

Subject: The "Matter" is NOT "CLOSED" -- and Mr. Okrent's Reponse, as Public Editor, Should be Letter Signed by Him

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Dear Mr. Bovino,

The "matter" is NOT "closed" -- and cannot be -- until Mr. Okrent discharges his duty as Public Editor by responding to the EVIDENCE presented by CJA's "very serious" June 17, 2004 complaint, rather than purporting, by completely bald pretense, that it does not exist or is not "convinc[ing]".

If Mr. Okrent "stands by" his handling of the June 17th complaint -- *or your handling of the complaint on his behalf* -- he should be willing to sign a letter as to that "professional judgment" and, in conjunction therewith, do what *none* of his Times colleagues have done: deny or dispute the evidentiary significance of CJA's homepage "Paper Trail" in establishing the corruption of judicial selection and discipline -- and the official misconduct of New York Home-State Senators Schumer and Clinton with respect thereto.

BY ANY OBJECTIVE STANDARD, the "Paper Trail" presents "hard-evidence" of the most flagrant corruption by public officers and others on both national and New York State levels -- warranting Times coverage. If Mr. Okrent cannot confront this -- and The Times' long history of wilful and deliberate cover-up, "protectionism", and blackballing, as chronicled by CJA's June 11, 2003-December 1, 2003 correspondence, which the June 17, 2004 complaint summarized (and transmitted) -- he should step down as Public Editor.

Thank you.

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Public wrote on 6/22/2004, 11:14 AM:

Dear Ms. Sassower,

I did not make a professional judgement as to your concern.

Mr. Okrent asked me to tell you that he has already responded to you regarding this concern and that we will no longer be answering your messages or letters regarding this issue.

We consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,
Arthur Bovino
Office of the Public Editor

At 10:48 AM 6/22/2004, you wrote:

Dear Mr. Bovino,