the Commission purportedly "reviewed" and "dismissed" the April 30, 2025 complaint;
- (2) the number of Commissioners who were present and voted on the complaint, their identities, and whether any of the judge-members of the Commission recused themselves;
- (3) the meaning of the phrase "insufficient indication of judicial misconduct to justify judicial discipline", including confirmation that dismissal on such ground is without the Commission's investigating the complaint;
- (4) the legal authority that permits the Commission to dismiss, without investigation, a complaint for "insufficient indication of judicial misconduct to justify judicial discipline";

- (5) the specific respects in which the Commissioners deemed the April 30, 2025 complaint to be “insufficient” in its “indication of judicial misconduct”;
- (6) any and all appeal/review/reconsideration procedures.

Additionally, pursuant to the [Commission’s Policy Manual](#), §2.12 “Reconsideration of Matters Pursuant to Judiciary Law §§44(1), (2), (3)” and §2.10 “Referrals to District Attorneys”, please deem this letter a request for both, inasmuch as the supposed “insufficient indication of judicial misconduct” are “criminal acts”, violating, *inter alia*:

[Penal Law §195](#) (“official misconduct”);
[Penal Law §496](#) (“corrupting the government”) – part of the “Public Trust Act”;
[Penal Law §195.20](#) (“defrauding the government”);
[Penal Law §175.35](#) (“offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree”);
[Penal Law §155.42](#) (“grand larceny in the first degree”);
[Penal Law §190.65](#) (“scheme to defraud in the first degree”);
[Penal Law §20.00](#) (“criminal liability for conduct of another”),

and so-identified at page 2 of the [“legal autopsy”/analysis of Judge Sober’s three August 14, 2024 Decision\(s\), Order\(s\), and Judgment\(s\)](#) and at page 2 of the [“legal autopsy”/analysis of Judge McGinty’s November 13, 2024 Decision/Order/Judgment](#), on which the April 30, 2025 complaint against them rests.

s/ Elena Sassower