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**COMPLAINT FORM**

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**COMPLAINANT**

Your Name: Ctr. for Judicial Accountability, Inc. Home Tel: elena@judgewatch.org  
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City/Town: Southampton Zip: 11969 County: Suffolk

**COMPLAINT**

Public Agency/Individual you are complaining about: Commission on Judicial Compensation  
Street Address (if known): operated out of the Executive Chamber at the Capitol  
City/Town: Albany Zip: 12224 County: Albany

Has this matter been submitted to another agency?  Yes  No

If so, which agency: Governor, Temp. Senate President, Assembly Speaker, Chief Judge

Is there any legal action pending?  Yes  No

If so, where: NYS judges suing NYS for more pay, defended by Attorney General

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(use back of form or attach additional documentation if necessary)

On August 29, 2011, the Commission on Judicial Compensation committed fraud upon the public and upon Governor Andrew Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Dean Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, and Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, by a Report recommending 27% pay raises for New York State judges over the next three years. Absent legislative override, these judicial pay raise recommendations will become law on April 1, 2012, effectively stealing from the People of New York hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars, while depriving them of the means afforded by the New York State Constitution for securing judicial accountability.

This is particularized by the accompanying October 27, 2011 Opposition Report of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), in support of: (1) legislative override of the Commission's judicial pay raise recommendations; (2) repeal of the statute creating the Commission; (3) referral of the Commissioners to criminal authorities for prosecution; and (4) appointment of a special prosecutor, task force, &/or inspector general to investigate the testimonial and documentary evidence of systemic corruption in New York's judiciary, infesting supervisory and appellate levels and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, which the Commission on Judicial Compensation unlawfully and unconstitutionally ignored, without findings, in recommending judicial pay raises. (Executive Summary attached).

**READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING BELOW:**

I understand that any false statements made in this complaint are punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor under Section 175.30 and/or Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Signature:  Date: November 29, 2011

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Received by:

Date:

**Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)**

**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [elena@judgewidth.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2011 2:14 PM  
**To:** 'public.integrity@ag.ny.gov'  
**Cc:** 'eric.schneiderman@ag.ny.gov'; 'Daniel.Maher@ag.ny.gov'  
**Subject:** Public Integrity Complaint vs Commission on Judicial Compensation  
**Attachments:** 11-29-11-ag-pib-complaint.pdf

**TO: Public Integrity Bureau/Office of Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman**

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's complaint of today's date against the Commission on Judicial Compensation. The signed original complaint, with an original of CJA's substantiating October 27, 2011 Opposition Report to the Governor, Temporary Senate President, Assembly Speaker, and Chief Judge, including its two-volume Compendium of Exhibits, was given, *in hand*, to Attorney General Schneiderman's Assistant Scheduler, Daniel Maher (212-416-8238/ 917-886-9396), who, together with other aides of the Attorney General, bodily prevented me from personally presenting it to Attorney General Schneiderman, as I stated to them I wished to do – refusing to allow me to even speak with Attorney General Schneiderman.

I believe I was the only person who was prevented from speaking with Attorney General Schneiderman upon the conclusion of the Fund for Modern Courts' breakfast this morning at the Yale Club, honoring Attorney General Schneiderman with the Cyrus Vance award – an honor the Attorney General accepted without entertaining any audience comment or questions.

Please note that CJA's attached public integrity complaint, the Opposition Report & exhibit compendium are all posted on CJA's website, [www.judgewidth.org](http://www.judgewidth.org). Here's the direct link to the webpage: <http://www.judgewidth.org/exhibits-public-integrity-complaint-11-29-11-ag-pib-complaint.pdf>.

I look forward to assisting the Attorney General's Public Integrity Bureau in its investigation of this complaint, which, in view of the seriousness of the issues and their time-sensitive nature, I trust will receive priority attention.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director  
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December 7, 2011

Ms. Elena Sassower  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.  
P.O. Box 3002  
Southampton, New York 11969

RE: Complaint # 11-2384

Dear Ms. Sassower:

On behalf of Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, I thank you for the information you provided to our office dated November 29, 2011.

The Public Integrity Bureau has carefully reviewed your correspondence and has determined that your complaint does not warrant action by this office at this time.

Please be advised that this Office does not provide legal opinions nor represent individuals. If you believe that you may have an individual claim, you may wish to consult a private attorney. Your local bar association provides attorney referrals. ***Please note: The complaint you have filed with this Office has no effect on any statute of limitations filing deadlines that might apply to your claim.*** By filing a complaint with this Office, you have not initiated a lawsuit or a proceeding, nor has this Office initiated a lawsuit or a proceeding on your behalf.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

Public Integrity Bureau