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**Subject:** More, much more, to your story: "Cuomo's Office Hobbled State Ethics Inquiries"

Dear Ms. Craig,

There is more – much more – to what you have today reported, derided by Governor Cuomo's office as old news, "the subject of other news articles and exhaustively covered".

The Commission was not just "hobbled" by "Cuomo's Office". **The Commission was itself corrupt:** it three Co-Chairs, its Commissioners, its Special Advisors, including individuals quoted by your story as if they were honest: as, for instance, D.A. David Soares and League of Women Voters Legislative Director Barbara Bartoletti. This is chronicled by my April 23, 2014 proposed verified complaint to intervene in the declaratory judgment action vs the Commission, purportedly brought by the Legislature, which is STILL LIVE (NY Co. #160941/2013). Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/intervention-declaratory-judgment.htm> .

Also LIVE – and in a position of summary judgment – is a further lawsuit chronicling the Commission's corruption: CJA's citizen-taxpayer action against Cuomo, Schneiderman, DiNapoli, Skelos, Silver, and the Legislature (Albany Co. #1788/2014). Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget-2014-2015/lawsuit-citizen-taxpayer%20action.htm> .

**All the Commission's corruption emanates from its wilful refusal to address the threshold question of how it was handling conflicts of interest.** This is a question I asked the Commission at its inception and throughout the course of its operation, including publicly and repeatedly when I testified before the Commission at its September 17<sup>th</sup> hearing. Here's the link to the webpage of CJA's website for the Commission's September 17<sup>th</sup> hearing, posting the video clip of my testimony – and listing the 16 other ordinary witnesses who testified at the hearing, NONE OF WHOM the Commission thereafter contacted to take further testimony or to investigate their allegations and evidence: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/hearing-9-17-13-manhattan.htm>. The significance of all this is particularized by my April 23, 2014 order to show cause to intervene in the declaratory judgment action, both by my proposed verified complaint and moving affidavit.

There is so much more to say. This includes about U.S. Attorney Bharara -- whose office I called immediately and repeatedly in April to alert it that it needed to ensure that it got **ALL** the Commission's files, not just the Commission's investigative files, as from these would be verifiable how the Commission had been ignoring complaints, such as I had presented to it, against Cuomo, Schneiderman, DiNapoli, Skelos, Silver, the Legislature, etc. I also alerted U.S. Attorney Bharara to the above two litigations, each furnishing a roadmap of the Commission's corruption. Suffice to furnish you with the link to the most recent letters I sent to U.S. Attorney Bharara regarding JCOPE – letters about its cover-up of Cuomo's corruption: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/exposing-jcope.htm>. It is part of our set of webpages bearing the title "Exposing the Corruption of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption", featured on our homepage: [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org)

I am available to answer your questions and to be interviewed.

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