

September 7, 2018

Via Email: <u>mail@judgewatch.org</u> Elena Ruth Sassower, Director Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. Post Office Box 8101 White Plains, New York 10602

Dear Ms. Sassower:

The Executive Chamber acknowledges receipt of your FOIL requests dated August 31, 2018, seeking:

- 1) a copy of the referred-to report of the "New York Ethics Review commission" dated on or about November 2, 2015;
- all records reflecting "review" of the report by JCOPE's commissioners, including at any of their meetings-especially as JCOPE's 2015 Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature, dated April 7, 2016, does not appear to mention "the New York Ethics Review Commission", its report, or review of its "findings and recommendations" by the JCOPE commissioners;
- all records reflecting any hearings by the Legislature on the misnomered "New York Ethics Review Commission" report and, particularly by any of the most pertinent Senate and Assembly committees, to wit,
 - the Senate Ethics Committee;
 - the Assembly Committee on Ethics and Guidance;
 - the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations;
 - the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations;
 - the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation.
- 4) all records reflecting that these legislative committees ever placed the "New York Ethics Review Commission" report on the agenda of any of its committee meetings for review and discussion;

5) All records pertaining to the whereabouts of the records of the "New York Ethics Review Commission", including the video of its one and only hearing, on October 14, 2015, in Manhattan - at which I testified - and any transcription thereof - and pertaining to the evaporation of its website, www.nyethicsreview.org. at some unknown date following issuance of its report.

We are conducting a search for records that respond to your request and, if applicable, will review them for appropriate exemptions under FOIL. We will provide you with a status update on or before October 5, 2018.

If any documents are located that respond to your request, you will be charged \$.25 per page for photocopies. If the response to your request will be provided in another media, we will notify you of any charges.

Very truly yours,

Valerie Lubanko FOIL Counsel Records Access Officer