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TO: BUFFALO NEWS

ALERT: NYS Public Campaign Financing & Election Commission is INACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

How is the public supposed to contact the NYS Public Campaign Financing & Election Commission? Where is its website? What is its phone number, e-mail address, office address? Is there NO registration for its public hearings? – the first of which is less than a week away, and virtually unreported by the press.

Are witnesses going to be testifying on a “first-come, first-serve” basis – and how much time will each get? Will the public hearings be live-streamed, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, and from what website will they be accessible? Will recordings be available – and will submitted written statements be posted?

To enable you to SOUND AN ALARM about the obvious rigging of the Commission’s public hearings to favor advocates of public campaign financing, whose inside track was highlighted by the New York Post’s editorial “[Why judges will end up writing New York’s new campaign laws](#)” (Sept. 2, 2019/Sept. 3), attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability’s FOIL/open meetings law request, sent early yesterday morning to the Governor, Senate, and Assembly, to obtain pertinent information about the Commission’s operations.

Meantime – as I have received no response from you to my below August 21st e-mail entitled “Is NY’s new Public Campaign Financing & Election Commission constitutional?”, I am resending it to you, now attaching the New York Law Journal’s August 21st print publication of my letter “*A Call for Scholarship, Civic Engagement & Amicus Curiae Before the NYCOA*”.

As always, I am available to assist you, to the max, in fulfilling your duty to inform and empower the public.

Thank you.

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Or doesn't it matter? How about getting expert opinion from New York's 13 law schools, multitudinous bar associations, universities, colleges, think-tanks, and institutes?

To help get the ball rolling, here's the link to CJA's letter to the editor that the New York Law Journal published yesterday afternoon on its website, <https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/2019/08/20/a-call-for-scholarship-civic-engagement-amicus-curiae-before-the-nycoa/>, responding to a perspective column entitled "*It's Legally Perilous to Have a Commission Responsible for Election Laws*".

By the way, CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, not only posts the [full record of CJA v. Cuomo](#), but it aggregates records of the six other lawsuits, currently unfolding in state and federal courts, challenging the constitutionality of the delegation of legislative powers to commissions/committees. These six lawsuits are listed at pages 2-3 of CJA's August 9, 2019 letter to the Court of Appeals, as part of a "NOTICE" to Attorney General Letitia James of her duty to provide the Court with an "appropriate status report" about them. Additionally, [CJA's webpage for the August 9th letter](#) posts links to webpages created for each of the six lawsuits, with their records.

Suffice to note that among the six, [Delgado v. New York State](#), has now joined [CJA v. Cuomo at the Court of Appeals](#) – a notice of DIRECT appeal to the Court of Appeals having been filed by its plaintiffs on August 9th, solely on the issue of constitutionality.

I am available to assist you – and to be interviewed.

Thank you.

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