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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: Your father testified as to the importance of legislative rules

at the February 26, 2009 public hearing of the Senate's Temporary Committee on Rules and Administration Reform, whose members included Senators Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Jeff Klein, in addition to Senator David Valesky, its co-chair. Here's the direct link to our "Senate Rules Resource Page" -- <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/rules-reform-resource-page-senate.htm> --from which you can access the video and transcript of what he -- and others -- said [his testimony begins at 2:30:40], as well as their written testimony.

NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SENATE'S AND ASSEMBLY'S OWN RULES, as they determine EVERYTHING ELSE.

Tomorrow, Senators and Assembly members can -- and must -- vote on rules that will finally end New York's dysfunctional, three-men-in-a-room state government.

YOUR POWERFUL REPORTING WILL MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

Please read the below ALERT to the Legislative Press -- including, if you did not previously read it, our appended January 4th e-mail "THE MOST IMPORTANT VOTES OF THE UPCOMING 236th LEGISLATIVE SESSION".

Thank you.

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Subject: ALERT: Behind-the-scenes struggle over Senate rules reported by Daily News. What are you reporting?

ALERT: BEHIND-THE-SCENES STRUGGLE OVER SENATE RULES REPORTED BY DAILY NEWS. WHAT ARE YOU REPORTING?

posted on our website, accessible *via* 'Latest News'. Please note that a 'hard copy' of the Verified Complaint & substantiating exhibits – identical to the four copies we served on Skelos, the Senate, Silver & the Assembly on April 5, 2012 -- is in the possession of Michael Virtanen of Associated Press.

I am available to assist you in reporting and developing the extraordinary story chronicled by our correspondence – and to answer your questions. Here's my contact info:

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.”

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewidth.org>
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To: 'Benjamin, Liz'
Subject: Thank you. Apologies -- RE: Your father testified as to the importance of legislative rules

THANK YOU. APOLOGIES --

This is urgent. The legislative session begins tomorrow &, to my knowledge, there has been NO reporting by you on what is happening with Senate and Assembly rules, which determine EVERYTHING ELSE.

Forgive me for trying to get a word or two in on so important and time-sensitive a subject.

Please call me, at your convenience. I would welcome the opportunity to assist you in understanding the political machinations and deceptions exposed by our month-long correspondence with Senators and Assembly members about legislative rules and leadership.

Here's my cell #646-220-7987. Feel free to call, ANYTIME – and please read the below two e-mails, in the event you have not done so already:

“ALERT: BEHIND-THE-SCENES STRUGGLE OVER SENATE RULES REPORTED BY DAILY NEWS. WHAT ARE YOU REPORTING?”

and

“THE MOST IMPORTANT VOTES OF THE UPCOMING 236th LEGISLATIVE SESSION”

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: Your father testified as to the importance of legislative rules

I'm aware what my father said. Please don't try to use him as a wedge against me. I'm also aware of the importance of this issue.

And please don't do what you did this morning again. When I said I couldn't talk at that moment, I didn't want to be shouted over. I'm perfectly willing to have a reasonable conversation, but not solely on your terms.

Thank you.

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