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Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 4:56 PM
To: 'federallitigator@gmail.com'
Subject: **Thank you, Wayne Baker, for your powerful testimony at the Nov 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing of the NY Family Court by the Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families**
Attachments: not-for-posting-cja-testimony-for-nov-1-senate-hearing-on-family-court-corrected.pdf

TO: Wayne Baker, Esq., on behalf of Catherine Kassenoff

Thank you for your powerful testimony at the [November 1, 2023 hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Committee on Children and Families](#) about a “failed and unethical system” that is “broken everywhere”.

Ms. Kassenoff’s [final Facebook message](#) provided me with your e-mail address. She wrote:

“My primary contact is Wayne Baker (federallitigator@gmail.com), should you have anything to share with him and who has all my documents from the divorce case etc... Please don’t let my demise be in vain. Reach out to him to organize yourselves, use the facts of my case (which Wayne also has access to), and make change.”

I am the director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) – based in White Plains, New York -- which, for decades, has sought to change the corruption that infests the judiciary and the collusion and cover-up of those charged with oversight. This includes senators before whom you testified on November 1st – and it is, presumably, for this reason that I was NOT permitted to testify at the hearing. This is recounted, with substantiating proof, by my above written testimony, stating, in pertinent part:

“...ANY examination of the EVIDENCE of what has gone on over these many, many years – and it is made easy by CJA’s successive lawsuits, suing the Legislature for its corruption – each ‘thrown’ by fraudulent judicial decisions^{fn} – would reveal that the murder of Kyra Franchetti, about which her mother testified, and the suicide of Catherine Kassenoff, to which the executor of her estate testified, could have reasonably been prevented. It required nothing more than for the senators – and their assembly counterparts – to have long ago discharged their oversight responsibilities, as was their duty.” (capitalization in the original).

My e-mail transmitting this written testimony to the Senate committees is below.

After you review it, I would greatly appreciate speaking with you directly about the “facts of [Catherine’s] case” – and, specifically, about complaints she filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the attorney grievance committees, the OCA and its inspector general – and such others as her own state senator, Senator Mayer, etc. Perhaps you’d be interested in participating, on Catherine’s behalf and for her estate, in a §1983 federal action...

Please call me, when convenient.

Thank you.

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Subject: Superseding/Corrected: CJA's (NOT FOR POSTING) Testimony for the Record of the Nov 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing of the NY Family Court by the Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families -- (#1: NOT FOR POSTING)

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families

Kenan Kurt/Chief of Staff Counsel -- Senate Judiciary Committee
James Ostaszewski/Counsel & Legislative Director – Committee on Children & Families

Following up the voice mail message I left before 10 am on Senator Hoylman's voice mail (212-633-8052) for Gabby, to which I have received no return call, the above-attached corrects typos and makes limited substantive additions to the testimony NOT for posting that I furnished by the below e-mail for the record of the November 1st oversight hearing.

I will momentarily e-mail to you my redaction of this corrected/superseding testimony, removing its LIVE link – FOR POSTING on [your webpage for the hearing](#).

Thank you – and apologies for any inconvenience.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: CJA's Testimony for the Record of the Nov 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing of the NY Family Court by the Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families -- #1: NOT FOR POSTING

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee & Senate Committee on Children & Families

Kenan Kurt/Chief of Staff Counsel -- Senate Judiciary Committee

James Ostaszewski/Counsel & Legislative Director – Committee on Children & Families

As instructed yesterday by Senator Hoylman’s Communications Officer/Legislative Aide Gabby, above is my written testimony for the record of the Nov 1st oversight hearing, required to be submitted by 5 pm today for inclusion. Because its last paragraph contains a LIVE link to my October 25, 2023 complaint pertaining to a sealed Family Court case, I will separately send you the identical written testimony with the LIVE link removed, for posting on [your webpage for the hearing](#). The LIVE-link version, here attached, is for the Senators and appropriate staff.

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 [link removed], 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, facially-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: xxx.

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.

