

**Subject: Following the \$: The Payoff in "Special Counsel" Assignments & Appointive Judgeships**

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Per my phone message to you yesterday, attached is my testimony at Monday's "hearing" of the NYS Senate Judiciary Committee to confirm Robert Smith to the NY Court of Appeals (also posted on the homepage of CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org)). Your important December 4th article, "*Pataki Donor Could Gain From City Bond Sale*", is cited at page 5.

Please call me at your earliest convenience to discuss follow-up -- which I will also be discussing directly with Jordan Rau. Indeed, when I spoke to Jordan on Monday, he was so interested in examining whether "special counsel" assignments are being given to political donors that he took out a piece of paper to write it down.

Regards.

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