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You write: "Silver magically moved Lippman from chief administrative judge, where he merely managed court operations, to the top judicial post atop the Court of Appeals in 2009." There was NOTHING "magical" about it. Rather, it was a brazen manifestation of the corruption of "merit selection" to New York's highest state court -- and I not only testified about that in opposition to Judge Lippman's confirmation on February 11, 2009 at the NY's Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing on his confirmation, before its then chairman, Senator John Sampson:

[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMQtBhIWJz8> -- (at 39.55 mins.) -- but testified, twice, before Chairman Sampson at the Senate Judiciary Committee's January 27, 2009 and June 5, 2009 hearings on "merit selection" to the Court of Appeals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jW6e0yOOdk8&feature=channel> (at 18.27 mins. & 42.05 mins) , without findings of fact and conclusions of law rendered by the Senate Judiciary Committee then or thereafter.

Silver was long ago made aware of the corruption of "merit selection" to the Court of Appeals, of the corruption of a merits-based appointment process to the lower state courts, and that New York's judiciary was corruptly "throwing" cases by fraudulent judicial decisions, aided and abetted by a corrupt Commission on Judicial Conduct. This, in the context of the question of whether judicial salaries should be raised -- whose answer -- a 27% judicial salary increase -- was rigged through a Commission on Judicial Compensation, to which Silver was an appointing authority, as likewise, Senate Majority Leader Skelos, Chief Judge Lippman -- and, most importantly Governor Cuomo.

Silver's collusion with then in achieving a fraudulent 27% judicial salary increase, whose cost to New York taxpayers has already been \$120 million, and, simultaneously, in securing slush-fund budgets, including slush-fund legislative budgets from which he has been able to funnel monies, without any accountability, is fully documented in three separate litigations brought by our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), each "thrown" and "sidedrailed" by fraudulent judicial decisions.

As I stated in testifying before the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption on September 17, 2013 -- at the same hearing as US Attorneys Bharara and Lynch testified -- "Cases are perfect paper trails. There is a record. So it is easy to document judicial corruption". The record of these three litigations -- DISPOSITIVE of the public corruption for which these U.S. Attorneys should have long ago indicted Cuomo, Silver, Skelos, and Lippman, in addition to Schneiderman and DiNapoli and dozens of New York's top legislators -- is posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the prominent homepage links including "CJA's Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of US Attorney Loretta Lynch as US Attorney General."