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Subject: Your Criminal Justice Beat -- & the 2018 Elections
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TO: Robert Lewis /WNYC

Thank you for your call yesterday morning – and the opportunity you gave me to summarize the content of my February 16th e-mail, which, after I had resent it to your correct e-mail address on February 21st, had apparently landed in your spam.

As discussed, CJA's citizen-taxpayer action – the starting point for your follow-up about Reclaim-New York and the Mercers -- is about MORE than the corruption of the state budget. It chronicles the Legislature's corruption, quite apart from the budget, including by its willful and deliberate REFUSAL to discharge oversight responsibilities – as, for example, of “criminal justice” – which you stated was your “beat” at WNYC.

“Criminal justice” is within the purview of FOUR legislative committees – the Assembly Judiciary Committee; the Senate Judiciary Committee; the Assembly Codes Committee; and the Senate Codes Committee – and I testified, with particulars, about their failure to oversee the Judiciary, the Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the district attorneys – key components of “criminal justice” – at last year's January 30, 2017 budget hearing. The VIDEO is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/budget-hearings.htm>

THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR – and voters cannot “drain the swamp” and “throw the bums out”, unless the press informs them of what their incumbent public officers are doing. Start with the legislators on these four key committees – and, for the benefit of your WNYC listeners/readers, those from New York City. Here's the rosters:

The Assembly Judiciary Committee – chaired by Bronx Assemblyman – and lawyer -- Jeffrey Dinowitz: <http://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=24>

The Assembly Codes Committee – chaired by Brooklyn Assemblyman – and lawyer -- Joseph Lentol: <http://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=7>

The Senate Judiciary Committee – whose ranking member is Manhattan Senator – and lawyer -- Brad Hoylman: <https://www.nysenate.gov/committees/judiciary>

The Senate Codes Committee – whose chair is Staten Island Senator – and lawyer -- Andrew Lanza; whose vice-chair is Staten Island Senator Diane Savino; and whose ranking member is Bronx/Westchester Senator – and lawyer -- Jamaal Bailey: <https://www.nysenate.gov/committees/codes>.

These chairs and ranking members ALL get added \$ – “lulus” -- for their added “responsibilities” on these committees: \$18,000 and \$11,000, respectively: <http://nyscommissiononcompensation.org/pdf/LegislativeLaw5a.pdf>. I have a MOUNTAIN OF DEVASTATING correspondence with them, establishing their knowing participation in what has been going on – so serious as to require their INDICTMENT, for corruption and “grand larceny of the public fisc”. The below, to then newly-appointed Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Dinowitz, is illustrative....

Thank you.

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Subject: Request for a meeting to discuss the Assembly Judiciary Committee's discharge of its oversight responsibilities, whose ABSENCE underlies the citizen-taxpayer action about which I testified at the Legislature's January 30, 2017 budget hearing

TO: Brendan Fitzpatrick/Communications Director to Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz

Following up our phone conversation earlier this morning – and the voice mail message I left for Legislative Director William Schwartz -- this is to reiterate my request for a meeting with Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Dinowitz, as soon as possible, pertaining to the citizen-taxpayer action: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>, to which my below October 16th e-mail and two-above attachments alerted him.

Among the specific issues I wish to discuss – all encompassed by the citizen-taxpayer action and within the express jurisdiction of the Assembly Judiciary Committee:

- (1) the corruption of the New York State Judiciary – and its slush-fund budget;
- (2) the corruption of the New York State Attorney General – and his Department of Law budget;
- (3) the corruption of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct – and the inadequacy of its budget;
- (4) the corruption of the New York State court-controlled attorney disciplinary system – and the inadequacy of its budgets;
- (5) the corruption of the New York State district attorneys, whose salaries are tied to judicial salaries;
- (6) the statutory-violative, fraudulent and unconstitutional judicial pay raises -- and district attorney pay raises based thereon -- resulting from the August 29, 2011 report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation and the December 24, 2015 report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation – whose cost to the taxpayers has been concealed, but is believed to be approximately \$300 million since April 1, 2012.

Former Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Helene Weinstein is fully knowledgeable of the foregoing corruption, but REFUSED to discharge ANY oversight throughout her 23-year tenure as chair – including by holding ANY hearings to take testimony from the public. Indeed, this is reflected by my testimony at the Legislature's January 30, 2017 budget hearing, whose VIDEO is posted on CJA's website, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/budget-hearings.htm>. Although Chair Weinstein was NOT present when I testified on January 30, 2017 – nor the next day, at the January 31, 2017 budget hearing -- she was present when I testified at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing. Chair Dinowitz should be sure to view the VIDEO of my February 6, 2013 testimony so that he can see the EVIDENTIARY PROOF I handed up in substantiation – and find out, from the now Ways and Means Committee Chair Weinstein, its whereabouts. Likewise, the whereabouts of the mountain of other EVIDENTIARY PROOF I furnished Assemblywoman Weinstein, as Judiciary Committee chair, since 1994.

I look forward to assisting Chair Dinowitz to the fullest in discharging the important duties of his Assembly Judiciary Committee chairmanship. As evidenced by the citizen-taxpayer action, the present situation, on so many fronts, is utterly unconstitutional.

Thank you.

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Subject: Tomorrow's Closed-Door Democratic Assembly Conference Meeting -- & Assemblyman Buchwald's duty to furnish a long-overdue legal opinion on CJA's citizen-taxpayer action

TO: Brendan Fitzpatrick/Communications Director to Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz

As discussed, so very briefly. Is newly-appointed Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Dinowitz aware of CJA's unfolding citizen-taxpayer action – and what's been going on with the judicial and district attorney pay raises? Here's the link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

I am available to assist Chairman Dinowitz do his duty to set things right.

Thank you.

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