

Center for Judicial Accountability

From: Center for Judicial Accountability <elena@judgewidth.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 1:30 PM
To: 'Justin Elliott'
Subject: Thanks for your prompt response to this BIG SCOOP!-- RE: Your today's article on Cuomo's conflicts of interest, etc.
Attachments: 7-11-14-ltr-to-gov-skelos-silver.pdf

Justin,

CJA's July 11th letter to the Governor, etc. is just over 3 pages. Perhaps you have not yet read it.

It starts with the SIMPLE fact that the Governor and Legislative Leaders have NOT appointed the review commission for JCOPE which the "Public Integrity Reform Act of 2011" required them to appoint "No later than June 1, 2014". Why don't you ask the Governor and Legislative Leaders for the background? -- namely, their explanations for not having appointed the JCOPE review commission. Our explanation is summarized by the letter.

Everything is posted here: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/exposing-JCOPE.htm>

Feel free to call me -- and I will be happy to discuss it with you directly. IT IS A BIG, BIG SCOOP -- whose investigation & reporting that will upend this year's elections.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Justin Elliott [mailto:Justin.Elliott@propublica.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 12:55 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability
Subject: Re: Your today's article on Cuomo's conflicts of interest, etc.

Hi -- thanks for reaching out. Can you explain the background on this issue?

> On Jul 17, 2014, at 12:20 PM, "Center for Judicial Accountability" <elena@judgewidth.org> wrote:

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> TO: Justin Elliott/ProPublica

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> Your today's article ("Who Advised Cuomo on Mortgage Industry Investigation? A Mortgage Lobbyist"/ProPublica; "Cuomo confidant advised AG's probe, mortgage industry", Albany Times-Union) makes no mention of any ethics complaints filed against Cuomo with the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) or with its predecessor, the Commission on Public Ethics.

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> JCOPE is the state agency responsible for investigating conflicts of interest by Governor Cuomo and other executive and legislative branch officers and employees -- and its brazen cover-up of their conflicts of interest is readily verifiable. Indeed, that cover-up is the subject of our July 11, 2014 letter to Governor Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Skelos,