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The 2011 law that created the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) requires the Governor and Legislative Leaders to appoint an eight-member review commission to evaluate JCOPE's operations – and that of the Legislative Ethics Commission – by "No later than June 1, 2014".

No review commission has been appointed by the Governor and Legislative Leaders – and JCOPE has not uttered a peep on the subject. Why? Is it because the Governor, Legislative Leaders, and JCOPE all know that any legitimate review commission would be required to "blow the whistle" on JCOPE and expose that it has been corruptly protecting the Governor, Legislative Leaders, and other high-ranking public officers within JCOPE's jurisdiction?

This is the subject of an explosive December 11, 2014 conflict-of-interest ethics complaint against JCOPE, the Governor, and Legislative Leaders, filed by our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) – and furnished to investigative/prosecutorial authorities with the power and duty to take the Governor and Legislative Leaders to court to compel them to appoint the review commission that the law requires. Among these investigative/prosecutorial authorities, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, who, having subpoenaed JCOPE in April for all complaints filed with it, has had more than ample time to verify the serious and substantial nature of complaints against the Governor, Legislative Leaders, and other high-ranking public officers that JCOPE has been "sitting on". Why so quiet, Preet?

CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, posts the December 11, 2014 ethics complaint and the transmittal letter to investigative/prosecutorial authorities, accessible *via* the prominent homepage link: "Exposing the Fraud of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption". This brings up a menu with a link entitled "Going Where the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption did NOT:...JCOPE". Here's that webpage directly: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/exposing-JCOPE.htm>

I am available to be interviewed and to answer your questions.

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