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**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 2:00 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Subject:** **Re: Further Request & Pursuant to FOIL -- RE: Request to testify at Senate's Nov. 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing on Family Courts**

**Attachments:**

[rules and regulations relating to public inspection and copying of legislative records - january-2019 blue 2023.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge your request dated October 26, 2023 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

You have requested "...already finalized...witness list for Wednesday's hearing' and, additionally, records reflecting the persons/entities to which the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Committee on Children and Families extended invitations to testify.....at the Committees' November 1<sup>st</sup> oversight hearing on the Family Courts....".

Please see the following link: <https://www.nysenate.gov/calendar/public-hearings/november-01-2023/joint-public-hearing-conduct-oversight-family-court> .

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information.

Sincerely,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.  
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Foil

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:55 PM  
**To:** Kenan Kurt <[kurt@nysenate.gov](mailto:kurt@nysenate.gov)>  
**Cc:** James Ostaszewski <[ostaszew@nysenate.gov](mailto:ostaszew@nysenate.gov)>; Senate Foil <[foil@nysenate.gov](mailto:foil@nysenate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Further Request & Pursuant to FOIL -- RE: Request to testify at Senate's Nov. 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing on Family Courts

Dear Mr. Kurt,

Kindly furnish me with your "already finalized...witness list for Wednesday's hearing" and, additionally, records reflecting the persons/entities to which the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Committee on Children and Families extended invitations to testify.

To assist you in furnishing same, I am cc'ing the Senate's FOIL/records access officer, the Secretary of the Senate, with a request for production pursuant to [Senate Rule XIV "Freedom of Information"](#).

Thank you.

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**From:** Kenan Kurt <[kurt@nysenate.gov](mailto:kurt@nysenate.gov)>  
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**Subject: Re: Request to testify at Senate's Nov. 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing on Family Courts**

Good morning, Ms. Sassower,

Unfortunately, we have already finalized our witness list for Wednesday's hearing and won't be able to accommodate your oral testimony, but we welcome written testimony submitted as a PDF to James and me.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
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**Subject: Request to testify at Senate's Nov. 1, 2023 Oversight Hearing on Family Courts**

**TO:** Kenan Kurt/Chief of Staff & Counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee (212-633-8052)  
James Ostaszewski/Counsel & Legislative Director for Senate Committee on Children  
& Families (518-455-3451)

Following up the voice mail messages I left for each of you, earlier this morning, this is to request to testify at the Committees' November 1<sup>st</sup> oversight hearing on the Family Courts. My completed request form is attached.

Thank you.

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