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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:43 AM
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Subject: Minor, non-substantive changes: CJA's March 5, 2021 conflict-of-interest/ethics complaint vs Gov Cuomo, Lt. Gov. Hochul, AG James, Comptroller DiNapoli & ALL 213 state legislators
Attachments: 3-5-21-complaint-to-jcope-lec-corrected.pdf

TO: JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS (JCOPE) & LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMISSION (LEC)

As reflected by the below, CJA's March 5, 2021 conflict-of-interest ethics complaint has been assigned #21-033 by JCOPE. I have not yet received any assignment number -- or acknowledgment -- of the complaint from LEC.

Above-attached is a superseding complaint, revised to make following five minor, non-substantive changes:

- (1) at page 2: raising the "3" of footnote 3;
- (2) at page 3: eliminating the "s" at the end of "corruption" (enumerated at #1 of EVIDENCE);
- (3) at page 4: replacing "Attorney Grievance Committee for the Second Judicial Department" with "attorney grievance committees" (enumerated at #6 of EVIDENCE);
- (4) at page 4: hyperlinking the "April 15, 2013 public corruption complaint to then U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Preet Bharara" (in the description at #1 of CJA's still-pending June 27, 2013 conflict-of-interest/ethics complaint, filed with JCOPE) to the pdf posted on CJA's webpage for the April 15, 2013 complaint;
- (5) at page 9, footnote 9: eliminating ", for example", and adding, after the words "my October 27, 2015 FOIL request", a comma, the word "seeking:", and the following quotation from its text:

"all publicly-available written delegations of 'specific powers' that JCOPE has conferred on its executive director -- particularly the power to determine whether a sworn complaint, received by JCOPE, alleges violations within its purview, for which **issuance of a 15-day letter is mandatory.**" (bold in the original)."

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thank you.

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From: JCOPE Investigation <JCOPE.Investigation@jcope.ny.gov>
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March 16, 2021

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Complaint # 21-033

Dear Sir/Madam:

The New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics ("Commission") acknowledges receipt of your complaint received on March 5, 2021.

Please note, the Commission exercises the powers and duties pursuant to §94 of the New York State Executive Law. The Commission has statutory jurisdiction to act upon complaints that allege a violation of Public Officers Law §§73, 73-a, or 74, Civil Service Law §107, and Legislative Law Article 1-A.

As a matter of law, Commission proceedings are confidential and thus you may not be notified of any Commission action regarding your complaint unless and until there is final action that can be publicly disclosed. We will contact you should the Commission need any additional information.

Thank you for your letter bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Investigation Division