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Subject: **The Corruption of the NYS Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct -- & "NY prosecutor who hid evidence is eyeing a return to law. Professors want him disbarred" (Gothamist, 3/20/26, Ryan Kost)**

Attachments: [3-30-26-ltr-to-commissioners.pdf](#);
[upload-cja-aug4-2026-complaint-v-62das.pdf](#)

TO: [Gothamist/WNYC](#) -- & [Ryan Kost](#)

Supplementing my below August 7th e-mail, I have discovered that two weeks after Mr. Kost's March 6th article "[New York finally has a way to discipline prosecutors. So why hasn't it?](#)", he wrote a Friday, March 20th article "[NY prosecutor who hid evidence is eyeing a return to law. Professors want him disbarred](#)" about a complaint that "On Friday, professors from six prominent law schools submitted...to the Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct", as to which he stated "Whether the commission will act is [far from certain](#)." The indicated hyperlink was to his March 6th article.

Three law professors are quoted by Mr. Kost's March 20th article – [Brooklyn Law School Professor Cynthia Godsoe](#), [New York University Law Professor Emeritus Stephen Gillers](#), and [Hofstra Law School Professor Emerita Ellen Yaroshefsky](#). All are cc'd so that they can explain how it is that in the nearly five full months that have elapsed since the article, there has been no peep from them as to the status of the complaint filed on that "Friday", nor from press such as [Gothamist/WNYC](#), which readily platforms them and their issues.

Is their silence in any way related to CJA's above-annexed and [here-linked March 30th letter](#) to the Commission, chronicling its corruption and the complicity therein of Commission proponents, such as [Pace Law School Professor Bennett Gershman](#) and [CUNY Law School Professor Steven Zeidman](#), quoted by Mr. Kost's March 6th article – and who, with other Commission proponents, were e-mailed the March 30th letter at that time, simultaneously with its being e-mailed to the Commission and [Gothamist/WNYC](#), and then as recently as August 7th, by the below e-mail with the above-attached.

Suffice to add that Law Professors Gershman, Zeidman, Gillers, and Yaroshefsky have, for decades, had the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE that New York's court-run attorney disciplinary system is corrupt and that New York's Commission on Judicial Conduct is corrupt – and have not only kept quiet about it, but allowed the Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct to be modeled after the Commission on Judicial Conduct, with predictable results. CJA's webpages for these four law professors, *from which this is readily-established*, are: [here for Gershman](#), [here for Zeidman](#), [here for Gillers](#), and [here for Yaroshefsky](#).

Finally, **here's another LEAD about the Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct for Gothamist/WNYC reporting**: Today, CJA gave NOTICE to Governor Hochul, who has two pending reappointments to the Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct before her, and to Senate Minority Leader Ortt, who has one, that the Commission's eleven commissioners and their executive director "must all be indicted for having corrupted the Commission – and they will be convicted". The EVIDENCE furnished by the NOTICE, *in full substantiation*, is CJA's March 30th letter to the Commission and subsequent August 4th and August 7th e-mails to it. [HERE's THE NOTICE](#) – and [here's the e-mail transmitting it](#), cc'ing the Commission.

How perfect that Mr. Kost will be able to get expert opinion about this NOTICE from the SAME law professors and lawyer-proponents of the Commission as he featured in his March 6th and March 20th Gothamist articles! Do they dispute that it is dispositive?

Please let me hear from you by the end of the day, Thursday, August 13th, so that I may be guided accordingly. The ONLY other press currently alerted to this unreported major scandal of the Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct's corruption – and its significance to the 2026 elections – is the Queens Daily Eagle, cc'd with you on the below August 7th e-mail, and cc'd now.

Thank you.

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Subject: Are you unaware of the ongoing corruption of the NYS Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct a full 5 months since the March 6th article "New York finally has a way to discipline prosecutors. So why hasn't it?" (Gothamist, Ryan Kost)?

TO: Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct Advocates

I have no record of response from you to my above-attached March 30, 2026 letter to the Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct, to which I cc'd you and alerted you three times by e-mail, [#1](#), [#2](#), [#3](#), attaching it twice. Did you not respond, other than Russell Neufeld who responded to the first e-mail that I had not attached the letter.

And are you unaware of the Commission's ongoing corruption a full 5 months since the March 6th Gothamist article "[New York finally has a way to discipline prosecutors. So why hasn't it?](#)" by Ryan Kost, for which six of you were quoted. As indicated by my below August 4th e-mail to the Commission, its [website](#) STILL indicates only a single instance of public discipline – the same July 15, 2025 instance, unrelated to D.A. official duties, that you criticized in your comments for the March 6th article. Have you been unaware of this – and have you NOT alerted Mr. Kost and Gothamist? How about other press?

I have found NO reporting since, other than today's Queens Daily Eagle article "[Federal court upholds ruling opening prosecutor discipline records to the public](#)" by its managing editor, Jacob Kaye, whose passing reference to the Commission is as "notoriously dormant" and, misleadingly, that it "does not have the authority to discipline prosecutors".

Please advise.

Thank you.

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Subject: CJA's March 30, 2026 Letter & Now New Complaint vs NYS' 62 DAs based on CJA's April 14, 2026 FURTHER NOTICE & Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint to Them

TO: [Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct Members](#)

I have received NO response to my above-attached March 30, 2026 letter sent by the below March 31st e-mail entitled "Questions Whose Answers Establish Your Duty to: (1) Remove Administrator Friedman; (2) Replace Chair Simons; (3) Hold a Hearing on Commission Rules; (4) Reinstate CJA's Nov 18, 2024 & March 21, 2025 Complaints vs NYS' DAs".

Please confirm that you have NOT responded – and the reason – and, additionally, that you have NOT responded to the letter I sent you two weeks later to which you were cc'd – this being [CJA's April 14, 2026 FURTHER NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint to NYS' 62 D.A.s](#), which I [e-mailed you simultaneously with e-mailing it to them](#) – and which, as it stated (at p. 3), reinforced [CJA's November 18, 2024](#) and [March 21, 2025](#) complaints against the 62 D.A.s

As I have received NO responses from any of the 62 D.A.s to the April 14th FURTHER NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint – or from their organizational entity, the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York – above-attached, additionally, and here-linked is [CJA's August 4, 2026 complaint against the 62 D.A.s](#) based thereon.

Finally, I note that [the Commission's website](#) STILL indicates only a single instance of public discipline – the July 15, 2025 public censure of then Monroe County D.A. Sandra Doorley – identified by the March 6, 2026 [Gothamist](#) article "[New York finally has a way to discipline prosecutors. So why hasn't it?](#)", to which my [March 30th letter](#) cited and linked.

As previously requested in connection with my March 30th letter, "please forward this e-mail to the Commission members whose e-mail addresses I do not have: former Judges Eng, Obus, and Dougherty, and Commission Member Loigman".

Thank you.

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The above-attached corrects my yesterday's letter which inadvertently misidentified Commissioner Obus as "Judge", rather than Vice Chair", and makes a few nonsubstantive changes. Kindly supersede.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

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Above-attached is the letter which I inadvertently failed to include in e-mailing you the below, to which Mr. Neufeld alerted me by e-mail.

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TO: [Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct Members](#)

Above attached is my self-explanatory letter of today's date, apprising the Commission members of what has been going on, in the event they do not know.

Please forward to the Commission members whose e-mail addresses I do not have: former Judges Eng, Obus, and Dougherty, and Commission Member Loigman.

I am available to answer questions, including under oath.

Thank you.

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