

**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:17 PM  
**To:** 'ethics.sm.PublicHearing'

**Subject:** **Following up to my Question -- RE: Request to testify, in person, at Mar. 29th public hearing at NY Law School -- plus FOIL request**

Dear Emily,

I assume I can defer my 5-minute testimony to the end of the hearing – and I so-request for the reason I have indicated.

Thank you.

Elena  
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**From:** ethics.sm.PublicHearing <[PublicHearing@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:PublicHearing@ethics.ny.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:05 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>

**Subject: RE: A Question -- RE: Request to testify, in person, at Mar. 29th public hearing at NY Law School -- plus FOIL request**

Hi Elena,

In order to be fair to all speakers, each speaker is allotted 5 minutes to provide verbal testimony. Anything beyond that may be submitted in writing by email or in hard copy tomorrow. All written comments will be reviewed. Thank you.

Emily

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
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**Subject: A Question -- RE: Request to testify, in person, at Mar. 29th public hearing at NY Law School -- plus FOIL request**

Following up on our below e-mail exchange yesterday, my drafted testimony is about 8-1/2 minutes and I do not believe I can cut it down further, without sacrificing intelligibility. Would it be possible to shift my time slot from 10:35 am to the end, so that the additional 3-1/2 minutes I require might be more easily accommodated, especially if ample time remains until 2 pm?

Thank you.

Elena Sassower  
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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
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**Subject: Thank You -- RE: Request to testify, in person, at Mar. 29th public hearing at NY Law School -- plus FOIL request**

No questions, for now.

Elena Sassower  
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**From:** ethics.sm.PublicHearing <[PublicHearing@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:PublicHearing@ethics.ny.gov)>  
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**Subject: RE: Request to testify, in person, at Mar. 29th public hearing at NY Law School -- plus FOIL request**

Hi Elena,

Thank you for signing up to speak at the New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government March 29 public hearing.

The hearing will be held at New York Law School located at 185 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013. The hearing starts at 10 a.m. and entry to the hearing room begins at 9:45 a.m. Please bring a state-issued photo ID to allow entry into the building.

Each speaker will be provided 5 minutes to testify. It is anticipated you will speak at approximately 10:35. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your speaking time. Written comments are also welcome and can be sent to [PublicHearing@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:PublicHearing@ethics.ny.gov).

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you.  
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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
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**Subject: Request to testify, in person, at Mar. 29th public hearing at NY Law School -- plus FOIL request**

**TO: [Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government](#)**

I request to testify, in person, at [the Commission's public hearing to be held at New York Law School this Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>](#).

Additionally, as it appears that I was not among the "more than 200 people" that Executive Director Berland identified as having been notified by letter of the March 29<sup>th</sup> public meeting ([VIDEO of Commission's March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of its communications subcommittee, at 4 hrs, 46 mins.](#)), I request, pursuant to FOIL (Public Officers Law Article VI):

- (1) a copy of such letter and its transmitting e-mail;
- (2) records reflecting the names of the people and/or entities so-favored with direct notification, so that I might discern the criteria used;
- (3) records setting forth the criteria for direct notification;
- (4) records of notification to the press.

I take this opportunity to note that I have received no response from the Commission to my below two FOIL requests of March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> – and the requested items have not been posted to the Commission's website.

Thank you.

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**Subject: FOIL Request: Minutes of COELIG's Oct 6, Jan 31, Feb. 28, & Mar. 14th Meetings -- plus, as requested on Mar. 17th, Complete Agenda Materials of COELIG's Feb 28th Meeting & Mar. 14th Meeting**

**TO: Records Access Officer – Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (COELIG)**

I am unable to find the minutes for COELIG's meetings of October 6, 2022, January 31, 2023, February 28, 2023, and March 14, 2023. Are they not posted? If not, why – and, pursuant to FOIL, furnish them to me electronically. Likewise, with respect to my March 17<sup>th</sup> FOIL request, sent by the below e-mail.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Request for Complete Agenda Materials of the Commission's Feb 28th Meeting & of the Commission's March 14th Meeting -- Including Pursuant to FOIL**

**TO: Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government**

ATT: Marlena Diaz

Following up the voice mail message I left for you minutes ago, after being routed to your line, the Commission's [February 28, 2023 meeting agenda materials are incomplete](#) & I cannot locate ANY posted agenda materials for the March 14, 2023 meeting, only the VIDEO, posted on [the Commission's homepage](#).

If these agenda materials are posted, kindly send me the link(s). If they are not posted, please advise why – and furnish them to me electronically, which I further request pursuant to FOIL.

Thank you.

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