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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 12:38 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Cc:** Maria Cilenti  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Amicus Curiae Support -- CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action, with ten causes of action challenging the NYS budget & the "force of law" commission pay raises, etc.

Dear Ms. Sassower,

I have reviewed the materials you sent me in connection with your pending appeal before the Court of Appeals. After careful consideration, the New York City Bar Association respectfully declines your invitation to participate as an amicus curiae in this matter.

Best,  
Lauren

**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** Lauren Axelrod <LAXELROD@NYCBAR.org>  
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**Subject:** Request for Amicus Curiae Support -- CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action, with ten causes of action challenging the NYS budget & the "force of law" commission pay raises, etc.

**TO: Lauren Axelrod/Senior Legal Counsel – New York City Bar Association**

Thank you for your call – and for giving me the opportunity to furnish you with the background to CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action, NOW before the Court of Appeals on an appeal of right – for which I am requesting an *amicus curiae* brief from the City Bar Association, from the New York State Bar Association, and from other bar associations.

As you saw, everything is accessible from CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), by its prominent center link: "CJA's Citizen-Taxpayer Actions to End NYS' Corrupt Budget 'Process' and Unconstitutional 'Three-Men-in-a-Room' Governance". For your convenience, the direct link to CJA's webpage for my March 26, 2019 letter to the Court of Appeals, in support of our appeal of right in CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/ct-appeals/3-26-19-ltr.htm>. As discussed, the letter highlights the City Bar's 2007 devastating *amicus curiae* brief in the *McKinney* case – and transmitted a copy to the Court of Appeals, together with such other parts of the *McKinney* record as I was able to recover: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/ct-appeals/inventory-mckinney-st-joseph.htm>.

As soon as I can, I will furnish a further presentation to you. However, I did want you to have the above direct links now – as they are the starting point for my request to the City Bar for what you will rapidly conclude to be a monumental case, worthy of the scholarship and advocacy I sought three years ago in the context of CJA's March 23, 2016 verified second supplemental complaint in our first citizen-taxpayer action: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/budget-2016-17/outreach-good-gov-academia.htm>. As discussed, the second citizen-taxpayer action arises from that March 23, 2016 verified second supplemental complaint.

Thank you, earnestly.

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