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TO: New York State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: CJA's November 18, 2024 complaint against NYS' 62 D.A.s for public corruption, born of conflicts of interest pertaining to their D.A. salaries & relationships (complaint ##34-95) – and now additionally against the 5 new D.A.s who took office on January 1, 2025

By a [December 26, 2024 e-mail](#), only partially responding to [my e-mail of the same date](#), Administrator Friedman stated that “complaint numbers 34-95” had been assigned to my [November 18, 2024 complaint against New York's 62 D.A.s and acting D.A.s](#) and that “The Commission will be in touch when there is an update.”

That was nearly three full months ago and I have received no “update”. Nor have I received the confirmation that my [December 27th e-mail](#) highlighted, *to wit*, that the Commission would not be dismissing the complaints against D.A.s David Soares, Mimi Rocah, Gregory McCaffrey, Joseph Cardone, and Lorraine Diamond after January 1, 2025, when they would become former D.A.s.

Please furnish an “update” as to these 62 complaints.

I now additionally file a complaint against the five successor D.A.s who took office on January 1, 2025:

- Albany County D.A. Lee Kindlon, succeeding D.A. Soares;
- Westchester County D.A. Susan Cacace, succeeding D.A. Rocah;
- Livingston County D.A. Ashley Williams, succeeding D.A. McCaffrey;
- Orleans County D.A. Susan Howard, succeeding Joseph Cardone;
- Montgomery County D.A. Christina Pearson, succeeding D.A. Diamond.

In substantiation, annexed is my [December 26, 2024 letter](#) to them – the same as my December 27th e-mail to Administrator Friedman had identified and linked – entitled:

“Before You Take Your Oaths of Office – What D.A. Salaries were You Expecting to Be Paid & Will You Be Recusing Yourselves from CJA's July 18, 2024 Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint, Pending in Your D.A. Offices, and Securing an Independent Prosecutor?”.

Notwithstanding the letter requested their answers so that I would know whether it would be necessary for me to supplement my November 18, 2024 complaint to include them, I received no

responses from any of the five – nor from the five outgoing D.A.s, also cc'd. My [December 26th transmitting e-mail](#) to all ten is also annexed.

To further substantiate this complaint against new D.A.s Kindlon, Cacace, Williams, Howard, and Pearson, I filed FOIL requests in January to obtain their first paychecks and records reflecting their yearly salaries and “other compensation and non-salary benefits”. These are posted on CJA’s website, with such responses as I received, [here](#).

In compliance with the Commission’s complaint form stating “Judiciary Law 499-f requires that complaints be signed and in writing”, the form for this complaint is – and I here additionally attest the complaint to be true, under penalties of perjury, pursuant to CPLR §2106.

More will be forthcoming as to the ongoing catastrophic and irreparable injury being caused by all 62 current D.A.s with respect to the underlying [July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) – including as reflected by my subsequent and related [March 3, 2025 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) to new D.A.s Kindlon and Cacace and to Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez, and Erie County D.A. Michael Keane.

Thank you.

s/Elena Ruth Sassower