

Subject: Are Special Counsel "for Sale" to Pataki Donors -- and How About Appointed Judgeships?

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Following up our phone conversation a short while ago, attached is CJA's December 22nd letter to the NYS Comptroller -- inspired by your important December 4th article, "*Pataki Donor Could Gain from City Bond Sale*". To speak to Harvey Silverstein, Supervising Attorney at the Comptroller's Office, you can call: 518-474-6011.

Looking forward to working with you in exploring whether special counsel and appointive judgeships are "for sale" to Pataki/Republican Donors -- or whether Robert Smith is an anomaly in that regard.

Happy New Year.

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