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Subject: Request for a Meeting: The Legislature's Constitutional & Statutory Duty to Reject the Judiciary's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015
Attachments: 12-11-13-letter-governor-legislature.pdf

TO: Burton Phillips, Policy Director to Senator Brad Hoylman

Thank you for the opportunity you gave me yesterday to summarize the Center for Judicial Accountability's December 11th letter – to which Senator Hoylman is an indicated recipient as Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations. The letter identifies (at pp. 8-9) that I would be scheduling a meeting with Senator Hoylman, as likewise with Senator Marcellino, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations -- and with Assemblyman Hevesi and Assemblyman Montesano, the respective Chair and Ranking Member of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation – to discuss with them “whether they are able to meaningfully comprehend and scrutinize the Judiciary's purported ‘itemized estimates’, budget bill, and the concealed, but included, third-phase of the judicial salary increase”. That Senator Hoylman is also a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and that Senator Marcellino is also a member of the Senate Finance Committee is additionally propitious, reinforcing the role they must play in ensuring government oversight of the Judiciary's larcenous, slush-fund budget.

For that purpose – and also to discuss CJA's related June 4, 2013 letter, which was addressed directly to the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations and to the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation – I am requesting to meet with Senator Hoylman at his earliest convenience, either in Albany or at his district office – and either individually or with his three fellow committee leaders.

For your convenience, here's the direct link to our webpages for each of those letters, where they are posted with the referred-to substantiating evidence:

December 11, 2013 letter: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/dec-11-2013-letter.htm> ;

June 4, 2013 letter: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/june-4-2013-letter-to-legislators.htm>

As agreed, I will call you on Friday for purposes of scheduling the meeting – unless I hear from you sooner.

Thank you.

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