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Niagara County's D.A. Seaman, Uncontested for Re-Election, its 4 State Legislators, 2 Uncontested for Re-Election, & its 4 Uncontested Supreme Court Judgeships

The duty of the Niagara County D.A. is to enforce New York's penal laws and obey conflict of interest protocols. That is the subject of the [Center for Judicial Accountability's July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) to [Niagara County D.A. Brian Seaman](#), sent to him by the below e-mail. It involves his \$221,100 D.A. salary, statutorily-linked to the Niagara county court judge salary. Of this, \$101,300 is the product of three “false instrument”, penal law-violating commission reports that Niagara County's four state legislators, all running for re-election, are knowledgeable of and complicit in.

D.A. Seaman is himself running for re-election, uncontested – and did not respond to the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, requesting his response by August 1st to two simple questions:

- (1) whether he would be repudiating the \$101,300 salary difference and advising Niagara County to secure a judicial declaration voiding the three “false instrument”, penal law-violating commission reports?;
- (2) whether he would be recusing himself from the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint and securing an independent prosecutor?

D.A. Seaman will surely be more responsive to inquiries from you – and he is ready to field them as I have sent him e-mails alerting him to press inquiries.

What does he have to say about the \$221,100 Niagara County D.A. salary – and about Niagara County's state legislators whose public corruption is prioritized by the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint (at pp. 2-4). Will he disclose his political, professional, and personal relationships with them – and with the other public officers complained-against and implicated by the grand jury/public corruption complaint?

And can D.A. Seaman explain how it is possible that notwithstanding [Niagara County has a population of 212,230 and median household income of \\$65,882](#) and [state legislator salaries are \\$142,000, the highest in the nation](#), on top of which, as with D.A. salaries, are many thousands of dollars more in non-salary compensation benefits:

- [Senator Robert Ort \(SD49\)](#) is uncontested for re-election and is running on both Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primaries for either line;
- [Assemblyman William Conrad \(AD140\)](#) is uncontested for re-election and is running on both Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primaries for either line;
- [Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, Esq. \(AD145\)](#) is running for re-election on both Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primaries for either line, against [Michael Elder](#), running on both Democratic and Working Families lines for which he faced no primaries for either line;

- Up until August 15th, [Assemblyman Michael Norris Esq. \(AD144\)](#) was running for re-election on both Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primaries for either line, against [Michelle Roman](#), running on both Democratic and Working Families lines for which she faced no primaries for either line – and now replacing Norris on both Republican and Conservative lines is his chief of staff, [Paul Bologna](#).

Indeed, can D.A. Seaman explain how he himself is uncontested for re-election and running on both Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primaries for either line.

For that matter, can he explain how is it possible that with supreme court justice salaries being \$232,600, plus thousands of dollars in non-salary compensation benefits – and the candidate pool encompassing the eight counties of the Eighth Judicial District – the Republican and Democratic parties put forward the same four candidates for four supreme court judgeships: incumbent Justices Deborah Chimes, Henry Nowak, and Catherine Nugent Panepinto, plus Assemblyman Michael Norris, the latter being additionally the only candidate the Conservative party put forward.

I look forward to discussing with you the above questions and assisting your investigative journalism about Niagara County’s D.A. race, four state legislative races, and judicial races from supreme court to city court – all involving “false instrument”, penal law-violating salaries for these offices. Meantime, here’s [CJA’s webpage for the 2024 Niagara County D.A. election](#).

Thank you.

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Subject: NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint -- Your D.A. salary increases, the judicial salary increases on which they are based, & the violations of NY penal laws by state legislators within your jurisdictions

Attachments: [7-18-24-daasny-notice-complaint.pdf](#);
 [7-17-24-complaint-vs-soares-to-albany-ethics.pdf](#);
 [7-17-24-transmittal-to-soares.pdf](#)

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**ATT: President/Richmond County D.A. Michael McMahon
 NYS' 61 Other D.A. and Acting D.A. Members**

Above-attached are CJA's July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint and underlying July 17, 2024 ethics complaint to the Albany County Ethics Commission against Albany County D.A. Soares and its accompanying transmittal letter to him.

So that I may be guided accordingly, please let me hear from each of you by no later than two weeks from today, August 1, 2024, with respect to both the NOTICE and July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, herewith filed with you.

Thank you.

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