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**Subject:** Today, at 3pm, in Albany Supreme Court -- oral argument for TRO to stay  
"force of law" judicial pay raise report from taking effect April 1st &  
disbursement of \$34.6M for the judicial pay raises

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Oral argument is being held today, at 3 pm, in Albany Supreme Court (Justice Christina Ryba), for a TRO to stay the “force of law” Dec 4, 2023 Report of the (3<sup>rd</sup>) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation from taking effect, on April 1, 2024, giving pay raises to judges – and enjoining disbursement of the \$34.M appropriated for it in the legislative budget.

The lawsuit, brought by the non-partisan, non-profit citizens organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), “on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest”, is based on CJA’s January 18, 2024 Opposition Report, analyzing the Commission’s Report, line-by-line, and demonstrating it to be a “false instrument”, violating the express requirements for pay raise recommendations – and knowingly so.

It sues the Commission and the Governor Hochul, Lt. Governor Delgado, Chief Judge Wilson, Chief Administrative Judge Zayas, Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins, the Senate, Assembly Speaker Heastie, the Assembly, Attorney General James, and Comptroller DiNapoli, all of whom have had CJA’s Opposition Report for more than two months, have not denied or disputed its accuracy in any respect – nor their duty with respect thereto – but have taken no remedial steps.

Here’s the NYSCEF docket for the case, [#902654-24](#). The proposed OSC for a TRO for Justice Ryba to sign today is [#18](#). The short verified petition/complaint is [#1](#), and CJA’s January 18, 2024 Opposition Report is [#6](#).

I will be at Albany Supreme Court for the oral argument, notwithstanding it will be held, electronically, *via* TEAMS. I am reachable by cell, 646-220-7987.

Thank you.

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