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**Subject:** **Each AGC-1 member's duty to ensure the proper functioning of AGC-1:  
Complaint vs Chairs Anello & Reardon & Potentially Vice-Chairs Oquendo &  
Williams, Etc.**

**Attachments:** [2-11-21-complaint-vs-james.pdf](#); [8-15-22-complaint-form-5pages.pdf](#)

**TO: First Department Attorney Grievance Committee Members**

As members of the First Department Attorney Grievance Committee (AGC-1), you are each responsible for its proper functioning.

**This is to advise that AGC-1's two chairs, Robert J. Anello, Esq. and Abigail T. Reardon, Esq., must be removed and prosecuted for corruption – as, likewise, staff attorneys, starting with Chief Attorney Jorge Dopico and Deputy Chief Attorney Angela Christmas, and such personnel at the Appellate Division, First Department as Deputy Clerk of the Court Margaret Sowah and at the Office of Court Administration as Inspector General Sherrill Spatz.**

**The open-and-shut EVIDENCE mandating this is the record of their handling of the above-attached fully-documented February 11, 2021 conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint against Attorney General Letitia James and Solicitor General Barbara Underwood, filed by the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), of which I am director and co-founder.**

CJA's website [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org) posts that record, as known to me, consisting of the February 11, 2021 complaint, whose EVIDENTIARY webpage accompanying the complaint is [here](#), plus my correspondence thereon and their correspondence to me, posted on a separate webpage, [here](#).

The last of my correspondence to Chairs Anello and Reardon is my below July 21, 2022 e-mail entitled "STILL WAITING..." which attached [my March 15, 2022 letter to them](#), being sent to them a third time because I had received NO response from them when I e-mailed it on March 15, 2022 and then again on May 4, 2022. They have STILL not responded to the letter, featuring my informational requests by its "RE clause":

"(1) The identity of the unspecified 'Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee' who determined the January 27, 2022 reconsideration request in 'Matter of Letitia A. James, Esq. Docket No. 2021.0843' and February 23, 2022 reconsideration request in 'Matter of Barbara Underwood, Esq. Docket No. 2021-0488' – and the basis for the determinations 'that the file should remain closed';

(2) The current roster of AGC-1's 42 members." (underlining in the original)

[AGC-1's current roster with your names](#) I received on [June 3, 2022 from the OCA](#), in response to [my March 18, 2022 FOIL request](#), re-sent on [May 4, 2022](#), both times cc'ing Chairs Anello and Reardon. However, as to the identities of "the unspecified 'Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee' who determined the [January 27, 2022 reconsideration request](#) and [February 23, 2022 reconsideration request](#), I do not know who they are. If they are Vice-Chair Ricardo Oquendo, Esq. or Vice-Chair Milton Williams, Jr., Esq. – or if either of them knew of how these dispositive reconsideration requests were being disposed of and did nothing – they must, with Chairs Anello and Reardon, *et al.*, be removed and prosecuted for corruption, consistent with your duty under the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 8.3 "Reporting Professional Misconduct" and such other provisions as Rule 5.1 "Responsibilities of Law Firms, Partners, Managers and Supervisory Lawyers".

**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** and my below July 21, 2022 e-mail furnishes two reasons. To this, a third reason must now be added: [on August 5, 2022, Mayor Adams nominated Mr. Williams as chair of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board](#), subject to the advice and consent of the New York City Council.

The only response I received to my below e-mail was on that same July 21, 2022 date: an [e-mail from AD-1 Deputy Clerk Sowah](#) entitled "Complaint Against AGC Chief Attorney and Staff", not indicating cc's to Chairs Anello and Reardon or OCA Inspector General Spatz and attaching an indefensible [July 21, 2022 letter](#), ALSO not indicating them as cc's. Among the letter's frauds is the pretense that my January 27, 2022 and February 23, 2022 reconsideration requests had been determined by "the Committee" – in other words, by you. Deputy Clerk Sowah's pertinent sentences, attributing the reconsideration dispositions to you, read:

"following the initial determination by the Chief Attorney to dismiss your complains, upon reconsideration, the complaints received another level of review by the Committee which agreed with the original determination not to proceed with your complaints

By correspondence dated March 9, 2022, you sought another reconsideration of the Committee's determinations. By letters dated March 11, 2022, you were advised that there was no procedure after denial of reconsideration and that the Committee could be of no further assistance." (underlining added).

Suffice to add that seven years ago, I gave explicit testimony concerning the deceit that complaints filed with the attorney grievance committees are determined by "the committee", as opposed to staff. This was at the August 11, 2015 public hearing in Manhattan of the Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline, appointed by then Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, three of whose members are current AGC-1 members: Mr. Williams, Mark Zauderer, Esq., and Devika Kewalramani, Esq. The VIDEO of my explosive August 11, 2015 testimony before Mr. Zauderer and Ms. Kewalramani – Mr. Williams not being present – is posted on CJA's website [here](#), and on that same webpage is posted the EVIDENCE I furnished the Commission in substantiation.

To further assist you in discharging your duties, above-attached is a completed complaint form for this complaint against AGC-1 Chairs Anello and Reardon, AGC-1 Deputy Chief Attorney Christmas, AD-1 Deputy Clerk of the Court Sowah, OCA Inspector General Spatz, and, potentially, AGC-1 Vice-Chairs Oquendo and Williams for the reasons herein particularized, with EVIDENCE. Please deem it as sworn by me as true under penalties of perjury. Investigation will disclose the involvement of others within your ethics jurisdiction. It is certainly hard to imagine that AD-1 Deputy Clerk Sowah, upon "obtain[ing] and review[ing] the Grievance Committee's files" pertaining to the February 11, 2021 complaint – as her July 21, 2022 letter purports – did not furnish them to AD-1 Clerk of the Court Susanna Molina Rojas and AD-1 Presiding Justice Rolando Acosta for their examination of the flagrant corruption they establish, *prima facie*.

I am available to answer questions – and would be pleased to do so, including under oath. Meantime, I request that AGC-1 Vice-Chairs Oquendo and Williams assume the responsibility of ensuring that this serious and substantial e-mail is forwarded to those AGC-1 members whose e-mail addresses I was unable to locate. These are non-lawyers: Susan M. Cofield, Eleazar F. Bueno, C. William Houck, and Toby R. Winer and lawyers: Vianny M. Paulino-Pichardo, Esq., Darren Rosenblum, Esq., and New York County Clerk Milton Tingling. If the e-mail addresses I have found for Amy Legow, Esq. and Terel Watson, Esq. are incorrect, or any others, I also request that this e-mail be correctly forwarded to them.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Still waiting: (1) CJA's March 15, 2022 letter to AGC-1 Chairs Anello & Reardon; (2) AD-1 Deputy Clerk Sowah's March 11, 2022 letter**

**TO: 1st Dept. Attorney Grievance Committee Chairs Robert Anello, Esq. & Abigail Reardon, Esq.**

I received no response from you to my above-attached and [here-linked March 15, 2022 letter to you](#) – of which I sent you a reminder by the below May 4<sup>th</sup> e-mail entitled “STATUS? CJA's March 15, 2022 letter RE: Feb. 11, 2021 complaint vs Attorney General James, Solicitor General Underwood & complaints resulting therefrom vs AGC-1 Chief Attorney Dopico & attorney staff”.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume you willfully and deliberately did not respond to either – and will proceed, accordingly.

I take this opportunity to alert you and the cc's herein – the 1<sup>st</sup> Dept. Appellate Division Clerk's Office and the OCA Inspector General – that notwithstanding Deputy Clerk Sowah's above-attached and [here-linked March 11<sup>th</sup> letter to me](#) stating:

“Your complaint against Chief Attorney, Jorge Dopico, Esq., and attorney staff of the Attorney Grievance Committee regarding the handling of your complaints against Barbara Underwood, Esq., Docket No. 2021.0488, and Letitia James, Esq., Docket No. 2021.0843, has been referred to this office. **You will receive a formal response after a full review of your concerns.**” (bold added),

I received no “formal response”, nor response of any kind.

How about you? Did you receive any response or communication from Deputy Clerk Sowah to my complaint against Chief Attorney Dopico, *et al.*, [formalized with a March 9, 2022 complaint form](#)? How about from OCA Inspector General Spatz, who I have cc'd on all my e-mails to you and with whom I filed an [August 27, 2021 complaint against Chief Attorney Dopico](#), without response from her.

In the interest of economy, I request that Deputy Clerk Sowah confirm that no “formal response” was sent to me – or, if it was, that she re-send it, by e-mail, together with such correspondence as was had with you, AGC-1, and OCA Inspector General Spatz pertaining to the “full review” that her March 11<sup>th</sup> letter promised, so that, likewise, I may be guided accordingly.

**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Based upon the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE furnished by my [February 11, 2021 complaint](#) and further reinforced by my [April 27, 2021 supplement](#), Attorney General James should, by now, have been disbarred and indicted for corruption, if not already convicted and behind bars.** Instead, she has been posturing herself as a courageous public officer who takes on public corruption, no matter how high and wherever it leads. On that basis, and after bringing down Governor Cuomo on sensationalized charges that were nothing compared to what she has been actively covering up and colluding in, with Cuomo and NY's other highest public officers, for years,

involving the state budget, the pay raises, and the collapse of constitutional governance, she announced her candidacy for governor in October 2021 ([here, with video](#)), which she then quit in December 2021 on the pretense that she had important work to continue as AG, such as going after former President Trump ([here](#), [here](#), & [here](#)) because, as she asserts in pursuit of him, “no one is above the law” ([Jan. 18, 2022 press release](#); [July 6, 2022 press release](#)). Her re-election as AG in November 2022, on Democratic and Working Families lines, is all but certain because of press collusion and rigging – and it is the press, in tandem with NY’s corrupt and politicized ethics and criminal entities, that has enabled AG James to corrupt and politicize her office, throughout her 3-1/2 year tenure, perpetuating the flagrant corruption and unconstitutionality of NYS governance, of which she was fully knowledgeable *before* her November 2018 election – as chronicled by my February 11, 2021 complaint.

Be advised that AG James’ *modus operandi* of litigation fraud to defeat meritorious lawsuits of patriotic citizens challenging unconstitutionality, illegality, and fraud by NY public officers and entities – inherited from her AG predecessors, Solicitor General Underwood among them – has continued, unabated – as likewise the reward she procures in the form of fraudulent judicial decisions. This is what is again happening in CJA’s latest lawsuit involving the state budget and the pay raises, including AG James’ own – where, once again, she is a defendant, representing her fellow defendants. In the unlikely event you are unaware of this most recent corruption-exposing lawsuit, *CJA, et al. v. JCOPE, et al.* – featured on the [front-page of the June 13<sup>th</sup> New York Law Journal, above-the-fold](#) – here’s the [NYSCEF link to it](#). My July 8, 2022 ethics complaint against AG James, for her conflict-driven litigation fraud in the lawsuit, filed with the new Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government – and which, upon information and belief, is its FIRST complaint – is [here](#).

Thank you.

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**Subject:** STATUS? -- CJA's March 15, 2022 letter RE: Feb. 11, 2021 complaint vs Attorney General James, Solicitor General Underwood & complaints resulting therefrom vs AGC-1 Chief Attorney Dopicco & attorney staff

**TO:** 1<sup>st</sup> Dept. Attorney Grievance Committee Chairs Robert J. Anello, Esq. & Abigail T. Reardon, Esq.

I have no record of response to my above-attached and [here-linked March 15, 2022 letter to you](#), sent by the below two e-mails, alerting you to a fourth instance of fraud and deceit by AGC-1 attorneys under your supervision – this being by ACC-1 Deputy Chief Attorney Angela Christmas.

If you responded, please re-send. If not, please advise, expeditiously, when your response will be forthcoming.

Thank you.

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**Subject: corrected-link in attached letter -- AGC-1 Chairs Anello & Reardon: NOW A FOURTH TIME -- Feb. 11, 2021 complaint vs Attorney General James, Solicitor General Underwood & complaints resulting therefrom vs AGC-1 Chief Attorney Dopico & attorney staff**

My attached letter, sent by the below e-mail, had an incorrect link, in footnote 3, for [AGC-1's April 3, 2001 letter to me](#). It has now been corrected, is above-attached, and is so-posted.

Apologies.

Elena Sassower

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TO: 1<sup>st</sup> Dept. Attorney Grievance Committee Chairs Robert J. Anello, Esq. & Abigail T. Reardon, Esq.

The above attached and [here-linked letter to you](#) alerts you to what is now a fourth instance of fraud and deceit by AGC-1 attorneys under your supervision – this being two March 11, 2022 letters signed by AGC-1 Deputy Chief Attorney Angela Christmas.

Again, **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** – and I request your responses to the straightforward information my letter seeks by the end of the day, Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Thank you.

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**Subject: AGC-1 Chairs Anello & Reardon: NOW A THIRD TIME: your duty with regard to AGC-1's dysfunction & corruption: recall of Chief Attorney Dopico's two Mar. 2, 2022 letters, accounting for the "independent review" they purport, & complaints v. Dopico, etc**

**TO: 1<sup>st</sup> Dept. Attorney Grievance Committee Chairs Robert J. Anello, Esq. & Abigail T. Reardon, Esq.**

To afford you a third and final opportunity to discharge your duties as the chairs of AGC-1 and pursuant to [NY's Rules of Professional Conduct](#) – whose mandates concerning conflicts of interest, responsibilities of supervisory lawyers, and reporting professional misconduct ALSO apply to you – above-attached and here-linked is [my letter to you of today's date](#) regarding Chief Attorney Dopico's latest fraud by his two March 2, 2022 letters pertaining to "[Matter of Letitia A. James, Esq. Docket No. 2021.0843](#)" and "[Matter of Barbara Underwood, Esq. Docket No. 2021-0488](#)", to which he does not indicate you as recipients.

The EVIDENTIARY webpage on which everything is posted and accessible, most importantly my two prior letters to you, of [January 27, 2022](#) and [February 23, 2022](#), transmitted by the below e-mails, is [here](#).

**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** Please let me hear from you no later than five days from today, March 14, 2022, so that I will know whether it will be necessary for me to communicate directly with the Committee's other members as to what has been going on.

Thank you.

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**Subject: AGAIN -- AGC-1 Committee Chairs Anello & Reardon: (1) reconsideration; (2) complaint vs Chief Attorney Jorge Dopico & other AGC-1 attorney staff**

**TO: 1<sup>st</sup> Dept. Attorney Grievance Committee Chairs Robert J. Anello, Esq. & Abigail T. Reardon, Esq.**

The above-attached reconsideration/complaint letter of today's date particularizes the continuing dysfunction and corruption of the operations of AGC-1 under Chief Attorney Dopico, to which [my January 27, 2022 reconsideration/complaint letter](#), sent by the below e-mail, alerted you.

As stated at the conclusion of my today's reconsideration/complaint letter (at p. 9):

"I respectfully request your prompt confirmation that you will be furnishing this reconsideration/complaint letter to all AGC-1 members for their appropriate action, consistent with your duties and theirs – and that such was done or will be done with respect to my January 27, 2022 reconsideration/complaint letter, whose explosive electoral significance – as, for instance, to Attorney General James' run for re-election – was assuredly evident to you, upon your initial read.

**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE."**

Thank you.

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**Subject: AGC-1 Committee Chairs Anello & Reardon: (1) reconsideration; (2) supervisory oversight; (3) complaint vs Chief Attorney Jorge Dopico & other AGC-1 attorney staff**

TO: 1<sup>st</sup> Dept. Attorney Grievance Committee Chairs Robert J. Anello, Esq. & Abigail T. Reardon, Esq.

Because my above-attached letter seeks not only reconsideration, but your supervisory oversight of the corruption of the operations of the 1<sup>st</sup> Department Attorney Grievance Committee and is a complaint against Chief Attorney Dopico and other attorney-staff, it is being e-mailed directly to you – with a cc to Unified Court System Inspector General Spatz, from whom I've yet to receive ANY response to my [August 27, 2021 complaint against Chief Attorney Dopico](#).

I would be pleased to speak with you about my letter – and to appear before the Committee, including under oath.

Thank you.

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