

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: ellen chorba [ellenchorba@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 6:16 PM
To: elena@judgewatch.org
Subject: Fwd: NYS Judicial Compensation: Please STOP this blatant injustice!!

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From: **ellen chorba** <ellenchorba@gmail.com>
 Date: Thu, Aug 18, 2011 at 8:08 AM
 Subject: Re: NYS Judicial Compensation: Please STOP this blatant injustice!!
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By copy of this email, I am asking EACH OF YOU to intervene and/or spread the word. We must STOP this blatant injustice which will be created at the expense of every New York State Taxpayer!!!

As the Wife and Mother of a family devastated by the "Reduction in Workforce" within the Unified Court System, I can't help but wonder if we were all pawns in the long term plans of the Chief Administrative Judge. I am sickened at the thought that my husband's salary, along with hundreds of others, has been stripped in an attempt to cushion the salaries of 1200 elected officials. !!

The New York State Special Commission on Judicial Compensation will convene on Friday August 26th to make their final decision on this proposed salary increase for members of the Judiciary. PROMPT ACTION IS REQUESTED.

These details have already been forwarded to members of the NYS Senate- Judiciary Committee.

Good Morning....

On May 18, 2011, hundreds of New York State families were hit with the harsh reality that Civil Servants truly are just a number.

As a result of the New York State Unified Court System Workforce Reduction Plan, hundreds of employees were notified that their services would be terminated effective June 1, 2011.

Less than two months later, **Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau requested that each of the approximately 1200 NYS Unified Court System Judges be granted pay raises of up to 62%.**

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IF the State of New York can suddenly afford to spend over 70 MILLION DOLLARS of TAXPAYER MONEY on salary - I suggest that each of the employees affected by the recent Workforce Reduction be immediately reinstated.

Reinstatement of all effected employees would still leave a significant balance from that **70 million dollars of taxpayer money**, which can be divided among the members of the Judiciary.

In this scenario....the Commission does "*the right thing*" for everyone, not just their select special interest group.

I am asking each of you to immediately intervene to help STOP this blatant injustice !!!

Contact the NYS Special Commission on Judicial Compensation: contact@judicialcompensation.ny.gov

Thank you for your prompt action. **Please feel free to contact me for further details regarding this matter or numerous other inequities related to the Unified Court System Reduction in Workforce.**

Please see below for links to information which documents how **taxpayer money** is already being spent on these 1200 elected officials.

Very truly yours,

ELLEN CHORBA
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*** Nine of the highest paid Judges (each earning over \$200K per year) are from my own Ninth Judicial District....**

<http://www.lohud.com/article/20110130/NEWS05/101300347/9-judges-region-get-both-salary-pension>

*** In the midst of the NYS Court layoffs, Judges continue to receive \$10K bonus for the purchase of items such as ipods and GPS Systems....**

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20110417/NEWS01/104170354/Judges-get-10-000-stipends-court-system-cut>

*** NYS Court System lays of almost 400 employees...but pays \$23 million to renovated seven luxury apartments for appointees of the Court of Appeals.**

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/judge_hotel_suite_sorrow_2i6lKBJQcJgzLRkbrkipGK

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From: **Bruce Carver** <bcarver815@msn.com>
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Subject: Compensation Increase for Judges
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After laying off over 385 employees in the judicial system and the State threatening layoffs in all other agencies due to the current state of finances, how can anyone justify any pay increase, let alone such a substantial increase, for some of the highest paid people in the State? I am totally against this proposal. It is a travesty to put so many people out of work so that the rich can get richer. I am a resident and taxpayer of this state. I am also an active voter and I am voting 'No' on this unjust proposal.

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