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Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 2:33 PM
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Subject: CJA's March 3, 2025 Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint -- The "false instrument" Nov 14, 2024 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation, constituting a grand larceny of the public fisc

Attachments: [3-3-25-complaint-with-opposition-report.pdf](#);
[signed-3-3-25-complaint-form.pdf](#)

TO: Teresa Berghela/Assistant Confidential Secretary to Albany D.A. Kindlon

Following up our phone conversation two hours ago, after Peter “at the front desk” transferred my call to you, above-attached is the grand jury/public corruption complaint, with improvised complaint form, that I sent yesterday, by the below e-mail, to D.A. Kindlon and the four other D.A.s having jurisdiction over members of the NYS Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation. Please forward, as you said you would, to Chief Assistant District Attorney Joe Meany – as D.A. Kindlon suffers from disqualifying financial and other conflicts of interest pertaining to this complaint and it must be reviewed by others in the office, occupying executive, managerial positions.

Prior to sending the complaint, I had tried to check the Albany D.A. website for the information I needed, namely, whether Albany D.A. Kindlon has a public integrity unit and whether it has a complaint form. This was the same information that was part of D.A. Soares’ website when I filed with his public integrity unit my first [July 19, 2013 complaint](#) and which remained part of his D.A. website over the many years of my subsequent complaints to him and his public integrity unit, but which disappeared at some point before I filed my last [February 23, 2024 complaint](#), and about which I inquired by a [May 28, 2024 e-mail](#), without response.

To my astonishment, I discovered, last week, on February 27th, that the Albany D.A. website is [not operative](#) – a fact apparently known to [Albany County, whose website no longer links to it](#). A google search turned up a [“go-daddy” website](#), consisting of a single webpage, completely uninformative about the functioning of the D.A.’s office – and so sloppy that it contains typos, including, in three places, in the word “District”, as in “District Attorney” – once, at the very top of the webpage in capitalized, large font, and twice at the bottom, also in large font as to one.

On Friday, February 28th, I called the indicated phone number, 518-487-5460, to ascertain whether D.A. Kindlon has a public integrity unit and a complaint form for complaints. That was at 10 am, but no one picked up – and I received no call back, throughout the day, to the voice mail message I left – nor throughout the day yesterday. Upon calling a second time, at about 4:40 pm yesterday, I again got a recording, on which I left a voice mail. I waited until noon today before calling a third time, at about 12:12 pm. Only then did a live person pick up the call, Peter “at the front desk”. In answer to my question as to whether D.A. Kindlon has a public integrity unit, he stated “not any more” – and likewise answered “not any more” to whether there is a complaint form for complaints. Peter also stated, in response to my further questions, that the Albany D.A.s office has neither a generic nor designated e-mail address to which I could send my complaint, but only a fax number and physical address. That is what led me to request to speak with a supervisor – which is when he transferred the call to you.

Again, thank you for your professional assistance.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 9:40 PM
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TO: Albany County District Attorney Lee Kindlon
New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg

Erie County District Attorney Michael Keane
Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's fully-documented grand jury/public corruption complaint of today's date pertaining to the "false instrument" November 14, 2024 Report of the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, constituting a grand larceny of the public fisc. Each of you has jurisdiction over at least one of the Commission's seven members. Jurisdiction over the collective Commission is seemingly shared by D.A.s Kindlon and Bragg.

Also attached is a completed complaint form, signed under penalties of perjury, adapted from [D.A. Cacace's complaint form](#) and [D.A. Keane's electronic complaint form for his public integrity unit](#).

As TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, please advise, without delay, as to how you will be handling this complaint.

Thank you.

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