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NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL

ATT: Kris Fischer/Editor-in-Chief

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: FOLLOW-UP COVERAGE: "DISRUPTION OF CONGRESS"
JUNE 1st SENTENCING: USA v. Elena Ruth Sassower
"Championing Basic Citizen Rights – and the Vital Importance
of Citizen Participation in Federal Judicial Selection"

DATE: May 27, 2004

Following up your trial coverage, this is to remind you that on Tuesday, June 1st, I will be sentenced to up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine on the bogus and malicious "disruption of Congress" charge for which I was wrongfully convicted last month.

It is worthy of comparison – and press reporting – that the protestors at the May 7th Senate Armed Services Committee hearing who unfurled a banner and shouted for Defense Secretary Rumsfeld to be fired were NOT EVEN ARRESTED. By contrast, I was arrested, incarcerated for 21 hours, and prosecuted for respectfully requesting to testify with "citizen opposition" at the Senate Judiciary Committee's May 22, 2003 "hearing" to confirm New York Court of Appeals Judge Richard C. Wesley to a "lifetime" Second Circuit Court of Appeals judgeship – a request not even made until the "hearing" was adjourned.

May 27, 2004

It is my view -- publicly stated in my Letter to the Editor, "*Correcting the Record*", in the May 10th Roll Call (the same issue as has a large color photo of protestors at the May 7th hearing with their unfurled banner "FIRE RUMSFELD") -- that Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Leahy, New York Home-State Senators Schumer and Clinton, and Senator Chambliss should each be asked "how much jail time they deem appropriate" for the "concocted 'crime'" of which I have been convicted. Based on what is summarized by that Letter -- and by my further Letter to the Editor, "*Portrayal in News Item Found 'Denigrating'*" in the May 19th New York Law Journal -- substantiated by the "paper trail" of primary source documents posted on the homepage of CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org¹ -- this is the LEAST of the questions the public would rightfully expect you to ask them.

So that each of you may have the benefit of the formal research and investigative proposals that CJA has been circulating -- and which, if not pursued by you, will be pursued by others whose powerful scholarship and journalism will probe your failure to report on *readily-verifiable* documentary proof of the corruption of federal judicial selection/confirmation, I refer you to (1) CJA's May 4, 2004 proposal to scholars; (2) CJA's May 11, 2004 proposal to The New York Times; and (3) CJA's May 20, 2004 proposal to The Washington Post. All are posted as part of the "paper trail", as likewise will be this memo. I respectfully request that you bring these to the attention of the appropriate and uppermost editors and managerial echelons so that investigative coverage may be promptly authorized, consistent with your publications' journalistic responsibilities to readers and the public at large.

Meantime, for your convenience, copies of my two summarizing Letters to the Editor in Roll Call and the New York Law Journal are enclosed.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday when I stand for sentencing -- without penitence or remorse -- for my championing of the transcendent issues outlined by my June 16, 2003 memo to Ralph Nader, Public Citizen, and Common Cause: "Basic Citizen Rights -- and the Vital Importance of Citizen Participation in Federal Judicial Selection."

Thank you.



Enclosures

¹ Legal Times does NOT have to avail itself of these posted materials, as I previously provided it with "hard copies" to enable it to more easily verify and investigate the politically-explosive story that has yet to be written.

Subject: Follow-up Coverage: "Disruption of Congress" - June 1st Sentencing

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Attached is my memo to you of today's date with its two enclosures.

Thank you.

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