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TO: Law School Deans Simons, Leslie, Anderson, & Boise

In sending [my today's e-mail to the 15 law school deans of the CELG Independent Review Committee](#), yourselves among them, I discovered I had inadvertently omitted you from my below August 4th e-mail, with the above two attachments. I trust, at very least, Deans Anderson and Boise received the e-mail from the other e-mail addresses at their law school, to which I had sent it, and that Deans Simons and Leslie received it from their IRC colleagues.

In any event, I apologize for the inadvertence on my part – and herewith forward to you the August 4th e-mail, to which I have received no response, other than from former CUNY Interim Law School Dean Capulong, whose [August 8th e-mail](#), which I greatly appreciated, advised that he was on vacation and would reply upon his return during the week of September 5th.

I see that I also inadvertently failed to send to Dean Leslie my here-linked [July 7th e-mail](#) and [July 27th e-mail](#), for which I also apologize. Again, I trust it was furnished by IRC colleagues.

I take this opportunity to advise that the below August 4th e-mail to which I cc'd CELG proposed nominee/former Judge Leonard Austin, at his e-mail address from when he was a judge, came back as undeliverable. I ask IRC to forward it to Mr. Austin's current e-mail address, as likewise my today's e-mail, to which I cc'd all proposed nominees for whom I had e-mail addresses.

Thank you.

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As I have received no responses, *inter alia*, to my [June 12, 2022 letter to you](#), [my July 2, 2022 e-mail to you](#), and [my July 27, 2022 e-mail](#) –inexplicable except as a manifestation of your conflicts of interest – attached are my self-explanatory companion letters of today's date bearing these titles:

“LETTER #1: Your Undisclosed Conflicts of Interest – and the Direct Interests of your Chair, New York Law School Dean Crowell, and Hofstra Law School Dean

Prudenti in *CJA v. JCOPE, et al.*, Mandating that They IMMEDIATELY Disqualify Themselves from the Independent Review Committee – or that You Disqualify Them IMMEDIATELY”;

“LETTER #2: Violation of Vetting Rules & Investigative Protocols by Selection Members & the Independent Review Committee – Born of Conflicts of Interest”.

The direct link to where they are posted on CJA’s website is [here](#).

As I believe the public is best served by proposed nominees who are fully apprised of the situation, I am cc’ing the ten current proposed nominees, Governor Hochul having peculiarly not come forward, in all this time, with her third proposed nominee.

Thank you.

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