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TO: Kathryn S. Wylde & Other Members of the Commission on Judicial Compensation  
New York Law Journal: Joel Stashenko & Editors  
Bar Leaders Testifying at the July 20, 2011 Hearing:  
Vincent E. Doyle, III, President, NYS Bar Association  
Stewart Aaron, President, NY Co. Lawyers' Association  
Leslie Kelmachter, President, NYS Trial Lawyers Association  
Lance D. Clarke, Past President, Nassau County Bar Association  
Maureen Maney, President-Elect, Women's Bar Association of NYS

FROM: Elena Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Ensuring that the Commission on Judicial Compensation's Recommendations and Report are Based on Evidence: The Absence of Evidence that Judicial Compensation has Deterred Qualified Private Sector Lawyers from Becoming Judges

In substantiation of my assertions at the Commission on Judicial Compensation's July 20, 2011 hearing that witnesses advocating for judicial pay increases had put forth "rhetoric, not evidence" and that I had compiled a list of "20 specific frauds" they had presented<sup>1</sup> – assertions unreported by the New York Law Journal – enclosed is CJA's letter of today's date to one such witness: Roger Juan Maldonado, Chair of the Council on Judicial Administration of the New York City Bar Association – to which you are indicated recipients.

Such letter is occasioned by Commissioner Wylde's comments to the Law Journal, as reported on July 29, 2011 in Joel Stashenko's article "Commission to Focus on Amount of Judges' Raise".



Enclosure (8 pages)

cc: Roger Juan Maldonado, Chair  
Council on Judicial Administration/New York City Bar Association

<sup>1</sup> Having received no response from the Commission to CJA's July 21, 2011 letter as to whether it would be stenographically transcribing the video of its July 20, 2011 hearing, I transcribed my own testimony. It is posted, together with the video, on CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), accessible via our top panel "Latest News".

