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RE: **LAW DAY – & the Just-Filed Appeal Brief**
vs The New York Times for Journalistic Fraud

I take the occasion of this Law Day – which today's New York Times editorializes as “a holiday whose time has come” – to again invite you to file an *amicus curiae* brief in the first-ever public interest lawsuit against The Times for journalistic fraud, resting on your law review article “*Journalistic Malpractice: Suing Jayson Blair and the New York Times for Fraud and Negligence*”, 14 Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal 1 (2003). The appeal brief – filed last week – chronicles the obliteration of the rule of law in the case by both The Times and the lower court judge.

You can access the appeal brief from the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org, via the sidebar panel “Suing The New York Times”.

My prior correspondence with you about this landmark case and the necessity of bringing it into First Amendment and media law scholarship and commentary is accessible via the “Outreach” link.

I look forward to your thoughts and comments and would be pleased to answer your questions.

Thank you.



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