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Subject: RE: QUERY & FOIL REQUEST: CJA's Sept 25, 2025 conflict-of-interest/corruption complaint -- & CJA's four complaints immediately preceding it

Ms. Sassower,

The Commission received your February 9, 2026 request for records that “confirm that these four complaints are also still “pending” or “open”, that COELIG did not notify me of any closures, and furnish me with the I.D. number(s) you assigned to them.”

The Commission expects to respond to your request on or before March 10, 2026.

Sincerely,

Records Access Officer

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TO: [COMMISSION ON ETHICS & LOBBYING IN GOVERNMENT](#)

A minute after sending my below September 26, 2025 e-mail, attaching CJA’s above [September 25, 2025 complaint](#), I received the Commission’s [automatic, boilerplate e-mail acknowledgment](#), stating, in pertinent part:

“As a matter of law, Commission proceedings are confidential and thus you may not be notified of any Commission action regarding your complaint unless and until there is final action that can be publicly disclosed. We will contact you should the Commission need any additional information.”

I have no record of any subsequent communication from COELIG pertaining to the complaint – and assume it is still “pending” or “open”, as [Executive Law ?94.10\(m\)](#) requires that COELIG notify a complainant of closure of his/her complaint.

Please confirm that CJA's September 25, 2025 complaint is still "pending" or "open", that you did not notify me of any closure, and furnish me with the I.D. number(s) you assigned to the complaint.

Also, I have received no notification from COELIG of closure of:

CJA's January 29, 2024 complaint against the seven members of the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation for their "false instrument" December 4, 2023 report giving salary increases to judges – and district attorneys – and also increased COELIG commissioner *per diems* which are linked to Supreme Court salaries.

CJA's October 29, 2024 complaint against Governor Hochul, Lieutenant Governor Delgado, Attorney General James, Comptroller DiNapoli, and all 213 state legislators for colluding in the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation's "false instrument" December 4, 2023 report to benefit themselves.

CJA's November 13, 2024 complaint against COELIG's commissioners, executive director, general counsel, and high-ranking staff for the fraud of COELIG's [Annual Report for 2023](#) and handling of CJA's complaints.

CJA's February 27, 2025 complaint against the seven members of the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation, this time pertaining to their "false instrument" November 14, 2024 report giving salary increases to Executive Law ?169 officers.

Please confirm that these four complaints are also still "pending" or "open", that COELIG did not notify me of any closures, and furnish me with the I.D. number(s) you assigned to them, excepting the January 29, 2024 complaint, as to which [you previously identified 24-141 as the number assigned to it](#).

To facilitate your response, I am simultaneously submitting this e-mail as a FOIL request for the foregoing – and for such other records as are available to me pertaining to your compliance with COELIG's "[Internal Controls and Procedures](#)" in the handling of the above five complaints.

Thank you.

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Subject: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED/ELECTORALLY-DISPOSITIVE -- CJA's Sept 25, 2025 Conflict-of-Interest/Corruption Complaint vs NYS Assemblyman Mamdani & vs NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal -- &, additionally, vs COELIG

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

Attached is CJA's September 25, 2025 conflict-of-interest/corruption complaint vs NYS Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, vs NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, & vs COELIG's commissioners, executive director, general counsel, & other high-ranking staff, which I summarized yesterday by my oral testimony at COELIG's third annual public hearing.

As stated at page 5 of the written testimony on which the complaint is based – and as I materially stated, orally:

“Under the exigent circumstances presented by the upcoming elections, for which early voting starts in less than a month, IMMEDIATE 15-day notices to Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal must issue for their responses to the ‘specific and credible evidence’ of my March e-mails – with notification to the district attorneys having criminal jurisdiction over them, Queens D.A. Melinda Katz, Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, and Albany D.A. Lee Kindlon, to IMMEDIATELY summon me to appear before grand juries to give testimony under oath in support of felony indictments against them, forthwith – because, in fact, the evidence against them is not just ‘specific and credible’, but open-and-shut and *prima facie*, guaranteeing that each will be convicted of the multitude of penal law violations, of which they had notice, repeatedly, for years. This is my sole and EMERGENCY recommendation.” (capitalization and underlining in the original).

Thank you.

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Subject: CJA's Written Testimony for COELIG's Sept 25, 2025 Third Annual Public Hearing

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

Attached is CJA's written testimony, with exhibits, for COELIG's September 25, 2025 third annual public hearing. It revises the written testimony I furnished yesterday to Public Information Officer Emily DeSantis and, additionally, to Deputy Counsel Kavita Bhatt. The exhibits are the same. Also attached is CJA's complaint form, which I provided to each of them. It is the same, except that it reflects that the page count is now 25 pages.

For purposes of the complaint, I will separately e-mail a pdf combining the complaint form with the testimony and its exhibits to the e-mail address: Investigations@ethics.ny.gov.

Thank you.

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