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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 4:28 PM
To: elena@judgewatch.org
Cc: Steve DelGiacco

Subject: FOIL 027-2026 Certification

Attachments: [FOIL 027-2026 Certification - Sassower, Elena.pdf](#)

RE: FOIL 027-2026

Dear Elena Sassower:

In accordance with your request, please find the attached certification made pursuant to New York State Public Officers Law Section 89(a)(3).

With respect to your inquiries, please be advised that our office does not provide responses to requests for information that do not constitute a request for particular records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law. This position is consistent with relevant case law and opinions issued by the Committee on Open Government (COOG). See *Matter of Newman v. Dinallo*, 69 A.D.3d 636 (2d Dep't 2010); COOG FOIL Advisory Opinions 19842 and 18795.

Respectfully,

Olivia Calamia and Stephen Del Giacco
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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 10:33 PM
To: Lucy Lang <Lucy.Lang@ig.ny.gov>; INSPECTORGENERAL <Inspector.General@ig.ny.gov>
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Subject: Further Query & Request for Certification -- CJA's Feb 9, 2026 QUERY/FOIL request pertaining to its Feb 7, 2024 & Feb 27, 2025 complaints vs Robert Megna

TO: [New York State Inspector General Lucy Lang](#)

According to page 78 of the above-attached 81-page FOIL response of your Record Access Officers Olivia Calamia and Stephen Del Giacco, at 11:28 am on February 9, 2026, within six minutes of my sending you my below and [here-linked 11:22 am e-mail](#) entitled "QUERY & FOIL REQUEST: CJA's Feb. 27, 2025 and February 7, 2024 complaints vs SUNY Rockefeller Institute President Robert Megna as the SOLE non-

lawyer member of the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation”, attaching [CJA’s 66-page February 3, 2025 Opposition Report to the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation’s November 14, 2024 Report](#), you forwarded it to Chief Counsel Emily Logue, with the a message consisting of a question mark “?”.

Page 78 shows what happened an hour and four minutes later, at 12:32 pm: Chief Counsel Logue forwarded your e-mail, with mine beneath it, to Investigative Aide Danielle Krueger, with the message “Can you add this as additional to her 2/7/24 complaint?”, cc’ing Case Management Unit Chief/Confidential Investigator Leslie Arp.

That was 39 days ago. What has happened since then with respect to my [February 7, 2024 complaint](#), which, according to the chart at page 4 of the FOIL response, had been assigned Intake # 02082024-023 and Case Number 0425-089-2024 – with seemingly no additional numbers assigned to the [February 27, 2025 supplement/complaint](#).

I note that the first 3 pages of the FOIL response are a February 18, 2026 print out of the IG’s “Investigations Report” for the February 7, 2024 complaint, whose first page does NOT identify “Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation” as the “Primary Agency”, but, incorrectly, “JCOPE – JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS”, does NOT identify the complaint “Type” as “conflict-of-interest/corruption”, but, incorrectly, as “FAILURE TO ACT”, and identifies the “Status” as “NO ACTION”, whose meaning, according to the [Policy and Procedure Manual of the Case Management Unit](#), is “There will not be any investigative activity in response to the complaint.”

As for the reason for this “NA” determination, it is in the “Notes” section, whose 2/14/2024 “Note” misgenders me in stating: “NA – he has already brought it to COELIG and filed with appellate div. of atty grievance committee”. The chart at page 4 of the FOIL response repeats this as the “Albany recommendation”, to which “NYC”, “Long Island”, and “Buffalo” “agree”, and it is then repeated as the “Final Decision”.

This is also incorrect, as the grievance committees have NO jurisdiction over non-lawyer Megna – and COELIG’s jurisdiction meant, at best, that the proper course for the IG’s Office was not “NO ACTION”, but – as spelled out by the Policy and Procedure Manual (#2B2) – “REFERRAL” of the February 7, 2024 complaint to COELIG, with communication to me about this, and, 45 days later, follow-up with COELIG, in the absence of its written response to the referral.

Please advise as to whether “NO ACTION” remains the status of my February 7, 2024 complaint and February 27, 2025 supplement/complaint – and, if so, the reason and how you and your staff have addressed your multitudinous conflicts of interest, as each of you are duty-bound to do pursuant to [Public Officers Law §74\(2\)](#) and [Executive Law Article 4-A, § 55\(1\)](#).

Finally, pursuant to [Public Officers Law §89.3\(a\)](#), I request certification that the above-attached 81-page FOIL response represents all records the IG’s Office could find “after diligent search” responsive to my February 9, 2026 FOIL request for:

“all records pertaining to the IG’s handling of my February 27, 2025 supplement/new complaint – and pertaining to the IG’s handling of my February 7, 2024 complaint, subsequent to July 5, 2024 – the date of IG Records Access Officer Stephen Del Giacco’s response to my [June 5, 2024 FOIL request](#) as to it.”

Thank you.

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From: NYS Offices of the Inspector General FOIL <foil@ig.ny.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 4:13 PM
To: elena@judgewatch.org

Subject: FOIL 027-2026 Response

RE: FOIL 027-2026

Dear Elena Sassower:

This email responds to your Freedom of Information Law request made below to the New York State Offices of the Inspector General. Please find attached the records in our possession that are responsive to your request.

Respectfully,

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From: elena@judgewatch.org <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: QUERY & FOIL REQUEST: CJA's Feb. 27, 2025 and February 7, 2024 complaints vs SUNY Rockefeller Institute President Robert Megna as the SOLE non-lawyer member of the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

TO: [NEW YORK STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL LANG](#)

I have no record of response from you or your office to my below February 27, 2025 e-mail, either as relates to my [February 7, 2024 complaint](#) against the sole non-lawyer member of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna, based on [CJA's January 18, 2024 Opposition Report](#) – or as relates to my February 27, 2025

supplement/new complaint against him based on CJA's above-attached [February 3, 2025 Opposition Report](#).

Did you respond? If not, why not?

To facilitate your response, I am simultaneously submitting this e-mail as a FOIL request for all records pertaining to the IG's handling of my February 27, 2025 supplement/new complaint – and pertaining to the IG's handling of my February 7, 2024 complaint, subsequent to July 5, 2024 – the date of IG Records Access Officer Stephen Del Giacco's response to my [June 5, 2024 FOIL request](#) as to it.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 1:54 PM

To: inspector.general@ig.ny.gov; Lucy.lang@ig.ny.gov

Cc: foil@ig.ny.gov; Steve.DelGiacco@ig.ny.gov

Subject: Supplement to CJA's Feb. 7, 2024 complaint vs Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation's sole non-attorney member, SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna -- & NEW complaint vs him

TO: [New York State Inspector General Lang](#)

I have received no response to my below October 8, 2024 e-mail which complained that I had received no response to my [February 7, 2024 complaint](#) filed with you against the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation's sole non-lawyer member, SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna.

Did you respond? And, if not, why?

The predictable result of your flagrant violations of your [Policy and Procedure Manual](#) and duties under [Executive Law Article 4-A](#) – to which my October 8, 2024 e-mail alerted you – is that ALL of Mr. Megna's complained-against, corrupt conduct continued. Demonstrating this, with respect to his subsequent corruption as a member of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, is [CJA's February 3, 2025 Opposition Report](#) to the Commission's "false instrument" November 14, 2024 "Final Report on Legislative and Executive Compensation".

Please deem the above-attached February 3, 2025 Opposition Report as both a supplement to CJA's February 7, 2024 complaint against Mr. Megna and a new complaint against him.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: Status & other questions pertaining to the IG's handling of CJA's Feb. 7, 2024 complaint vs the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation's sole non-lawyer member, Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna

TO: [NYS Inspector General Lang](#)

I have received no response to my below May 30, 2024 e-mail inquiring as to the status of my above-attached and here-linked [February 7, 2024 complaint](#) against the sole non-lawyer member of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna.

Please confirm that you have not responded – and explain why.

I did receive a [July 5, 2024 response](#) from your Records Access Officer Stephen Del Giacco to my [June 5, 2024 FOIL request](#) for “all records pertaining to the IG’s handling of my...February 7, 2024...complaint” – from which it appears that the complaint was not assigned an “intake number”, let alone a “case number”, and has not generated any of the standard paperwork that accompanies processing in accordance with the [IG’s Policy and Procedure Manual for its Case Management Unit \(Policy #0101\)](#) and consistent with the IG’s duties under [Executive Law Article 4-A](#)– the subject of the fifth cause of action of CJA’s June 6, 2022 verified petition/complaint ([NYSCEF #1](#), ¶¶59-77) and September 1, 2022 verified amendment ([NYSCEF #84](#), p. 3) in *CJA v. JCOPE, LEC, IG...* ([Albany County/Supreme Court #904235-22](#)). Is this, in fact, the case? Please advise and identify how, if at all, your handling of the February 7, 2024 complaint complies with the requirements of [Public Officers Law §74](#), proscribing conflicts of interest.

Thank you.

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Subject: STATUS? -- CJA's Feb. 7, 2024 Conflict-of-Interest/Corruption Complaint vs Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna

TO: [NYS Inspector General Lang](#)

I have received no acknowledgment or other communication, including of disposition, for my above-attached sworn-to-be-true, fully-documented February 7, 2024 conflict-of-interest/corruption complaint against SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna.

What is the status of the complaint – and what “intake number” did you assign to it?

Thank you.

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Subject: Conflict-of-Interest/Corruption Complaint vs Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna

TO: [NYS Inspector General Lang](#)

Following up my phone conversation yesterday with Investigative Aide Cortney S., who returned my call, here attached is my conflict-of-interest/corruption complaint against Rockefeller Institute President Robert Megna, which I briefly discussed with her.

Thank you.

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