

Parkingticket.com Subpoenas Chief Judge of New York City Parking Violations Bureau to NYS Supreme Court

Calls for Accountability, Elections and Change

NEW YORK, May 24, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The Chief Judge of the New York City Parking Violations Bureau was grilled in NY State Supreme Court on Friday regarding the fairness of parking ticket hearings.

Mary Gotsopoulos, an attorney, testified that she has been the Chief Judge of the NYC Parking Violations Bureau (P.V.B.) for more than ten years and that her judges have not issued one subpoena for the appearance of a ticket agent, despite thousands of requests to produce the ticket writer.

"While the public screams for fairness the Chief Judge and her hearing examiners never see a need, regardless of the circumstances, to insist that individuals who regularly issue questionable tickets are ordered to appear and explain why" says Glen Bolofsky, the developer of mobile website www.parkingticket.com and 1-888-NYC-PARK, where individuals can instantly fight their tickets by phone and explain why they feel their tickets were issued unfairly.

"The travesty of justice that pervades the entire PVB of the City of New York stinks to high heaven" says Bolofsky. Testimony of Deputy Commissioner of Finance, Jeffrey Shear, whose primary responsibility is generating revenue for the agency, testified he is in charge of the Parking Violations Bureau and that Chief Judge Gotsopoulos reports to him. Shear testified that he has no knowledge as to whether or not issuing agents are ever called to hearings or if there is even a form or a process to do so.

Bolofsky says: "the testimony of Chief Judge Gotsopoulos and Deputy Commissioner Shear clearly shows the city has no interest in giving those who receive parking tickets a fair shot and the PVB never sees fit to require the appearance of a ticket agent or any one of more than 30 different agencies who issue tickets. Clearly, this is an outrageous situation where the public is not able to put on a complete defense, as the agents never appear or can be questioned. Parking Violations Bureau hearing examiners should either be appointed by the City Council, or elected, so they can be voted out of office, as the public sees fit. Clearly, change is well past due."

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