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Subject: **Wayne County's D.A. Candidate Callanan & its re-election-seeking State Legislators Helming & Manktelow, etc.**
Attachments: [7-18-24-daasny-notice-complaint.pdf](#);
[7-17-24-complaint-vs-soares-to-albany-ethics.pdf](#);
[7-17-24-transmittal-to-soares.pdf](#)

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The duty of the Wayne County D.A. is to enforce New York's penal laws and obey conflict of interest protocols. That is the subject of the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-attached July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Wayne County Acting D.A. Christine Callanan, sent to her by the below e-mail. It involves her \$221,100 D.A. salary, statutorily-linked to the Wayne county court judge salary – \$101,300 of which is the product of three “false instrument”, penal law-violating commission reports that Wayne County's two state legislators, Senator Pamela Helming and Assemblyman Brian Manktelow, each running for re-election, are knowledgeable of and complicit in.

Acting D.A. Callanan is herself running for election unopposed, on Republican and Conservative lines for which she faced no primary challenge for either line. How is that possible when the D.A. salary is \$221,100 – on top of which are thousands of dollars in non-salary compensation benefits? And how is it possible that with state legislative salaries being \$142,00 and also topped by thousands of dollars in non-salary compensation benefits, Senator Helming and Assemblyman Manktelow faced no primary challenges for the dual Republican and Conservative lines on which they are each running for re-election. [According to 2022 statistics, Wayne County has a population of 91,324 and a median household income of \\$71,007.](#)

I have received no response from Acting D.A. Callanan to the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, which requested her response by August 1, 2024 to two simple questions:

- (1) whether she would be repudiating the \$101,300 salary difference and advising Wayne County to secure a judicial declaration voiding the three “false instrument”, penal law-violating commission reports?;

(2) whether she would be recusing herself from the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint and securing an independent prosecutor?

As Acting D.A. Callanan will surely be more responsive to inquiries from the Democrat & Chronicle, I am cc'ing her.

Please call me so that we can discuss the above two questions and your election reporting and editorializing about Wayne County's D.A. race, state legislative races, and judicial races – all involving "false instrument", penal law-violating salaries for these offices.

Thank you.

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Subject: NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint -- Your D.A. salary increases, the judicial salary increases on which they are based, & the violations of NY penal laws by state legislators within your jurisdictions

District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY)

**ATT: President/Richmond County D.A. Michael McMahon
NYS' 61 Other D.A. and Acting D.A. Members**

Above-attached are CJA's July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint and underlying July 17, 2024 ethics complaint to the Albany County Ethics Commission against Albany County D.A. Soares and its accompanying transmittal letter to him.

So that I may be guided accordingly, please let me hear from each of you by no later than two weeks from today, August 1, 2024, with respect to both the NOTICE and July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, herewith filed with you.

Thank you.

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