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TO: Senate Records Access Officer Secretary of the Senate Francis Patience  
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: FOIL/RECORDS REQUEST: Legislative Commission on Government  
Administration and Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations

Legislative Law Article 5-A (§§82, 83) establishes 13 legislative commissions. Among them are the Legislative Commission on Government Administration (§83-c) and the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations (§83-h), each of which is to have ten members, appointed as follows:

“...three members of the senate shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; three members of the assembly shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; two members of the senate shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and two members of the assembly shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly. From among the members so appointed, a chairman and a vice chairman shall be designated by the joint action of the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly. Any vacancy that occurs in the commission or in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment or designation was made....” (Legislative Law §83-c(1); §83-h(3)).

With respect to the Legislative Commission on Government Administration, it appears, from the Senate website: <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators-committees> and from the Assembly website: <http://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=49>, that Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti is its only member and purported to be its chair.

With respect to the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations, it appears, from the Senate website: <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators-committees> and from the Assembly website: <http://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=54>, that it has ZERO members.

Pursuant to Senate Rule XV “Freedom of Information”, Assembly Rule VIII “Public Access to Records”, and Public Officers Law, Article VI (FOIL), request is made for records reflecting the current members of these two legislative commissions, who appointed them, the dates on which they were appointed, and the dates on which the Temporary Senate President and Assembly Speaker designated, by “joint action”, their respective chairs and vice chairs.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89.3, your response/acknowledgment is required “within five business days” of your receipt of this request.

Thank you.

