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Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:39 AM
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Subject: FW: 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

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 1:28 AM
To: 'nkusnetz@publicintegrity.org.'
Cc: 'davidhowardking@gmail.com'
Subject: Follow-up to my phone call to you yesterday about David Howard King & other NYS reporters

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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