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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewidth.org>
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 3:16 PM
To: 'Gais, Thomas'
Subject: thank you -- RE: Building Scholarship on the NYS Constitution & Governance
Attachments: 11-5-12-ltr-columbia-law-school.pdf

for adding brightness to this dreary day – and the mountain of work I have yet to do. The time you spend on review will be time well-spent as the proposed research issues are monumentally important to the welfare and future of our state and its 19-1/2 million people.

By the way, my November 5th letter to Columbia Law School contained an error in Professor Briffault's title, which I subsequently corrected. He is the Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation, NOT litigation. Attached is the corrected letter.

Again, thank you and happy holidays.

Elena

From: Gais, Thomas [<mailto:tgais@albany.edu>]
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Thanks, Elena. I'll review these sometime in the next two weeks.

Tom Gais

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewidth.org>]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 2:09 PM
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Dear Director Gais,

Following up our phone conversation a short while ago, please read the two letters I left for you on November 29th, each setting forth research proposals for scholarship on the New York State Constitution and governance –the necessity of which is established by the Verified Complaint & exhibits in our People's lawsuit vs New York's highest constitutional officers, contained in the box I also left for you.

If the Rockefeller Institute of Government at SUNY-Albany has NOT a single scholar of the New York State Constitution and governance to whom you can direct the research proposals and primary-source evidence I furnished, then maybe that explains why our state is in such DIRE straits. Surely, the family of Governor Rockefeller would fund the kind of essential scholarship whose necessity those letters describe.

For your convenience, the two letters – and the note I left you about them – are attached.

I will call you IMMEDIATELY after the New Year, if I do not hear from you before then. Meantime, here's the direct link to our "Latest News" webpage so that you can see the prominent place given to the video of my exchange about Assembly rules with Assembly Minority Leader Kolb at the November 29th forum at the Rockefeller Institute: "A New New York: the Constitutional Dimension": <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>. Evident from that webpage is how busy I've been to achieve long-overdue, good-government rule change in the new legislative session.

Thank you & Happy Holidays,

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