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Attachments: 8-21-19-nylj-ltr.pdf

TO: Syracuse.com – Syracuse Post Standard – Chris Baker

Thanks for your call back. This is what I had written when you called:

A propos of your today's article "[Fitzpatrick leads fundraising in 3-way DA race; Keller, Lavine put up own money](#)", below are my self-explanatory e-mails, sent yesterday to D.A. Candidates Keller & Lavine, each entitled "You can win, easily & without \$, against D.A. Fitzpatrick – ALL it takes is 'whistleblowing' as to the open-and-shut, prima facie EVIDENCE of his corruption as chair of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption".

What has their review of the EVIDENCE revealed thus far?

Elena Sassower, Director

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 7:19 PM
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TO: Onondaga District Attorney Candidate Gary Lavine –

Following up your return call to me, a short time ago – and our lengthy conversation together, largely replicating what I had discussed with Candidate Keller this morning – below is the e-mail I sent to him, with its above-attachment pertaining to the significance of CJA's citizen-taxpayer action, now at the Court of Appeals.

This e-mail to you – and the below to him – will be posted on the webpage I created for the 2019 Onondaga County District Attorney race. It is accessible from the Center for Judicial Accountability's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent center link: "ELECTIONS – 2019" – which leads to a menu page with a link for D.A. Fitzpatrick's 2019 candidacy for re-election. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2019/fitzpatrick.htm>.

The People need district attorneys who are true to their duty to "follow the EVIDENCE" – and it is EVIDENCE that brings down D.A. Fitzpatrick and the whole edifice of public corruption that was his obligation to expose and prosecute six years ago.

I am available to assist you, to the max, to achieve honest, accountable, constitutional governance. As the posted EVIDENCE establishes, this is something we do not remotely have.

Thank you.

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TO: Onondaga District Attorney Candidate Charles Keller --

Following up our phone conversation a short time ago (315-450-3846) -- aided by your visit to the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org -- here's the direct link to the webpage I showed you that I had created to enable you to WIN against Onondaga County District Attorney Fitzpatrick: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2019/fitzpatrick.htm>.

Winning will not require you to expend lots of campaign money -- or, for that matter, any money. All it requires is using the "bully-pulpit" of your candidacy to "whistle-blow" about the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE of Fitzpatrick's corruption as chair of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption. For starters, here's the direct link to the webpage of my September 17, 2013 testimony before him and the Commission, posting, in addition to the VIDEO, the primary-source EVIDENCE I furnished in substantiation: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/sassower-elena.htm>.

As promised, I am also sending, by the below and attached, my August 2019 published letter in the New York Law Journal about the significance of CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action, now before the New York Court of Appeals. As discussed, that citizen-taxpayer action encompasses and expands upon a first citizen-taxpayer action, whose origin was the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption's pretense that the EVIDENCE I furnished it on September 17, 2013 and thereafter, pertaining to the larceny of taxpayer monies arising from the Commission on Judicial Compensation's "force of law" August 29, 2011 report recommending judicial pay raises and the slush-fund state budget "falls outside of our mandate" (1st citizen-taxpayer action, March 28, 2014 verified complaint at para. 5(i) [p. 7]).

The details of the corruption of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption are laid out, with substantiating proof, in CJA's motion to intervene in the Legislature's declaratory judgment action against it. The direct link to the record is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/intervention-declaratory-judgment.htm>.

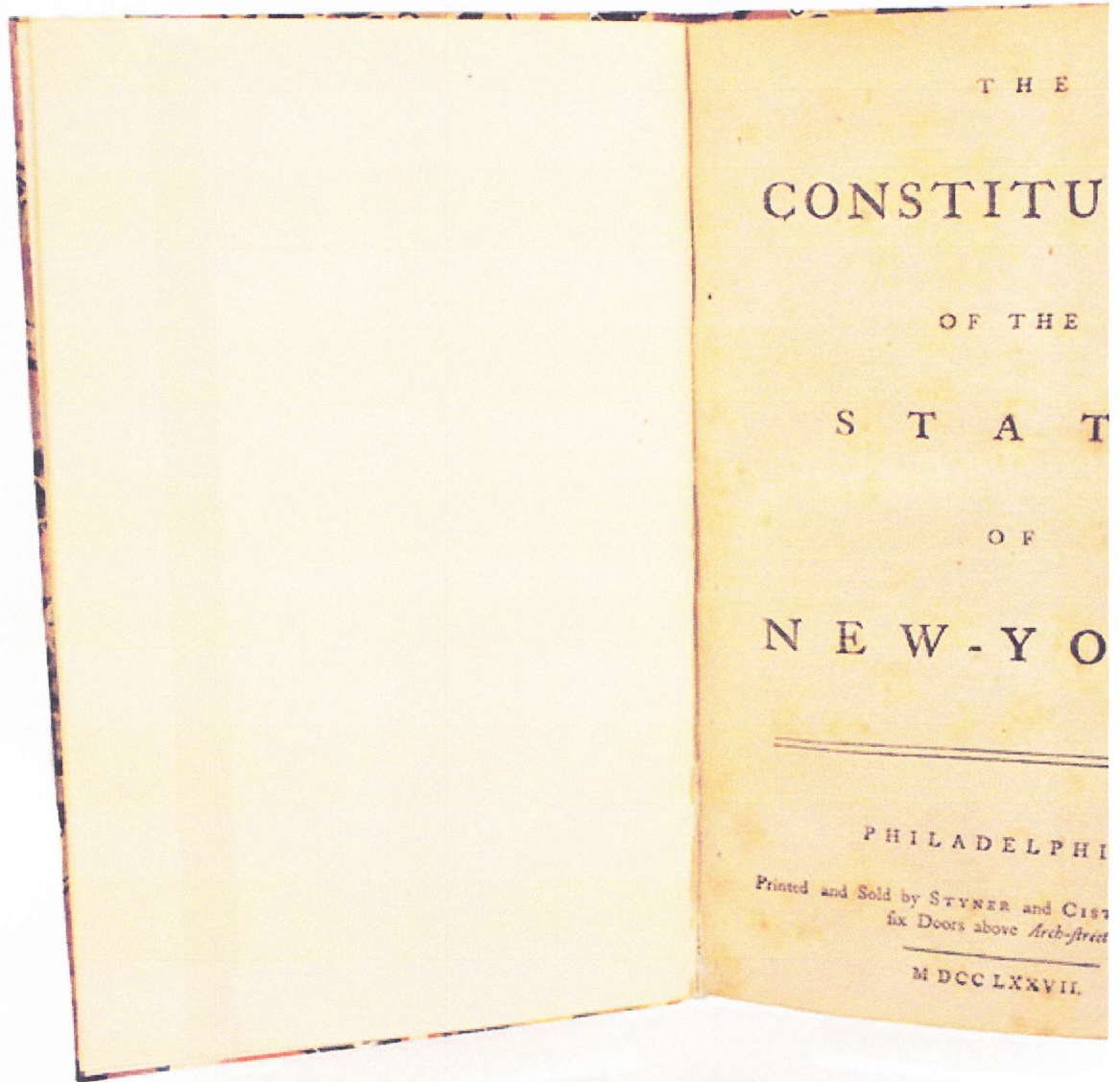
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A Call for Scholarship, Civic Engagement & Amicus Curiae Before the NYCOA

Where are the voices of the scholars of the New York state constitution and other experts of law and political science about the “clear violation” that has been going on in statutorily delegating legislative powers to commissions?

By Elena Sassower | August 20, 2019 at 02:26 PM



The Constitution of the State New York, 1777. Photo: The Library Company of Philadelphia Constitution Center

New York—the “Excelsior State”—has 13 law schools, a 70,000-plus-member state bar association, countless county, city and specialized bar associations, a vast array of universities, colleges and other schools with scholars of constitutional law and political science, as well as think tanks and research institutes. Yet, it was solo practitioner Roger Bennet Adler who sounded the alarm by his recent perspective column entitled [“It’s Legally Perilous to Have a Commission Responsible for Election Laws”](#) whose internet subtitle (8/9/19) and stand-out text in its print edition

(8/13/19) was even more stark, reading: “Simply put, there are no available legislative shortcuts around the State Constitution. The recent attempts to ignore it to raise legislative and executive salaries via an appointed commission is in clear violation.”

Where are the voices of the scholars of the New York state constitution and other experts of law and political science about the “clear violation” that has been going on in statutorily delegating legislative powers to commissions? The most cursory investigation would reveal it to be even more flagrantly unconstitutional than what Mr. Adler so admirably describes.

I should know. For more than seven years, I have been single-handedly litigating its unconstitutionality and unlawfulness, as written, as applied and by its enactment in three major lawsuits, brought expressly “on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest,” The third of these lawsuits, encompassing the prior two, is now before the New York Court of Appeals, appealing by right and by leave the Appellate Division, Third Department’s December 27, 2018 decision in *Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. v. Cuomo*, 167 A.D.3d 1406.

This is the decision Mr. Adler identifies and describes as being one of three decisions cited by Albany Supreme Court Justice Ryba in her June 7, 2019 decision upholding the constitutionality of the statutory delegation of legislative power challenged in *Delgado v. State of New York*. In fact, *CJA v. Cuomo* is the first decision to which Justice Ryba cites—and eight times in total—because it is the decision on which she relies, involving, as it does, a materially identical statute. As for Mr. Adler’s description that the *CJA v. Cuomo* decision “upheld the delegation to the commission to increasing judicial salaries”—implying that it did not uphold delegation of legislative and executive salaries, this is incorrect. It upheld these, as well.

The shocking record of *CJA v. Cuomo*—including before the Court of Appeals—is accessible from the [Center for Judicial Accountability’s website](#) and powerfully refutes Mr. Adler’s assertion that “legislating by proxy commissioners, is doomed to failure when judicially challenged.”

Likewise, his further comment that a newly-commenced lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Public Campaign Financing and Election Commission “is an initial salvo in a legal struggle to vindicate the plain words of the State Constitution, and hold the Legislature constitutionally accountable.”

I invite Mr. Adler to join with me in rallying scholars, experts and just plain civic-minded attorneys to examine and report on the record and to file amicus curiae briefs with the Court of Appeals. Especially is this important because *CJA v. Cuomo* is dispositive of *Delgado* and of the five current other lawsuits challenging delegations of legislative power to commissions/committees—a fact I stated to the Court of Appeals, most recently by an August 9, 2019 letter—without contest from the Attorney General.

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