

**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewidth.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 12:01 PM  
**To:** 'investigations@ethics.ny.gov'  
**Cc:** 'peter.smith@ethics.ny.gov'

**Subject:** CJA's Day #1 Complaints to CELG -- & FOIL request

**Attachments:** [7-8-22-complaint-to-celg.pdf](#)

**TO: Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government (CELG)**

Notwithstanding new Executive Law §94.10(e) states: “The commission shall notify the complainant, if any, that the commission has received their complaint”, I have received no written notification from CELG of my above-attached & here linked [July 8, 2022 complaint](#) entitled “TESTING the ‘ethics commission reform act” Commission on its DAY 1...”

**Did you send me a notification and, if so, what numbers have you assigned to it – presumably eight numbers** as the complaint is, **expressly**, a:

“Re-filing [of] the seven complaints [CJA] previously filed with JCOPE, plus a new eighth complaint against Attorney General Letitia James for litigation fraud in *CJA, et al. v. JCOPE, et al.* (Albany Co. #904235-22) – arising from the same conflict of interest Public Officers Law §74 violations as were the subject of CJA’s March 5, 2021 complaint, unaddressed by JCOPE”.

As CELG had NO operational e-mail for receipt of complaints until the afternoon of Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – and, as reflected by my below July 11<sup>th</sup> e-mail, Investigator Peter Smith orally acknowledged his receipt of the complaint that morning, upon my sending it to his own operational e-mail – I would assume that the eight complaints have been assigned numbers 1-8. Indeed, Mr. Smith stated to me that CJA’s complaint was CELG’s first.

**Since CELG, unlike JCOPE, is subject to FOIL, this is to request CELG’s written procedures for receipt, docketing, acknowledgment, preliminary review, and investigation of complaints.** At present, pursuant to new Executive Law §94.1(e), these procedures are presumably the same procedures as JCOPE’s had been.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewidth.org](mailto:elena@judgewidth.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 4:09 PM  
**To:** [investigations@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:investigations@ethics.ny.gov)  
**Cc:** [peter.smith@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:peter.smith@ethics.ny.gov)

**Subject:** TESTING, this time the IT ! -- Day #1 Complaint to CELG

**TO: Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government (CELG)**

Checking to see if your techies have succeeded in resolving the problem with the e-mail address for complaints.

Above-attached is my July 8<sup>th</sup> "Day #1 complaint", finally received by you, this morning, *via* Investigator Smith's e-mail.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower  
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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 9:24 AM

**To:** 'peter.smith@ethics.ny.gov' <[peter.smith@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:peter.smith@ethics.ny.gov)>

**Subject: Once more! -- AGAIN: Repeatedly sent: Day #1 Complaint to CELG**

Here again. Thank you.  
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**From:** [elenaruth@aol.com](mailto:elenaruth@aol.com) <[elenaruth@aol.com](mailto:elenaruth@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 9:21 AM

**To:** 'investigations@ethics.ny.gov' <[investigations@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:investigations@ethics.ny.gov)>

**Subject: AGAIN: Repeatedly sent: Day #1 Complaint to CELG**

Yet again.  
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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 9:16 AM

**To:** 'investigations@ethics.ny.gov' <[investigations@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:investigations@ethics.ny.gov)>

**Subject: Repeatedly sent: Day #1 Complaint to CELG**

**TO: Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government (CELG)**

Following up my phone call at 9:00 am (518-408-3976), answered by Investigator Peter Smith, confirming your correct e-mail address for complaints – and its operability – I am resending, after two attempts shortly before midnight on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and several times the next day – only partially reflected by the below – my July 8, 2022 complaint.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 9, 2022 10:05 PM  
**To:** 'investigations@ethics.ny.gov' <[investigations@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:investigations@ethics.ny.gov)>; 'investigation@ethics.ny.gov' <[investigation@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:investigation@ethics.ny.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'ethics.investigations@ethics.ny.gov' <[ethics.investigations@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:ethics.investigations@ethics.ny.gov)>; 'ethics.investigation@ethics.ny.gov' <[ethics.investigation@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:ethics.investigation@ethics.ny.gov)>  
**Subject: Day #1 Complaint to CELG**

The below has bounced back from both addresses, so I'm trying again, with some variations.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 9, 2022 9:55 PM  
**To:** 'ethics.investigation@ethics.ny.gov' <[ethics.investigation@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:ethics.investigation@ethics.ny.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'investigations@ethics.ny.gov' <[investigations@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:investigations@ethics.ny.gov)>  
**Subject: Day #1 Complaint to CELG**

Did the below reach you?

I got a bounce-back from the [investigations@ethics.ny.gov](mailto:investigations@ethics.ny.gov) – posted on your website, which I had additionally used.

The above makes slight non-substantive changes & adds record references to the below, initially sent.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 11:53 PM  
**To:** 'ethics.investigation@ethics.ny' <[ethics.investigation@ethics.ny](mailto:ethics.investigation@ethics.ny)>

**Subject: Day #1 Complaint to CELG**

Attached is my sworn complaint, as discussed earlier today with Investigator Peter Smith.

Thank you.

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