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Subject: **Gentle Reminder -- Thank you, Messrs. Weinstein & Kathawala, for your powerful testimony at the Senate's Nov 1st oversight hearing on the Family Courts**
Attachments: [10-25-23-complaint-cjc-agc4-oca-ig-etc.pdf](#);
[11-8-23-auto-email-from-weinstein.pdf](#)

TO: Attorneys Weinstein & Kathawala

I am eager to hear from you with regard to my below November 8th e-mail, with the above-attached October 25th complaint.

The only response I received was Mr. Weinstein's above-attached November 8th auto-reply that he was out of the office until November 16th.

Thank you.

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From: Elena Sassower
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Subject: **Thank you, Messrs. Weinstein & Kathawala, for your powerful testimony at the Senate's Nov 1st oversight hearing on the Family Courts**

TO: Michael Weinstein, Esq.
& as Co-Chair/New York City Bar Association's Family Court & Family Law Committee
Rene Kathawala, Esq.
& as Member/New York City Bar Association's *Pro Bono* & Legal Services Committee
& its Council on Judicial Administration

Thank you for your powerful testimony at the November 1st [Senate oversight hearing on the Family Courts](#) that "The New York Family Courts are broken" and that the OCA "unacceptably tolerates a broken court that has not seen substantial improvements in decades".

I am the director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#), which, for decades, has been bringing strategic litigations “on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest”. Indeed, I believe that because those litigations so-devastatingly particularized the EVIDENCE of New York’s corrupted courts – and of the collusion and cover-up of those charged with oversight, such as the senators – that I was denied my request to testify about “[Family Court corruption, covered up by supervisory, appellate, & ethics authorities & other courts, etc.](#)” at the November 1st hearing.

You can assess my testimonial capacity about Monroe County Family Court, covered up by Monroe County Supreme Court & the Appellate Division, Fourth Department – and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera’s knowledge thereof, prior to testifying at the November 1st hearing – by the above-attached October 25, 2023 complaint, which I sent, expressly for him and Chief Administrative Judge Zayas, by the below e-mail. The complaint arises from an Article 10 child abuse/neglect proceeding – and its starting point is an [Independent Expert Report](#) featuring the black-letter hearing requirement of §1027(a)(1) and the further reinforcing case of *Nicholson v. Scoppetta*, 3 NY3d 357 (2004), to which you, Mr. Weinstein, referred.

I would appreciate your reviewing it – and letting me know your thoughts about a §1983 federal action based thereon and about your experiences – and those of other Family Court litigating attorneys – in filing complaints with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, Attorney Grievance Committees, and the OCA and its Inspector General.

Please call me, when convenient.

Thank you.

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Subject: Corruption Complaint: Monroe County Family & Supreme Courts & Fourth Dept Appellate Division -- Follow-up to Testimony at Oct 13th Hearing of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

**TO: New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Appellate Division, Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committees (7th Judicial District)
Unified Court System Inspector General Kay-Ann Porter Campbell**

Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas
Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Richard Rivera

Above-attached & [here linked](#) is my “Corruption Complaint against Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents”. Its “Conclusion” (at p. 29) reads:

“The foregoing long-overdue complaint is being furnished, additionally, to the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, before which I testified on October 13, 2023, handing up a copy of the [Independent Expert Report](#), in substantiation of my testimony as to the corruption infesting the judiciary – a threshold, ‘appropriate factor’ of constitutional dimension that it is statutorily-required to ‘take into account’. My words were as follows ([VIDEO, at 2hrs/45mins](#)):

‘Lastly, I don’t want you to believe that the corruption infesting the judiciary is only in cases of magnitude such as the cases that I have here presented. I have a, a independent report that I wrote about a Family Court case out of Monroe County, a mother called me in distress because her child had been taken away from her. And she begged me to assist her. Without charge, I, I examined the record -- and I wrote a report that was furnished, it’s a sealed file. I think you should take a look at what goes on, and you should know this is only the first piece of it. But the corruption involving this report at the Family Court level, at the Appellate Division Fourth Department from which you come, Chair Fahey, you need to take testimony. You have subpoena power. You need to – you need to examine the corruption in the judiciary –’

The only correction I would make is to add a reference to the corresponding corruption in the Monroe County Supreme Court pertaining to the Independent Expert Report.

As [the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation’s enabling statute requires you to assist the Commission, upon its request](#),^{fn3} perhaps that is the most expeditious way for it to proceed – requesting that you furnish it with the results of the investigation that is your duty to make with respect to this fully-documented, factually-meritorious complaint.”

I am available to assist you, to the max, in investigating this complaint – and would welcome giving testimony under oath. I know the innocent parents feel likewise.

Meantime, CJA’s webpage for the complaint – which cannot otherwise be accessed, out of respect for the parents’ privacy – can be reached by this link: <https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/cjc/complaint-oct-25-23.htm>.

Thank you.

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NOTE to Cindy Martucci/Assistant to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas. Following up our phone conversation at 3:40 this afternoon, kindly forward this e-mail to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Rivera – and, additionally, to the Fourth Department’s Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District, which does not make an e-mail address for complaints and/or communications available. Thank you.