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Dear Chief Administrative Judge Prudenti,

Attached is CJA's letter of today's date, already faxed to you and to Chief Judge Lippman. It is also posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the top panel "Latest News". For your convenience, here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>.

Inasmuch as the Legislature's February 6, 2013 Joint Hearing on the Judiciary's Budget is next week, I would appreciate your expeditious response, by e-mail.

Thank you.

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TO: Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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