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Subject: **Will DA Candidate Kindlon ignore fully-documented public corruption complaints, as DA Soares has, involving the DA. salary, the state budget, & those with whom he has political, social, & professional relationships?**

Attachments: [revised-feb-23-2024-complaint-with-exhibits.pdf](#);
[2-23-24-complaint-postal-delivery-3-4-24.pdf](#)

TO: Albany Times Union –

A *propos* of your today's editorial "[Mr. Soares' blown deadlines](#)" and prior articles that have made it appear that Candidate Kindlon is a superior candidate, possessing integrity and commitment to the proper conduct of the Albany County D.A. office – as, for instance, Steve Hughes' May 28th article "[Kindlon calls for audit of Albany County D.A. office](#)" – will you be reporting and editorializing that Kindlon, if elected, seems ready to follow an identical course to D.A. Soares with respect to fully-documented public corruption complaints against New York's highest public officers involving the D.A. salary, the state budget, and those with whom he has political, social, and professional relationships?

The proof of this is my below May 28th message to Kindlon, sent *via* his law office website, to which I received NO response other than an [auto-acknowledgment](#) that someone would get back to me "as soon as possible". Will you ask Kindlon about this? – and about his review of the evidence posted on CJA's webpage for "[Corrupt Incumbent Albany D.A. Soares](#)". And will you ask D.A. Soares about my May 28th e-mail to him, also below, pertaining to my above-attached February 23, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint to him, arising from [CJA's January 18, 2024 Opposition Report to the December 4, 2023 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation](#), to which I have received NO response.

By the way, the Albany D.A. salary that took effect on April 1st, as a result of Soares' conflict-of-interest-driven nonfeasance with respect to the February 23, 2024 complaint, is \$223,700 – and Kindlon seems completely "on board" with this and with Soares' shocking [March 26, 2024 response](#) to my [February 23, 2024 FOIL request](#), *inter alia*, certifying that the D.A.'s office has "no responsive documents" to my requests for:

“manuals, guides, and other records setting forth the policies and procedures of the district attorney’s office in instances of conflicts of interests of the district attorney or assistant district attorneys, *to wit*, financial interest and professional, political, and social relationships”

and for:

“manuals, guides, and other records of the district attorney’s office setting forth its procedures for handling public corruption complaints”.

Please let me hear from you.

Thank you.

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My May 28, 2024 message to D.A. Candidate Kindlon, sent *via* his law office messaging system because he has no publicly-available e-mail, and quoting, in full, my prior March 23rd message to him

"This follows up my phone call to your office (518-444-428), shortly after 11 am, which was picked up by your assistant AJ. The reason for my call was to inquire as to whether you had had received the March 23rd message I sent you, *via* this message system, entitled 'You Can Easily Defeat Albany D.A. Soares' -- to which I had received no response. AJ stated she had no access to your message system and, therefore, could not confirm receipt. She also stated that she could not give me an e-mail address for you, without your permission -- and that the office had no e-mail she could provide. I left my name and phone number with her, with a request that you call me. Also, my e-mail address, elena@judgewatch.org -- and the website information that had been contained in my March 23rd message to you, posted on the website, as follows:

‘You Can Easily Defeat Albany D.A. Soares –

I am the director & co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA). DA Soares has flagrantly corrupted his office in matters pertaining to public corruption -- and this has been the subject of public corruption complaints I have filed to him, against him, and of FOIL requests, spanning from 2013 to the present. CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, posts everything -- accessible from the prominent center link '[Cleaning up NY's Corrupt & Unconstitutional State Governance -- starting with its most important D.A race: Albany County](#)'. I look forward to speaking with you about the

mountain of primary-source, documentary evidence there posted, establishing that D.A. Soares cannot be re-elected, because he must be indicted for public corruption, including larceny involving his own D.A. salary -- and that he will be convicted. Thank you. Elena Sassower 914-421-1200'.

Please call me, as soon as possible, so that I can update you as to what has been happening since March 23rd on the public corruption front, centered in Albany County -- and to discuss how, as a candidate and, if elected, as Albany County DA, you will address conflicts of interest, involving, your D.A. salary and public officers such as Assemblyman Phil Steck, who on May 9th publicly endorsed you. Your promise, in response, was 'to be the Albany County DA the taxpayers can count on to never self-deal their hard-earned tax dollars' and to 'prosecute all crimes...without political favor.'" (hyperlinks added).

**My May 28, 2024 e-mail to D.A. Soares & his leadership team,
and my prior February 26th and February 23rd e-mails to him**

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Subject: STATUS? CJA's Feb 23, 2024 Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint -- (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation & its Co-Conspirators & Accomplices

TO: Albany County District Attorney Soares

This follows my phone call to your DA office (518-487-5460) at 1:37 pm today, answered by a voice recording, on which I left a message.

Please advise as to the status of my fully-documented February 23, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, which I sent by the below e-mails and, thereafter, by priority mail, which was delivered on March 4, 2024. I have received no response.

Please also advise whether, as it seems from your [new website](#), you have eliminated your public integrity unit – and, if so, the reason.

Thank you.

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Subject: Superseding-REVISED: Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint -- (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation & its Co-Conspirators & Accomplices

TO: Albany County District Attorney Soares

Kindly supersede my grand jury/public corruption complaint, sent by the below on Friday, February 23rd, with the above-attached, containing substantial revision to expand the previous 8-page complaint to 12 pages. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

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Subject: Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint -- (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation & its Co-Conspirators & Accomplices

TO: Albany County District Attorney Soares

Attached is my grand jury/public corruption complaint of today's date, with its two exhibits. Original will be mailed. CJA's EVIDENTIARY WEBPAGE on which it will be posted is here:
<https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/district-attorneys/albany-2-23-24-complaint-evidence.htm>.

Further e-mail will follow attaching my Independent Expert Report and October 25, 2023 complaint pertaining to the Monroe County Family Court case, referred to at pages 3-4 of the grand jury/public corruption complaint.

Thank you.

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