

## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:58 PM  
**To:** 'davidhowardking@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** ON-THE-GROUND EVIDENCE: The worthlessness of judicial codes of conduct & law

Dear David,

Thank you for your IMPORTANT work, providing the public with the information essential to its rights and our democracy.

For immediate purposes, here's two letters, with their RELEVANT links & enclosures – taken from our NY Judicial Compensation homepage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/nys-judicial-compensation.htm>

**#1: [CJA's May 23, 2011 letter to NY Governor Andrew Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Dean Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver & Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman](#)** -- "RE: (1) NYS's Commission on Judicial Compensation -- Inoperative & Inaccessible to the Public; (2) **Evidence Disentitling NYS's Judiciary to Increased Compensation, Presented and Proffered by the Public at the NYS Senate Judiciary Committee's June 8, 2009 and September 24, 2009 Public Hearings -- as to which There Has Been No Investigation, No Findings, and No Committee Report**"; -- [May 13, 2011 transmittal letter to indicated recipients](#)

*click here for:* [video & transcripts of 2009 NYS Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings on NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct & court-controlled attorney disciplinary system](#)

AND

**#11: [CJA's August 8, 2011 letter to the Commission](#)** -- "RE: **Threshold Issues Barring Commission Consideration of Pay Raises for Judges**: (1) Chairman Thompson's Disqualification for Interest, as to which there has been No Determination; (2) Systemic Corruption in New York's Judiciary, Embracing the Commission on Judicial Conduct, as to which there has been No Determination; & (3) The Fraud & Lack of Evidence Put Forward by Advocates of Judicial Pay Raises.

Enclosures:

- (1) [Transcription of Elena Sassower's July 20, 2011 testimony before the Commission](#)
- (2) ["NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC"](#), Report of NYS Comptroller Regan, 1989 -- with his press release, ["COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT NEEDS OVERSIGHT"](#) (December 7, 1989)
- (3) [Transcription of Elena Sassower's questions at the December 11, 2002 forum on the Commission on Judicial Conduct, co-sponsored by NYS Bar Association & Fund for Modern Courts](#)

Please note page 5 of the August 8<sup>th</sup> letter – referencing that copies were being furnished to the bar associations, Fund for Modern Courts, & Brennan Center for Justice.

Regards,

Elena

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## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2011 11:29 AM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** Update: NYS Judicial Pay Raises - CJA's opposition report  
**Attachments:** 10-20-11-cover.doc; report-intro-conclusion.doc

Dear David,

I would like to give you the lead on CJA's Opposition Report – which will be released on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to allow sufficient time for printing & assembling the voluminous exhibit compendium & for making arrangements for hand-delivery to Governor Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Skelos, Assembly Speaker Silver, & Chief Judge Lippman.

You are the first member of the press to know about our Opposition Report. Let me know how I can best help you in developing a story about it – and the dramatic relief it seeks, in vindication of the public's rights. Meantime, here's its cover, 3-page Introduction and 1-page Conclusion.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 5:03 PM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Subject:** thank you for your kind response -- RE: Update: NYS Judicial Pay Raises - CJA's opposition report

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CJA's Opposition Report – as likewise our opposition throughout these many months – surely will be an “eye opener” to those who thought there was no controversy on this BIG issue. Meantime, here's our “Latest News” homepage, <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm> which I have prepared for posting of our Opposition Report on Thursday.

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David King

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**To:** 'David King'  
**Subject:** please call me at your earliest convenience -- RE: thank you for your kind response --  
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so I can discuss with you release of CJA's Opposition Report. Thanks.

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**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** Thank you! RE: Update  
**Attachments:** 10-24-11-cover.doc; 10-24-11-contents.doc; 10-24-11-report.doc; 8-29-11-final-report.pdf

Dear David,

Following up on my voice mail message, responding to your below e-mail, attached is the latest draft of CJA's Opposition Report – and, for your convenience, the Commission's Report to which we are responding.

If there are any dramatic changes, I will send them to you over the weekend. I will also send you the final Opposition Report before posting it on our website early Monday morning.

So that you can be the FIRST to “break” the story about the FIRST Opposition Report -- & the dramatic relief it seeks – I will not send any press release to any reporters until your “Eye Opener” appears.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 22, 2011 10:32 AM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** Almost Done!  
**Attachments:** 10-24-11-cover.doc; 10-24-11-contents.doc; 10-24-11-report.doc; 10-24-11-compendium-1.doc; 10-24-11-compendium-2.doc; 8-29-11-final-report.pdf

Dear David,

Attached is the latest draft of CJA's Opposition Report & Compendium of Exhibits – as of 10:15 am Saturday.

Also, here's the link to CJA's judicial compensation correspondence – all exhibits in our Compendium of Exhibits. <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/nys-judicial-compensation.htm>

Don't hesitate to call with any questions, etc.

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 23, 2011 10:38 AM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT! CJA's Opposition Report in Vindication of the Public's Rights  
**Attachments:** 10-24-11-cover.doc; 10-24-11-contents.doc; 10-24-11-report.doc; 10-24-11-compendium-vol-1.doc; 10-24-11-compendium-vol-2.doc

Dear David:

Almost done. Here's the latest. Please note the cover – with its second page quote, summing up the important constitutional issue pertaining to judicial accountability.

Thanks again for taking the lead on this IMPORTANT story, with so many far-reaching ramifications for New York – and beyond.

Feel free to call me with any questions, etc.

I expect our Opposition Report, with exhibits, will be posted on our website by 6:00 a.m. Is that early enough for your “Eye Opener” bulletin?

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 23, 2011 11:19 AM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** thought you might like to see the response to CJA's draft Opposition Report --

of one victim of NYS judicial corruption - a witness who testified at the Senate Judiciary Committee's 2009 hearings, who has since become an active CJA member. She proofed for me the draft I sent you yesterday & her e-mail to me, a short while ago, was as follows:

"Hi Elena,

You rock!

I read your cover page quote and it really encapsulates the legitimacy of CJA's objections soundly and succinctly.

You can use my quote if you like as coming from an anonymous victim of the court system if you need a soundbite or testimonial:

'The process the NYS power elite has designed to grant judges hefty payraises is an empty vessel filled with greed and sanctimony.

CJA's Report completely shatters these illusions of grandeur and entitlement and offers a realistic remedy.'"

This same victim was the one who had the idea that the \$ for judicial pay raises should be used, instead, as restitution to the victims of judicial corruption - thereafter embodied in the appended clause to our motto "NO PAY RAISES FOR NYS JUDGES WHO CORRUPT JUSTICE - THE \$ BELONGS TO THE VICTIMS". Her insight has also enabled me to recognize that what we are doing is akin to "OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT!"

Thanks again,

Elena

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 23, 2011 9:21 PM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** seemingly endless, but will be posted by 6 am, as promised.  
**Attachments:** 10-24-11-cover.doc; 10-24-11-report.doc

Dear David,

Please use the link for "Latest News". Here it is: <http://judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>

Meantime, here's the latest draft of our Opposition Report—correcting, most importantly, missed portions of the front page September 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Law Journal article on the statutory linkage between judicial and district attorney salaries. (see pp. 22-23, quoting an expanded extract of the article).

Also, attached is the cover – whose inside citation is now corrected. The two letters pertaining to the constitutional issue of judicial integrity are CJA's August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> letters.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 6:07 AM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** here's CJA opposition report --  
**Attachments:** 10-24-11-cja-report.pdf

Have been trying to post it, but am encountering technical difficulties. Will continue trying...

I will try to keep to schedule. However there's a possibility that I may have to deliver the Report tomorrow to the Gov, Assembly Speaker & Chief Judge – as well as to the Temporary Senate President. Will let you know...

Thanks.

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**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 6:30 AM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** Successfully posted!

Don't know what the problem was. Will be fixing layout problems with exhibits a bit later.

Have to go the copy shop.

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**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 6:59 AM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Doris Sassower'  
**Subject:** superseding copy of report posted (fixing citation reference on 2nd page)  
**Attachments:** cja-opposition-report.pdf

Attached.

## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 8:36 AM  
**To:** 'David King'  
**Subject:** will do! -- RE: will be delivering to Gov, Chief Judge, & Assembly Speaker today!

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**From:** David King [<mailto:davidhowardking@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 8:31 AM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Subject:** Re: will be delivering to Gov, Chief Judge, & Assembly Speaker today!

Thanks Elena. Let me know how it goes.

On Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 8:26 AM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)> wrote:



Just returned from copy shop... Will let you know when I'm en route – probably in early afternoon.

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**To:** 'David King'  
**Subject:** update: CJA's Opposition Report  
**Attachments:** cja-opposition-report.pdf

Dear David,

Attached is CJA's Opposition Report, which I've reformatted & reposted on our website, most conveniently accessible *via* Latest News.

Everything is ready for delivery, but I decided that I'd do that tomorrow, as I'm quite tired -- & I'd rather deliver first thing tomorrow than late today.

I've put in a call to Skelos' office to find out if -- as Temporary Senate President -- he has a NYC office.

If you are intending to do a significant story -- or, better, a series of stories -- about this important issue, I'd be happy to send you a copy of the Opposition Report & Compendium of Exhibits. Let me know.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** 'David King'  
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**Subject:** Update: Vindicating the Public's Rights: CJA's Opposition Report

Dear David,

It would appear that you have not yet reported on CJA's posted October 24<sup>th</sup> Opposition Report – which I rushed to finalize for your yesterday's "Eye Opener" reporting.

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We ran the report as part of the Eye Opener yesterday and I was waiting to hear from you about what kind of reaction you received when you delivered the report. I understand that has now been delayed. As I said earlier I was hoping to blog about the report and talk to you and the politicians you deliver it to during the day.

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Shortly after 11 this morning, I phoned Senator Skelos' district office to make sure they knew that I had left CJA's Opposition Report for Senate Majority Leader Skelos with Assembly Speaker Silver's office. Within about 15 minutes I got a call from Owen Johnson of the Majority Leader's NYC office – to arrange for his pick-up of the Report.

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If you want to verify who, precisely, will be reviewing it on behalf of Senate Majority Leader Skelos – i.e. counsel for the Senate Majority – and I indicated to Ms. Schwartz that a reporter might want to call to ascertain how it is being handled – her phone # is 212-298-5509.

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**Subject:** Protecting the Public Purse & Public Interest: Request That You Take Steps to Secure Gov Cuomo's Introduction of Legislation to Override the Commission on Judicial Compensation's Statutorily-Violative & Unconstitutional Judicial Pay Raise Recommendations

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Why the Attorney General – who was then Andrew Cuomo – did not file a petition for a writ of certiorari from the Court of Appeals' fraudulent February 23<sup>rd</sup> decision to the U.S. Supreme Court – or even make a motion to reargue before the Court of Appeals is INEXPLICABLE -- & I have been unable to get an answer.

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-- THERE WAS NO RESPONSE FROM ANY OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS LETTER-MEMO – reflective of their inability to confront the EVIDENCE-BASED ARGUMENT presented.

[CJA's May 23, 1996 letter to Assembly Judiciary Committee](#), with [accompanying memo on proposed bill](#) (indicated copies to Commission on Judicial Conduct, Attorney General, Ethics Commission, Manhattan D.A., City Bar, NYS Bar Association, NY County Lawyers Assoc., Fund for Modern Courts, Judge Duckman's attorney)

[Ex. A:](#) CJA's May 7, 1996 press release

[Ex. B:](#) City Bar's May 10, 1996 statement

[Ex. C-1:](#) CJA's March 20, 1995 informational request to Commission on Judicial Conduct

[Ex. C-2:](#) Commission's March 21, 1995 letter

[Ex. C-3:](#) CJA's April 4, 1995 letter

[Ex. C-4:](#) Commission's April 6, 1995 letter

[Ex. C-5:](#) CJA's April 20, 1995 letter to Commission

[Ex. C-6:](#) Commission's April 21, 1995 letter

[Ex. C-7:](#) CJA's May 18, 1995 letter

[Ex. C-8:](#) Commission's May 22, 1995 letter

[Ex. C-9:](#) CJA's June 29, 1995 letter to Commission

[Ex. C-10:](#) Commission's July 3, 1995 letter

[Ex. D:](#) Committee on Open Government's May 24, 1995 letter

[Ex. E:](#) CJA's March 10, 1995 judicial misconduct complaint to Commission

[Ex. F:](#) CJA's September 14, 1995 letter to Henry T. Berger, Chairman/Commission

[Ex. G:](#) CJA's April 6, 1995 and April 10, 1995 letter to Commission & Commission's April 12, 1995 ltr

[Ex. H:](#) Commission's March 11, 1993 dismissal of complaint filed by Paul Kamenar, Esq.

Paul Kamenar's March 23, 1993 letter

[Ex. I:](#) Commission's June 21, 1994 dismissal of complaint filed by George Alessio, Esq.

George Alessio's June 27, 1994 letter

Commission's July 15, 1994 letter

[Ex. J:](#) CJA's June 10, 1994 letter

Commission's June 29, 1994 letter

[Ex. K:](#) Norman Saferstein's March 31, 1995 letter

Commission's April 11, 1995 letter

Commission's July 6, 1995 letter to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

[Ex. L:](#) Questionnaire for candidates for Associate Judge: NY Court of Appeals

Questionnaire of Mayor's Committee on the Judiciary

City Bar's Uniform Judicial questionnaire

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's questionnaire

[Ex. M:](#) Commission's brochure

## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2011 2:18 PM  
**To:** 'David King'; 'David King'  
**Subject:** CHECK IT OUT: there were LOTS of hearings held by the Senate Judiciary Committee (& other committees) in the fall of 2009, through 2010 and 2011

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**From:** David King <davidhowardking@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2011 2:36 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Subject:** Re: CHECK IT OUT: there were LOTS of hearings held by the Senate Judiciary Committee (& other committees) in the fall of 2009, through 2010 and 2011

I'm sorry I don't quite understand what you are saying I should ask them. Do you mean I should ask them other hearings in general or hearings that have been held on the judiciary?

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2011 12:24 PM  
**To:** 'David King'; 'David King'  
**Subject:** here's CJA's 2001 letter to Paterson: see page 7 & footnote 11 (which asks for a copy of the judicial misconduct complaint he filed with the Commission)

<http://www.judgewatch.org/correspondence-nys/2001/10-26-01-paterson.pdf>



## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2011 12:25 PM  
**To:** 'David King'; 'David King'  
**Subject:** here's the letter to Paterson with exhibits -- See former Bronx Surrogate Gelfand's May 14, 1997 statement about the Commission

### Illustrative CJA advocacy for hearings & investigation of Commission on Judicial Conduct

[CJA's October 26, 2001 letter to then-Senator David A Paterson](#) -- "RE: CJA's Request for Legislative Hearing/Investigation of NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct"

[Ex. A:](#) inventory of transmittal

- including [the file, as of that date, in Elena Ruth Sassower v. Commission on Judicial Conduct](#)
- [Former Bronx Surrogate Bertram Gelfand's statement at City Bar's May 14, 1997 hearing](#)
- [CJA's statement at City Bar's May 14, 1997 hearing](#)
- ["Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll"](#),  
CJA's \$3,077.22 public interest ad, *New York Law Journal*, pp. 3-4

[Ex. B:](#) January 16, 1987 judicial misconduct complaint of M.L. Henry, Jr.

[Ex. C:](#) Commission's acknowledgment & dismissal letters

## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2011 3:34 PM  
**To:** 'David King'; 'David King'  
**Cc:** 'Catherine Wilson (wilpowermom@optonline.net)'  
**Subject:** Catherine Wilson contact info:

Dear David,

As I mentioned, Catherine Wilson has authorized me to give you her contact info. Her phone # is 914-490-4537. Her e-mail is [wilpowermom@optonline.net](mailto:wilpowermom@optonline.net)

It was Catherine Wilson's powerful testimony at the Senate Judiciary Committee's September 24, 2009 hearing that impelled Senator Adams to propose appointment of an investigative task force, which Chairman Sampson seconded.

Here's the direct link to the CJA's webpage of the Senate Judiciary Committee's 2009 hearings, from which you can view the video. <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-discipline/nys/nys-sjc-hearing.htm> . It is a MUST-SEE!

Here's the transcript: [Transcript of September 24, 2009 hearing: Catherine Wilson](#)

Catherine's important contribution to the Commission on Judicial Compensation emphasizing the difference between salary and compensation & non-salary benefits is reflected by CJA's Opposition Report, at pages 19-21 & Exhibit F-5. Here's the link to our website: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/opposition-report.htm>

If you have any questions, feel free to call me anytime.

Have a great weekend.

Elena

## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**From:** David King <davidhowardking@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2011 6:55 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Subject:** Re: there's a problem with the "Who Judges the Judges?" comments -- they've been wiped out & my attempts to repost have been unsuccessful. Also, there's been a date change -- now 11/13, rather than 11/14, as it was previously

We are in the process of switching servers. I believe the comments were lost in the transfer. I will alert our tech person.

On Nov 23, 2011 6:50 PM, "Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)" <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)> wrote:

David, please post this, if you are unable to restore what previously appeared. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Elena

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Why have the posted comments been wiped out, making it appear that there have been none? Among the expunged comments: mine and those of Dennis Hawkins, Executive Director of the Fund for Modern Court.

Elena Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.  
[www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org) -- go to top panel "Latest News" for links to a webpage for the 2009 Senate Judiciary Committee June 8, 2009 and September 24, 2009 hearings on the Commission on Judicial Conduct & court-controlled attorney disciplinary system & a webpage for CJA's October 27, 2011 Opposition Report on the judicial compensation issue