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From: Center for Judicial Accountability <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2014 9:33 AM
To: 'jimmy@capitalnewyork.com'
Subject: REMINDER: What is your answer to my two voice mail messages for you? RE: "Moreland defense fees set to top \$1 million"-Dec. 16/Capital New York
Attachments: 12-17-14-posting-vielkind-contracts-1am.jpg

I have, as yet, received no response to the below. Please advise by noon today so that I may know how to proceed.

From: Center for Judicial Accountability [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2014 9:27 PM
To: 'jimmy@capitalnewyork.com'
Subject: What is your answer to my two voice mail messages for you? RE: "Moreland defense fees set to top \$1 million"-Dec. 16/Capital New York

Dear Mr. Vielkind,

As Capital New York furnishes no phone number for you on its website, <http://www.capitalnewyork.com>, this follows up the two voice messages I left for you shortly before 3:30 pm yesterday afternoon on the landline and cell numbers, (518-703-6131; 518-526-2724), listed for you on the website of the Legislative Correspondents Association, <http://lcapressroom.com>, of which you are president. I have received no response, either by phone or to my e-mail address which I left for you.

As requested by those voice messages, please advise whether it was you – or someone else at Capital New York – who rejected, *twice*, my comment to your December 16th article, "*Moreland defense fees set to top \$1 million*", which I sent in at about 7 pm on December 16th and then again at about 1 am on December 17th, when I saw that what I had written six hours earlier had not been approved and had disappeared.

My comment was as follows:

"There's a big scandal here about the 'legal contracts'.

The links to the Comptroller's 'Open Book' show that the law firms Kirkland & Ellis and Loeb & Loeb started their services in September 2013, but that the contracts were not 'Approved/Filed' until November 10, 2014 -- the same date as the most recent amendment upping the contract for the Kasowitz law firm by \$490,000.

Why three law firms? Are these contracts, belated and otherwise, and the amendments legitimate? And is the money being spent consistent therewith?

Insight into the unlawfulness of these law firm's purported representation of the Legislature in litigation that has cost New York taxpayers so many hundreds of thousands of dollars is the subject of court challenge, which I have brought on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest. It is accessible from the homepage of the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent link 'Exposing the Fraud of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption'. It leads to a menu with a link to our intervention in the declaratory judgment action against the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption. Click on it – and go to my June 17, 2014 reargument/vacatur for fraud motion. You'll want to examine my September 26, 2014 reply affidavit

(paras. 2-3, 7-33) and my September 26, 2014 reply memorandum of law (pp. 1-2, 4-8). Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/6-17-14-reargument.htm>.

Feel free to call me for further information, etc.

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Attached is the photo I took of my computer screen when I posted my comment the second time. It was still the first and only comment, as it had been six hours earlier – and once again, as six hours before, the response to the posting was “Hold on, this is waiting to be approved by Capital New York”.

Can you explain why my informative comment – representing a major “scoop” for investigation and reporting – for which my “handle” was my name, Elena Sassower, was rejected, twice, yet a completely anonymous person using the handle “someguysarerude” apparently had no difficulty in having his rude, disrespectful comment accepted in the morning of December 17th. The comment:

“How morally pathetic that Sheldon Silver condones and assists the slime of the Legislature. His time should have been over long ago. Please give this man a dropkick out the door!”

remains the only posted comment to your article:

<http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/albany/2014/12/8558644/moreland-defense-fees-set-top-1-million>. Is this the level of dialogue and understanding that Capital New York seeks to promote among readers – one offering no fertile leads for fellow journalists to probe?

Before turning to Capital New York management – and to your fellow journalists in the Legislative Correspondents Association who should rightfully expect that their president will recognize his function to include furnishing them with leads worthy of their vital role in fostering government integrity, I am giving you the courtesy of explaining the situation to me.

Please let me hear from you by noon Monday, December 22nd, so that I may know how to proceed.

Thank you.

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