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**Subject:** Request for a Meeting: The Judiciary's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015  
**Attachments:** 12-11-13-letter-to-governor-legislature.pdf

**TO: Victor Mallison/Chief of Staff to Senator George Latimer**

Following up our conversation earlier this afternoon, attached is CJA's December 11<sup>th</sup> letter – the basis for my request for a meeting with Senator Latimer. The letter is best viewed from CJA's webpage for it, as it is there posted with all substantiating documents, including legal authorities. Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/dec-11-2013-letter.htm>

Please review the letter as soon as you can – and furnish it to Senator Latimer for his review.

As discussed, if Senator Latimer has office hour next week or the week after, I request to meet with him so that he can explain to me the Judiciary's proposed budget. If, however, he shares my incomprehension, I request that he arrange a meeting with Senate Finance Committee Chair DeFrancisco & Ranking Member Krueger so that they can explain the Judiciary's proposed budget to him and me both – and address the constitutional infirmities the December 11<sup>th</sup> letter identifies.

Below, FYI, is the meeting request I sent two days ago to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Investigations & Government Operations and the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis, and Investigation – to which I am yet awaiting response.

Thank you, again. Will call on Monday to follow-up.

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**Subject:** Request for a Meeting: The Legislature's Constitutional & Statutory Duty to Reject the Judiciary's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

**TO: Burton Phillips, Policy Director to Senator Brad Hoylman**



Thank you for the opportunity you gave me yesterday to summarize the Center for Judicial Accountability's December 11<sup>th</sup> letter – to which Senator Hoylman is an indicated recipient as Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations. The letter identifies (at pp. 8-9) that I would be scheduling a meeting with Senator Hoylman, as likewise with Senator Marcellino, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations -- and with Assemblyman Hevesi and Assemblyman Montesano, the respective Chair and Ranking Member of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation – to discuss with them “whether they are able to meaningfully comprehend and scrutinize the Judiciary’s purported ‘itemized estimates’, budget bill, and the concealed, but included, third-phase of the judicial salary increase”. That Senator Hoylman is also a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and that Senator Marcellino is also a member of the Senate Finance Committee is additionally propitious, reinforcing the role they must play in ensuring government oversight of the Judiciary’s larcenous, slush-fund budget.

For that purpose – and also to discuss CJA’s related June 4, 2013 letter, which was addressed directly to the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations and to the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation – I am requesting to meet with Senator Hoylman at his earliest convenience, either in Albany or at his district office – and either individually or with his three fellow committee leaders.

For your convenience, here’s the direct link to our webpages for each of those letters, where they are posted with the referred-to substantiating evidence:

December 11, 2013 letter: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/dec-11-2013-letter.htm> ;

June 4, 2013 letter: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/june-4-2013-letter-to-legislators.htm>

As agreed, I will call you on Friday for purposes of scheduling the meeting – unless I hear from you sooner.

Thank you.

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**Subject: The Judiciary's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015: Safeguarding the Public Purse from Judicial Fraud & Larceny**

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date pertaining to the constitutional and statutory duty of the Executive & Legislative branches to reject the entirety of the Judiciary's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, over & beyond its concealed, unitemized third phase of the judicial salary increase that will otherwise take effect, automatically, on April 1, 2014 – and calling for investigation of the Judiciary's slush-fund, larcenous budget, including by the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption.

So as not to exceed e-mail capacity, the single enclosure – the Center for Judicial Accountability's March 11, 2013 letter – will be sent in an immediately-following e-mail.

Both are posted, with substantiating proof, on our website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), accessible from the top panel "Latest News", whose first hyperlink is entitled "CJA Leads the Way to NYS Budget Reform, Starting with the Judiciary Budget". Here it is, directly, <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

Thank you.

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