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NO PAY RAISES FOR NYS JUDGES WHO CORRUPT JUSTICE --THE MONEY BELONGS TO THE VICTIMS!

Today's public hearing directly results from the advocacy of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), whose May 23rd and June 23rd letters to the Judicial Compensation Commission called upon it to hold public hearings:

"to ensure that its work is informed by evidence-based facts as to the supposed quality of our state judges entitling them to increased compensation, including the quality of those judges who have complained that they are underpaid."

CJA's position, expressed by its May 23rd letter, is that there must be NO increases in judicial compensation:

"until mechanisms are in place and functioning to remove judges who deliberately pervert the rule of law and any semblance of justice and whose decisions are nothing short of 'judicial perjuries', being knowingly false and fabricated. Such judges, willfully destroying the lives of countless New Yorkers, the wellbeing of our state, and our democracy as a whole, are unworthy of their current salaries and benefits – being paid by hardworking New Yorkers."

CJA's website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u>, posts its devastating letters and e-mails to the Judicial Compensation Commission, accessible *via* the top panel "Latest News".

CJA has long maintained that restitution needs to be made to victims of judicial corruption. The hundreds of millions of dollars that would go to hiked judicial compensation must be used, instead, to compensate judicial corruption victims.

Contact CJA Director Elena Sassower for further details – and about CJA's mobilization of a Statewide Citizens' Taxpayer Coalition Against Pay Raises for New York State Judges.

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