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**From:** Eric Reed <ericre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** elena@judgewatch.org  
**Subject:** Re: Things Dangerous "LEAD & PARTNERING UP: Your yesterday's article "How Much Do Judges Make in 2019?" (The Street, Aug. 13, 2019)"

Hi Elena,

Thank you for reaching out to me, and for reading.

I currently have several large pieces I'm working on regarding health reform and the banking industry, so I'm afraid I don't have time to pick this up. However I'll be certain to keep your group in mind if I need comment on future related pieces.

Best regards,

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On Wed, Aug 14, 2019 at 12:50 PM [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org) <[eric@thingsdangerous.com](mailto:eric@thingsdangerous.com)> wrote:

From: Elena Sassower <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
Subject: LEAD & PARTNERING UP: Your yesterday's article "How Much Do Judges Make in 2019?" (The Street, Aug. 13, 2019)

Message Body:

The below was sent to you, about 20 minutes ago, via your e-mail address, [ericre@gmail.com](mailto:ericre@gmail.com), under the subject heading "LEAD & PARTNERING UP: Your yesterday's article 'How Much Do Judges Make in 2019?' (The Street, Aug. 13, 2019)". I look forward to speaking with you, at your earliest convenience, & I thank you, in advance. Elena Sassower

TO: FREELANCE JOURNALIST-NEWS & ANALYTICAL REPORTER/ATTORNEY ERIC REED

RE: Your yesterday's article "How Much Do Judges Make in 2019?" (The Street, Aug. 13, 2019)  
<https://www.thestreet.com/personal-finance/how-much-do-judges-make-15046259>

How about following up your informational/survey-type article with a "deep dive" about how New York's judges became the highest paid state judges in the nation?

It is NOT, as your article reports, because their judicial salaries were set by "the legislature in Albany". Rather, since 2012, their yearly salaries have skyrocketed more than \$80,000, to be highest in the nation, as a result of two sham seven-member commissions, which – in addition to being unconstitutional for a myriad of reasons – flagrantly violated the materially-identical statutes that created them, flagrantly flouted conflict-of-interest rules, and made "force of law" pay raise recommendations that were outrightly fraudulent.

This has been the subject of fierce litigation challenge, since 2012 – NOW before New York's "prestigious and selective"