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POSTED COMMENT & PRESS ALERT: February 1, 2015

BUSTING "Sheldon Silver's gang"

RE: "Sheldon Silver's gang: How longtime friends of the disgraced Assemblyman got power positions", *New York Daily News*, February 1, 2015 (Wayne Barrett)

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/wayne-barrett-sheldon-silver-gang-article-1.2098497>

Wayne Barrett writes: "Silver magically moved Lippman from chief administrative judge, where he merely managed court operations, to the top judicial post atop the Court of Appeals in 2009."

There was NOTHING "magical" about it. Rather, it was a brazen manifestation of the corruption of "merit selection" to New York's highest state court -- and I not only testified about that in opposition to Judge Lippman's confirmation on February 11, 2009 at the NYS Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing on his confirmation before its then chairman, Senator John Sampson [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMQtBhIWJz8>] -- (at 39.55 mins.) -- but I testified, twice, before Chairman Sampson at the Senate Judiciary Committee's January 27, 2009 and June 5, 2009 hearings on "merit selection" to the Court of Appeals [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jW6e0yOOdk8&feature=channel>] (at 18.27 mins. & 42.05 mins), without findings of fact and conclusions of law rendered by the Senate Judiciary Committee then or thereafter.

Silver was long ago made aware of the corruption of "merit selection" to the Court of Appeals, of the corruption of a merits-based appointment process to the lower state courts, and that New York's judiciary was corruptly "throwing" cases by fraudulent judicial decisions, aided and abetted by a corrupt Commission on Judicial Conduct. This, in the context of the question of whether judicial salaries should be raised -- whose answer -- a 27% judicial salary increase -- was rigged through a Commission on Judicial Compensation, to which Silver was an appointing authority, as likewise, Temporary Senate President Skelos, Chief Judge Lippman -- and, most importantly, Governor Cuomo.

Silver's collusion with them in achieving a fraudulent, statutorily-violative, and unconstitutional 27% judicial salary increase, whose cost to New York taxpayers is already \$120 million, and, simultaneously, in securing slush-fund budgets, including slush-fund legislative budgets from which he has been able to funnel monies, without any accountability, is fully-documented in [three separate litigations](#) brought by our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), on behalf of the public interest and the People of the State of New York. In each, Attorney General Schneiderman corrupted the judicial process with litigation fraud, because he had no legitimate defense. All three litigations were then "thrown" or side-railed by fraudulent judicial decisions and other court shenanigans.

As I stated in testifying before the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption on September 17, 2013 [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1hXstP0Uhw>] -- at the same hearing as U.S. Attorneys Bharara and Lynch testified -- "Cases are perfect paper trails. There is a record. So it's easy to document judicial corruption". The record of these three litigations -- **DISPOSITIVE of the public corruption for which U.S. Attorneys Bharara and Lynch -- and U.S. Attorney Hartunian -- were duty-bound to have long ago indicted Cuomo, Silver, Skelos, and Lippman, in addition to NYS Attorney General Schneiderman, NYS Comptroller DiNapoli, and dozens of top**

NYS legislators – is posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the prominent homepage links including "CJA's Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch as U.S. Attorney General."

I am available to answer questions and to be interviewed.

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Why So Quiet, Preet? The Non-Existent Review Commission for JCOPE & the Legislative Ethics Commission

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 about their dereliction. 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>

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The Vetting of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch to be U.S. Attorney General?

There is a major scandal to be investigated and reported on concerning President Obama's nomination of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch to be U.S. Attorney General.