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Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 1:28 AM
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Subject: Follow-up to my phone call to you yesterday about David Howard King & other NYS reporters
Attachments: 4-5-12-press-release.pdf; 3-15-13-press-release-judiciary-slush-fund.pdf; 3-31-13-press-release-unfinished-budget-story.pdf

TO: Nick Kusnetz/Center for Public Integrity

As discussed, where is the Center for Public Integrity's roster of journalists to whom our nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization can turn with the MAJOR story, "Who Judges the Judges?" -- <http://old.gothamgazette.com/article/Albany/20111114/204/3636> -- initially reported on November 14, 2011 by David Howard King, the reporter upon whom the Center relied for its "State Integrity Investigation" of New York State and who used us a source for the information contained in its "judicial accountability" category. It was based on Mr. King's research that the "State Integrity Investigation" gave New York State an "overall D" -- with a "D", as well, for "judicial accountability".

The below e-mail -- to which Mr. King was an indicated recipient -- is what I sent to the reporters of the "Capital Press Room: New York State Legislative Correspondents Association" -- on the day his November 14, 2011 article appeared. Not a single one of these reporters -- or any others -- followed up. Nor did Mr. King follow-up on his own article.

Attached are the three subsequent press releases I sent to Mr. King and the state legislative correspondents -- the most recent sent the day before yesterday. .

Please advise as to how good government citizen-activists, such as we, can make ANY progress in improving the scandalous absence of state integrity when there is not a single journalist verifying -- or even reporting on-- the corruption of state government that we have resoundingly documented.

Thank you.

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Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 11:50 AM

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Cc: 'David King'

Subject: Invitation: Today's Gotham Gazette: "Who Judges the Judges?"

TO: Capital Press Room: New York State Legislative Correspondents Association

David King, State Government Editor for the Gotham Gazette, leads with an article today, "*Who Judges the Judges?*", which he features as "This Month's Story...". It is the first to provide a glimmer of reporting on:

- the aborted 2009 Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the Commission on Judicial Conduct; and
- CJA's October 27, 2011 Report on the judicial pay raise issue, delivered to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Skelos, Assembly Speaker Silver, & Chief Judge Lippman

We have posted David's article on the "Latest News" webpage of CJA's website – from which you can easily access both the videos of the 2009 Senate Judiciary Committee hearings and CJA's October 27, 2011 Report. Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>

We look forward to providing you ALL possible assistance so that you can expand upon David's groundbreaking reporting of what is a MAJOR SCANDAL – propelling the long overdue, non-partisan, good-government reforms essential to safeguarding our constitution, democracy, and rule of law.

Thank you.

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