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Hon. Leticia James
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Office of the Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224-0341

**RE: Public Corruption
N.Y.S. Supreme Court Justice Ronald Castorina, Jr.
Richmond County Special Prosecutor Eric Nelson**

Dear General James:

In accordance with your office's continued fight against public corruption, I submit the attached materials supporting the criminal behavior of a sitting New York State Supreme Court Justice and a currently serving Special Richmond County District Attorney.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Ronald Castorina, Jr., perjured himself before a Grand Jury in 2018. See the enclosed. In addition to the perjury, which is apparent when Castorina's testimony is compared to the phone records which are part of the official record, an improper political *quid pro quo* may be afoot.

Why would an attorney, a then-serving Assembly Member, and now a Supreme Court Justice lie under oath? Because Castorina was motivated to lie in order to secure his judgeship. Upon information and belief, Castorina made his corrupt bargain with Special Richmond County District Attorney Eric Nelson, who was acting at the behest of the McMahons (Supreme Court Justice Judy McMahon and her husband, District Attorney Mike McMahon), Staten Island's Democratic Party power brokers.

In 2018, Castorina ran against former Assembly Member and current Richmond County Surrogate Matthew Titone. Castorina lost the county-wide race. However, in the summer of 2018, Castorina was promised his current judgeship by the McMahons if Castorina lost the race for Surrogate's Court Judge (which he did). The corrupt exchange was for Castorina's perjured testimony in the Grand Jury in the matter of *People v. Luthmann*. Fast forward to 2019, and Castorina was basically given NYC Civil Court

judgeship by the Democrats when they ran a non-name lawyer against him. Castorina won by almost 20 points. The next year, Castorina ran for Supreme Court and won again, again against no-name Democrats.

Special Richmond County District Attorney Eric Nelson is also engaged in criminality. In addition to his serious violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct, he aided and abetted the Unauthorized Practice of Law (a felony). Nelson knowingly procured the legal opinion of disbarred attorney and federal felon Perry Reich in order to conspire to violate a criminal defendant's constitutional rights. See the enclosed.

Additionally, the McMahons are not supposed to meddle in the People v. Luthmann matter. Mike McMahon and Judy McMahon are both disqualified from taking any active role in the case. But the entire prosecution has been their "vanity case" from day one. Now, the entire matter has cost New York City and State taxpayers over \$1 million to date. And the charges filed in the case are clearly prosecutions based upon "First Amendment Violations" - the protected political activity of the McMahons' political adversaries.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank you for visiting the Brooklyn MDC in February 2019 to inspect the deplorable and unconstitutional conditions that pre-trial detainees were subject to. Bell v. Wolfish, 441 U.S. 520 (1979). If you remember, we spoke while you were there and I was a detainee. I even gave you a big hug. While we may not always have seen eye to eye politically, I am grateful for your continued battle for social justice. You gave me hope during a dark time in my life, and I will always be thankful to you for that.

If you or your office have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Luthmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard A. Luthmann

CC: File
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ENCL: Letter to Ronald Castorina with enclosures
Letter to Eric Nelson with enclosures


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Subject of Your Complaint

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Additional Complaint Information

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Documents

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11-7-2022 Tish James Letter	pdf	129.32KB
Letter to Ron Castorina - 10-2...	pdf	12.83MB
11-5-2022 Letter to Nelson	pdf	2.56MB

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Richard Luthmann

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11/07/2022