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VIA: Certified Letter & Email

Saturday, November 20, 2010

New York State Governor David Alexander Paterson State Capitol Albany, NY 12224

Re: Criminal Complaint against, the New York Attorney General's Office, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, Stephen M. Cohen Chief of Staff to Andrew Cuomo and Monica Connell of the New York Attorney General's office.

Dear Honorable Governor David Alexander Paterson,

I, Eliot Ivan Bernstein have enclosed a sworn Criminal Complaint against Andrew Cuomo, Monica Connell and Steven M. Cohen, Exhibit A. Please send this complaint to the Attorney General with instructions to appoint a Special Prosecutor. We need one State with liberty and EQUAL Justice for all.

Please be advised that my Federal RICO & ANTITRUST LAWSUIT filed in the Southern District of New York is marked legally "RELATED" to the New York Supreme Court Whistleblower Lawsuit of Christine C. Anderson, a former New York Supreme Court Attorney. Anderson's riveting Federal court testimony, includes allegations that a "Cleaner", a one Naomi Goldstein of the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division First Department, was routinely cleaning complaints for United States Attorneys, District Attorneys, Assistant District Attorneys and "Favored Lawyers and Law Firms.

Both Anderson and I have given testimony to an ongoing New York Senate Judiciary Committee investigating the Appellate Division First Department Departmental

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Disciplinary Committee, the grievance committees of the various Judicial Districts and the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, Chaired by the Hon. Senator John Sampson. Links to the testimony and other evidence of these crimes below.

Christine C. Anderson, Esq. Testimony @

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BlK73p4Ueo

Eliot Bernstein Testimony Part 1 @

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Eliot Bernstein Testimony Part 2 @

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Apc Zc YNIk

Attached, as Exhibit B, is the text from a sworn statement from Anderson to Senator John Sampson, which details absolute allegations of Criminal Obstruction, Threats on Federal Witnesses in a Federal Whistleblower Lawsuit and Conspiracy amongst Public Officials responsible for investigating complaints and Prima facie evidence mandating CRIMINAL investigations.

Christine C. Anderson's "Motion for Mistrial and Retrial" alleging illegal representation by the New York Attorney General Office, through illegal conflicts of interest causing Obstruction of Justice @

http://iviewit.tv/20091117%20Anderson%20Motion%20for%20Mistrial%20and%20Retrial.pdf

This document also shows Cuomo's office additionally representing New York State Defendants both professionally and personally, again in violation of conflict of interest rules and regulations and this illegal representation is funded through the illegal misappropriation of State of New York funds. Cuomo and the New York Attorney General's Office are charged with investigating allegations of Corrupt Public Official through the AG Public Integrity Division. If the AG chooses to represent the State Defendants professionally, they must advise their clients to seek independent personal counsel if sued individually and the AG must then turn over the Complaints against the Public Officials to a non conflicted third party investigator for investigation, as he cannot investigate those he defends. Cuomo has done neither of these two public office obligations with scienter to block due process and create Federal and State Obstruction, in violation of attorney conduct codes, public office rules and regulations and law.

In the Iviewit Federal RICO and ANTITRUST Lawsuit, identical claims as Anderson's are alleged and Cuomo and the New York Attorney General Office, including former DISGRACED AG Eliot Spitzer, are named Defendants. Thus, in the Iviewit lawsuit, Cuomo represents approximately 39 State of New York Defendants both professionally and personally, including himself and his office, the CONFLICTS are further illegal as the act to Obstruct Justice through further Violations of Public Office and Law.

Iviewit has notified Cuomo in both the Amended Complaint and Motion to Compel, which can be found at the following URL's

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Iviewit Motion to Compel @

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## The New York Federal Lawsuits at the New York Second Circuit are as follows:

- 1. 08-4873-cv United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Docket Bernstein, et al. v Appellate Division First Department Disciplinary Committee, et al. TRILLION DOLLAR LAWSUIT
- 2. Capogrosso v New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, et al.
- 3. Esposito v The State of New York, et al.
- 4. McKeown v The State of New York, et al.

The Legally "Related" Cases and Cases Seeking Relation to Anderson at the US District Court - Southern District NY are as follows:

5. 07cv09599 Anderson v The State of New York, et al. - WHISTLEBLOWER LAWSUIT which other cases have been marked legally "related" to by Fed. Judge Shira A. Scheindlin

- 6. 07cv11196 Bernstein, et al. v Appellate Division First Department Disciplinary Committee, et al.
- 7. 07cv11612 Esposito v The State of New York, et al.
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- 11. 08cv03305Carvel v The State of New York, et al.
- 12. 08cv4053 Gizella Weisshaus v The State of New York, et al.
- 13. 08cv4438 Suzanne McCormick v The State of New York, et al.
- 14. 08cv6368 John L. Petrec-Tolino v. The State of New York
- 15. 06cv05169McNamara v The State of New York, et al.

# P.S. Governor Paterson under the New York Constitution can send this complaint to the Attorney General's office with instructions for appointing a Special Prosecutor.

Now Dave, return the favor to Andrew!

Respectfully Yours,

Eliot & Bernstein

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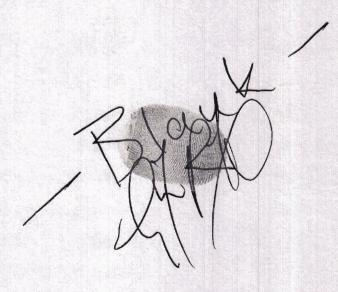
All Uniform Resource Locators (URL) incorporated in entirety by reference herein and should be printed and attached to this communication.

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## **EXHIBIT A**

**Criminal Complaint** 



County of West Paim Beach State of Florida ss:

I, Eliot Ivan Bernstein, of 2753 N.W. 34th St., Boca Raton, Florida 33434-3459, being duly sworn, deposes and say:

I make this criminal complaint against New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, the NY Attorney General's Office, Monica Connell, Esq. and Chief of Staff to Andrew Cuomo Steven M. Cohen, Esq. all employed at 120 Broadway, New York City, NY 10271-0332. Mr. Steven M. Cohen is personally known to me since childhood and school together and he has personally spoke and told me that he and Andrew Cuomo are now well aware of my court actions involving the State of New York Employees, since my June 13th 2009 letter to Steven M. Cohen @

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Sworn to and subscribed to by Eliot I. Bernstein this Leday of November 2010

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

From The Wall Street Journal By JACOB GERSHMAN

As Andrew Cuomo seeks to take the reins of a sprawling state government wracked by fiscal disorder, former lawyers who worked for him at the attorney general's office say be was a micromanager who concentrated even the most routine decisions in a tight circle of advisers.

The centralized decision-making at times produced rapid results, particularly with settlements and other agreements in highprofile areas. But senior lawyers from several bureaus within the office say it also caused delays in prosecutions and more
mundane civil actions and sapped morale of employees who were given more leeway under Mr. Cuomo's predecessors.

"The sense was that he didn't trust anyone. I never took it personally, because I realized he didn't trust anybody, except a
very small group of advisers around him," said Robert Heman, a former assistant attorney general in the environmental
protection bureau who was a trial lawyer for the state in the Love Canal toxic-waste case in the late 1980s. "I have served
under five attorneys general, and I never encountered that kind of micromanagement and lack of trust in the staff attorneys."

Mr. Herman and another lawyer left the office, in part, over frustration with Mr. Cuomo's handling of what the attorney
general had described as a "landmark" lawsuit filed against ExxonMobil over the cleanup of a decades-old oil spill in
Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Settlement talks have yet to lead to a resolution.

The lawyers interviewed said Mr. Cuemo's concern about shaping the political impact and media coverage of cases at times took priority over the more technical and legal side of cases.

The lawyers said Mr. Cuomo required that suits, settlements and criminal subpoenas had to be first approved by either Mr. Cuomo or his chief of staff. Steven M. Cohen. "All of those things led to a logiam in the office." said Mr. Hernan. Mr. Cohen, a former assistant U.S. attorney, defended Mr. Cuomo's management style, saying it would have been "irresponsible and reckless" to run a large office without a centralized structure. He said Mr. Cuomo's office has an "oversight process" that ensures decisions are carefully reviewed and considered.

Mr. Cohen said, initially, he wanted to see all criminal subpoenas to understand the nature of the investigations under way. He said approval authority has long since been given back to the bureau chiefs.

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In several interviews, though, lawyers who served under Mr. Cuomo said his top-down control left high-ranking attorneys embittered. A former top attorney said Mr. Cuomo's decision-making was "wildly top-heavy" after Mr. Cuomo took over when Eliot Spitzer was elected governor in 2006. "I had little communication with people above me. There was virtually no policy communicated to me," said the lawyer.

A lawyer in another bureau described similar feelings. "Under Spitzer," he said, "we felt they could come up with an idea, send it to management, get it seriously considered and a decision would be made quickly. That disappeared under Cuomo." Another adjustment, one attorney said, was a clamp down in communication with outsiders. In at least one instance, a longtime political aide to Mr. Cuomo, Joseph Percoco, who served as a special counsel to the attorney general, ordered attorneys handling a major civil case not to speak with local politicians or community groups also involved with the matter, according to an attorney. Mr. Percoco declined to comment.

Mr. Cuomo's approach did yield victories, even those who were most critical of the attorney general conceded. "Tim sure there were mistakes at times, but the big things that were accomplished were done incredibly quickly, efficiently and effectively with the full participation of a large number of lawyers," said a senior attorney who helped to manage the investigation of the auction-rate securities market, which resulted in agreements from nearly a dozen financial firms to buy back billions of dollars in debt.

Media concerns influenced decisions over when to make arrests, according to another lawyer, who said the timing was "completely contingent on the P.R. side." For example, he said, the supervisor of the attorney general's criminal justice division, Robin Baker, told investigators they had to be "mindful of the optics."

When the office was ready to charge somebody, arrests were postponed if Mr. Cuomo was unavailable for a news conference or if the announcement could wait until a day that could generate more media impact. "The joke was that you would write the press release before the indictment," the lawyer said.

Ms. Baker, who is now a litigator at a private law firm, said she could not comment on whether she gave such an order. She said she is "proud of the work we did at the attorney general's office and the professional and ethical standards with which we did it."

Mr. Cuomo's experience in the administration of his father, Gov. Mario Cuomo, had "a big impact on him," said James E. Tierney, a former Maine attorney general who runs the National State Attorneys General Program at Columbia Law School. "Governors tend to have a small group of people who are not arranged hierarchically. You probably had people (in the attorney general's office) who didn't quite know how to handle that."

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## **EXHIBIT B**

Christine C. Anderson, Esquire, Former New York Supreme Court Official Letter to Hon. John L. Sampson, Chairman of the New York Senate Judiciary Committee

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September 13, 2009 (via Confirmed Overnight Delivery)

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The Hon. John L. Sampson, Chairman New York State Senate Judiciary Committee 409 Legislative Office Building Albany, NY 12247

Re: Request for Federal Investigation Into Allegations of Corruption and Witness Intimidation and Appointment of Federal Monitor

## Gentlemen:

My name is Christine C. Anderson. For six and one-half years, I was a Principal Attorney of the New York State Appellate Division, First Department's Departmental Disciplinary Committee (the "DDC"). The DDC is responsible for investigating and disciplining attorneys found guilty of misconduct in representing the public in the Bronx and Manhattan. After discovering and reporting of acts of misconduct and corruption at the DDC, which acts constituted an abuse of power and a fraud upon the public, my employment was summarily terminated in June, 2007.

Prior to my employment with the DDC, I was in private practice for over twenty years. Before that, I worked for the Human Resources Administration of New York City. In other words, I am a thoroughly seasoned attorney, with a broad based knowledge of general practice.

As a result of my wrongful termination in retaliation for my reporting misconduct in violation of my First Amendment rights, I instituted a lawsuit captioned Anderson v. State of New York, et al., 07 Civ. 9599 (S.D.N.Y. 2007). (A copy of my complaint in this action is attached hereto as Exhibit A.) Specifically, I discovered and reported that employees of the DDC had engaged in, inter alia, the "whitewashing" [of] complaints of misconduct leveled against certain "select" attorneys and law firms. This "whitewashing" sometimes involved burying cases or destroying evidence, so that certain complaints were inevitably, unavoidably, dismissed. I witnessed this destruction of evidence myself. Other reported misconduct involves victimizing attorneys lacking privileged positions or connections.

Although the then Chief Counsel of the DDC, Thomas Cahill, stepped down in 2007, evidence clearly establishes that under the leadership of Alan Friedberg, the current Chief Counsel, the same practice of corruption and whitewashing of complaints continues. Such practice robs the public of any hope at justice; it also works to the detriment of the very public the DDC is duty-bound to serve.

During the course of my litigation against the DDC, a former colleague of mine, who still works as a Principal Attorney at the DDC, agreed to testify on my behalf at a deposition. This former colleague, Nicole Corrado, has been employed by the DDC for approximately eight years, prior to which she worked as a prosecutor for New York State. On the morning of her deposition, however, while en route to her deposition, Ms. Corrado was approached on the street by a supervisor at the DDC, who threatened and intimidated her with respect to her upcoming deposition testimony. Although terribly shaken, Ms. Corrado nonetheless sat for her deposition and testified truthfully. Following her deposition, however, Ms. Corrado has been

subjected to further harassment and intimidation at the hands of the DDC. She has been forced to take a leave of absence as a result.

On June 8, 2009, I testified at a hearing convened by John L. Sampson, New York State Senator and Chairman of the New York State Standing Committee On The Judiciary. (A copy of my affidavit submitted to the Committee is attached hereto as Exhibit B.) At that hearing, several witnesses testified as to their shocking experiences with the grievance and judiciary committees in New York State. Shockingly, within days of my testimony, in my lawsuit, my sealed medical and psychiatric records were filed and posted publicly on the court's Internet filing system by counsel for the defendants — i.e., the New York State Attorney General's Office. I regard those actions as horrifically unethical and malicious, and taken in deliberate retaliation for my testifying at the Senate hearing.

The detailed testimony presented by innumerable witnesses at the June 8th Senate hearing reveals the manifold reports of corruption and abuse by the State's Disciplinary Committees. (A copy of the transcript of this hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit C.) Charges included concealment of evidence, obstruction of justice, extortionate sexual threats by attorneys, pilfering of estates by attorneys, abuse of power, fraud, conspiracy and repeated violations of state and federal constitutional rights.

In light of the foregoing, it is plain that the enduring practice of allowing attorneys in this state to police themselves is fundamentally flawed. With the numerous reports of abuse by both attorneys and state officials, the corruption in the court system has reached a critical stage. Accordingly, I respectfully request that you authorize the appointment of a Special Prosecutor to investigate the epidemic of honest services fraud in the New York state court system, and the appointment of a Federal Monitor, to oversee the lawful operation of the same.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

Christine C. Anderson

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### **EXHIBIT A**

From The Wall Street Journal By JACOB GERSHMAN

As Andrew Cuomo seeks to take the reins of a sprawling state government wracked by fiscal disorder, former lawyers who worked for him at the attorney general's office say he was a micromanager who concentrated even the most routine decisions in a tight circle of advisers.

The centralized decision-making at times produced rapid results, particularly with settlements and other agreements in high-profile areas. But senior lawyers from several bureaus within the office say it also caused delays in prosecutions and more mundane civil actions and sapped morale of employees who were given more leeway under Mr. Cuomo's predecessors. "The sense was that he didn't trust anyone. I never took it personally, because I realized he didn't trust anybody, except a very small group of advisers around him," said Robert Hernan, a former assistant attorney general in the environmental protection bureau who was a trial lawyer for the state in the Love Canal toxic-waste case in the late 1980s. "I have served under five attorneys general, and I never encountered that kind of micromanagement and lack of trust in the staff attorneys." Mr. Hernan and another lawyer left the office, in part, over frustration with Mr. Cuomo's handling of what the attorney general had described as a "landmark" lawsuit filed against ExxonMobil over the cleanup of a decades-old oil spill in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Settlement talks have yet to lead to a resolution.

The lawyers interviewed said Mr. Cuomo's concern about shaping the political impact and media coverage of cases at times took priority over the more technical and legal side of cases.

The lawyers said Mr. Cuomo required that suits, settlements and criminal subpoenas had to be first approved by either Mr. Cuomo or his chief of staff, Steven M. Cohen. "All of those things led to a logjam in the office." said Mr. Hernan. Mr. Cohen, a former assistant U.S. attorney, defended Mr. Cuomo's management style, saying it would have been "irresponsible and reckless" to run a large office without a centralized structure. He said Mr. Cuomo's office has an "oversight process" that ensures decisions are carefully reviewed and considered.

Mr. Cohen said, initially, he wanted to see all criminal subpoenas to understand the nature of the investigations under way. He said approval authority has long since been given back to the bureau chiefs.

"From my vantage point, it seems to me that Andrew Cuomo has done an excellent job," said Robert Abrams, a former attorney general who headed Mr. Cuomo's transition team in 2006. "The proof is in the pudding," said Mr. Abrams, a partner at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan.

In several interviews, though, lawyers who served under Mr. Cuomo said his top-down control left high-ranking attorneys embittered. A former top attorney said Mr. Cuomo's decision-making was "wildly top-heavy" after Mr. Cuomo took over when Eliot Spitzer was elected governor in 2006. "I had little communication with people above me. There was virtually no policy communicated to me," said the lawyer.

A lawyer in another bureau described similar feelings. "Under Spitzer," he said, "we felt they could come up with an idea, send it to management, get it seriously considered and a decision would be made quickly. That disappeared under Cuomo." Another adjustment, one attorney said, was a clamp down in communication with outsiders. In at least one instance, a longtime political aide to Mr. Cuomo, Joseph Percoco, who served as a special counsel to the attorney general, ordered attorneys handling a major civil case not to speak with local politicians or community groups also involved with the matter, according to an attorney. Mr. Percoco declined to comment.

Mr. Cuomo's approach did yield victories, even those who were most critical of the attorney general conceded. "I'm sure there were mistakes at times, but the big things that were accomplished were done incredibly quickly, efficiently and effectively with the full participation of a large number of lawyers," said a senior attorney who helped to manage the investigation of the auction-rate securities market, which resulted in agreements from nearly a dozen financial firms to buy back billions of dollars in debt.

Media concerns influenced decisions over when to make arrests, according to another lawyer, who said the timing was "completely contingent on the P.R. side." For example, he said, the supervisor of the attorney general's criminal justice division, Robin Baker, told investigators they had to be "mindful of the optics."

When the office was ready to charge somebody, arrests were postponed if Mr. Cuomo was unavailable for a news conference or if the announcement could wait until a day that could generate more media impact. "The joke was that you would write the press release before the indictment," the lawyer said.

Ms. Baker, who is now a litigator at a private law firm, said she could not comment on whether she gave such an order. She said she is "proud of the work we did at the attorney general's office and the professional and ethical standards with which we did it."

Mr. Cuomo's experience in the administration of his father, Gov. Mario Cuomo, had "a big impact on him," said James E. Tierney, a former Maine attorney general who runs the National State Attorneys General Program at Columbia Law School. "Governors tend to have a small group of people who are not arranged hierarchically. You probably had people [in the attorney general's office] who didn't quite know how to handle that."

