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9:50 a.m.

January 30, 2006

Rhonda L. Brauer, Secretary, Corporate Governance Officer & Senior Counsel
The New York Times Company
229 West 43rd Street
New York, New York 10036

RE: (1) Misconduct by Senior Vice President & Chief Legal Officer
Solomon B. Watson, IV; (2) Arranging for Service of Process of
Sassower, et al. v. The New York Times Company, et al.

Dear Ms. Brauer:

This follows our brief conversation together less than an hour ago.

As discussed, I am a shareholder in New York Times Company stock and am turning to you for a two-fold purpose. I ask (1) that you bring to the attention of the officers and directors of The New York Times Company the misconduct of Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer Solomon B. Watson, IV, which has extinguished any possibility of averting litigation against The New York Times Company, The New York Times, and such individual named defendants as Arthur Sulzberger, Jr., Bill Keller, and Gail Collins, each officers; and (2) that you make normal and customary arrangements for service of the summons with notice – which Mr. Watson has refused to make.

The particulars of Mr. Watson's misconduct are reflected by my correspondence to him for his supervisory oversight over Assistant General Counsel George Freeman – to which he has not responded except, purportedly, by a letter signed by the complained-against Mr. Freeman – and, additionally, by my correspondence for his supervisory oversight over Senior Counsel David McCraw – to which he has not responded at all. Copies are enclosed¹ so that the officers and directors can discharge their fiduciary duties to the shareholders – myself included -- of verifying Mr. Watson nonfeasance, born of disqualifying conflicts of interest, as likewise the underlying bad-faith and deceitful conduct of Messrs. Freeman and McCraw.

¹ This correspondence is also posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org – accessible via the sidebar panel, "Press Suppression"—where it appears as the culmination to CJA's 15-year correspondence with The New York Times. Among this 15-year correspondence are three letters from the Legal Department – including Mr. Watson's own July 14, 1992 letter, on Mr. Sulzberger's behalf, to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.

With respect to service of the summons with notice on The New York Times Company and The New York Times, please advise as to a convenient date and time within the next week when you, as an officer of the corporation – or when some other officer or director -- will accept service, pursuant to CPLR 311(a)(1) – since Mr. Watson, as Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, has both refused to make himself available and refused to confirm that the Legal Department is authorized to accept service.

Inasmuch as any officer or director will be of “suitable age and discretion”, CPLR 308(2) permits substituted service upon him/her for the named individual defendants, *to wit*, Mr. Sulzberger, Mr. Keller, Ms Collins, and, additionally, Jill Abramson, Allan Siegal, Byron Calame, and Marek Fuchs -- so long as their “actual place of business” is “229 West 43rd Street, New York, New York 10036”, which I ask you to confirm. As for Daniel Okrent, the remaining named individual defendant, please advise as to his “actual place of business” or his business telephone number so that we make separate arrangements as to him, compliant with CPLR 308.

Please respond by 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday, February 1st, *via* fax (914-428-4994) and e-mail (judgewatchers@aol.com).

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary
and responsible journalism,



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Enclosures:

- (1) CJA's December 30, 2005 letter to Mr. Watson (11 pages)
- (2) CJA's January 6, 2006 letter to Mr. Watson (2 pages)
- (3) CJA's January 12, 2006 letter to Mr. Watson (3 pages)
- (4) Mr. McCraw's January 12, 2006 e-mail (1 page)
- (5) Mr. Freeman's January 10, 2006 letter to CJA, with cc to Mr. Watson (1 page)
- (6) CJA's January 13, 2006 letter to Mr. McCraw, with cc to Mr. Watson (2 pages)
- (7) CJA's January 24, 2006 letter to Mr. Watson (9 pages)
- (8) CJA's January 27, 2006 letter to Mr. Watson (1 page)

cc: Solomon B. Watson, IV, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

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