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## **Westchester County Board of Legislators Waives any Conflict of County Attorney in First CSEA Lawsuit**

**WHITE PLAINS, NY** – Today, Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Ken Jenkins (D-Yonkers) released a statement in response to the Board's action of voting to waive any conflict of County Attorney Robert Meehan that would inhibit him from representing Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino in the ongoing CSEA lawsuit against both the Board of Legislators and the County Executive. Both Mr. Astorino and the Legislature are listed as defendants in a case brought by the CSEA, the County's largest public employee union, on behalf of 38 former county Section 8 employees who were terminated.

"On Monday night, the County Board of Legislators approved a resolution waiving any conflicts on behalf of the County Board in this matter, ultimately allowing the County Attorney to represent the County Executive, which would eliminate additional taxpayer expense.

According to an outside opinion sought by the County Attorney, the conflict was caused when the County Attorney provided privileged advice to the County Executive, contrary to the previously stated positions of both clients -- the County Executive and County Board of Legislators.

Late Monday, the court denied a motion by the outside law firm selected by the Administration to change the venue.

The ball is now in the Administration's court. The Administration can join with the Board, waive any conflict in this matter and eliminate any additional expense by using the office of the County Attorney to represent them or they can choose to line the pockets of outside counsel with taxpayer dollars."

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