

Eric T. Schneiderman was elected the 65th Attorney General of New York State on November 2, 2010. As Attorney General, Schneiderman is the highest ranking law enforcement officer for the State, responsible for representing New York and its residents in legal matters. Schneiderman has worked to restore the public's faith in its public and private sector institutions by focusing on areas including public integrity, economic justice, social justice and environmental protection.



In his first weeks in office, Attorney General Schneiderman launched a new "Taxpayer Protection Bureau" to root out fraud and return money illegally stolen from New York taxpayers at no additional cost to the state. He also bolstered the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, which has already recovered tens of millions of dollars for taxpayers on his watch. As part of his effort to crack down on corruption and restore the public's trust in government, he launched a groundbreaking initiative expanding his office's authority to investigate public corruption involving taxpayer funds by partnering with the state Comptroller.

On June 13, 2013, Attorney General Schneiderman and San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón announced the formation of a nationwide Secure Our Smartphones (S.O.S) Initiative aimed at encouraging the cell phone industry to adopt technologies to deter the rising epidemic of violent incidents of smartphone theft by drying up the secondary market on which devices are sold.

The Attorney General has taken a leading role in the national fight for a comprehensive investigation of misconduct in the mortgage market and for a fair settlement for homeowners that holds banks accountable. Most recently, on November 19, 2013, Attorney General Schneiderman and members of a federal and state working group he co-chairs announced a \$13 billion settlement with JPMorgan Chase – the largest with a single entity in American history. New York State will receive more than \$1 billion of the settlement.

In April 2014, Attorney General Schneiderman established the Community Overdose Prevention (COP) program to fund the training and equipping of eligible law enforcement agencies throughout New York State with nasally-administered naloxone. COP dedicates \$5 million of funds seized as crime proceeds from joint federal and state criminal investigations to fund the purchase of a "naloxone kit" for every sworn officer in the state that might encounter an acute opioid overdose in the line of duty.

As the state's top law enforcement officer, Attorney General Schneiderman brings with him a wealth of experience, in both the public and private sectors. The Attorney General previously spent 15 years in private practice as an attorney, and later as a partner, at the firm of Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, where he handled complex litigation. He was also a public interest lawyer for many years, representing taxpayers in historic lawsuits against the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and women seeking access to health clinics. Attorney General Schneiderman graduated from Amherst College in 1977 and Harvard Law School in 1982. He is the proud father of a daughter, Catherine.

# New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman

Welcomes You To A  
Suffolk County  
Community Forum



May 20, 2014  
6:30 PM

Suffolk County Community College  
Van Nostrand Theatre

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**PLEASE WRITE DOWN YOUR QUESTION HERE**

**(Please provide your contact information on the reverse side of this card. If we are unable to answer your question during the event, we will provide a response to your question via e-mail)**



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## Center for Judicial Accountability

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:37 AM  
**To:** Michael.Meade@ag.ny.gov  
**Subject:** Status: Follow-up to Attorney General Schneiderman's May 20th Community Forum -- & declaration of "zero tolerance for public corruption", etc.  
**Attachments:** 5-16-14-notice-xmotion.pdf

Dear Mr. Meade,

I have received no response to the below e-mail, sent two weeks ago. Please advise, without delay.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:54 AM  
**To:** 'Michael.Meade@ag.ny.gov'  
**Subject:** Follow-up to Attorney General Schneiderman's May 20th Community Forum -- & declaration of "zero tolerance for public corruption", etc.

**TO: Michael Meade, Director  
Intergovernmental Affairs Bureau/Office of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman**

I greatly appreciated being able to speak with you yesterday evening at Attorney General Schneiderman's excellent Suffolk County Community Forum – and I look forward to getting a response to my completed question card, with the notice of cross-motion I had attached – consistent with what is written on the printed card “If we are unable to answer your question during the event, we will provide a response to your question via e-mail”. My e-mail is [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)

May I suggest that you send the question card and its attached cross-motion to Deputy Attorney General for State Counsel Meg Levine, for whom I left two messages – each unreturned – and to Attorney General Schneiderman, whose Executive Assistant, Siovone Kennedy, told me someone would get back to me – but then no one did. This is recounted at ¶¶28-30, 32, 34, 36 of my affidavit in support of the cross-motion. The direct link to the webpage from which the full record of the case can be conveniently accessed is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget-2014-2015/lawsuit-citizen-taxpayer%20action.htm>. My cross-motion affidavit recounts my exhaustive efforts to secure responsiveness at the Attorney General's office in many, many paragraphs under the title heading “Plaintiffs’ Efforts to Secure Supervisory Oversight by the Attorney General & Comptroller of AAG Kerwin’s Fraudulent Dismissal Motion” (pp. 15-20).

To facilitate your transmittal to Deputy Attorney General Levine and Attorney General Schneiderman, I have attached the notice of cross-motion to this e-mail and have typed below the same question as I wrote on the question card that I gave you. It follows:

Executive Law 63.1 predicates the Attorney General's litigation posture on “the interest of the state”. State Finance Law Article 7-A contemplates the Attorney General's advocacy on behalf of the People of the State, including as plaintiff. I brought a citizen-taxpayer action under Article 7-A on behalf of the People of the State and could not get

any answer as to who at the Attorney General's office was evaluating my right to the Attorney General's representation and intervention. Worse still, the Attorney General, having no legitimate defense, is corrupting the judicial process, most recently by a fraudulent dismissal motion. My requests for supervisory oversight by higher-ups in the Attorney General's office – including Deputy Attorney General Meg Levine and Attorney General Schneiderman – are ignored.

Here's my [notice of] cross-motion that I have just made. Full record of cross-motion and case posted on website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), via the homepage link "CJA Leads the Way to NYS Budget Reform..."

Please advise as to who has been evaluating my right to the Attorney General's representation and intervention and his obligation to withdraw the motion.

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Genuine thanks to you, Mr. Meade, for your promised assistance. It was a wonderful event and I wish that what Attorney General Schneiderman said about his "zero tolerance for public corruption" and about being "a true believer in equal justice under law"; with "one set of rules for everyone" and "no one above the law" – and about safeguarding the public by a "public integrity bureau" and tax dollars not only by his "taxpayer protection bureau", but by his collaboration with the Comptroller – were remotely true. We will see from his response.

Elena Sassower, Director

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

& individual plaintiff *pro se*, in citizen-taxpayer action, *Center for Judicial Accountability, et al. v. Cuomo, et al.* (Albany Co #1788-14),

acting on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest

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