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Subject: Being True to the Brookings' "mission" of "high-quality, independent research...that [s]trengthen[s] American democracy"

Dear Mr. West,

As you are Director of the Brookings Institution's Governance Studies program, I telephoned you on March 29th, April 7th, and April 14th to discuss the demonstrably rigged, dishonest scholarship of four Governance Studies Fellows under your supervision: Senior Fellows Benjamin Wittes, Sarah Binder, and Thomas Mann and Visiting Fellow Russell Wheeler – each presenters at the Brookings Institution's February 28, 2011 forum "*Breaking the Judicial Nominations and Confirmations Logjam*". On each occasion, I got your voice mail and left messages requesting to speak with you. To date, I have received no return call.

Please advise when you will be calling – and when I might also discuss with you the further subject of my March 29th, April 7th, and April 14th voice mail messages: the need for scholarship about the groundbreaking "journalistic fraud" cause of action for ensuring media accountability in vindication of the First Amendment about which I first alerted you in April 2006 when, as a Brown University professor of political science, with an expertise in media and elections and heading its Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions, you were the featured speaker at the Brown Club of Westchester County. At that time, I provided you with information about the Center for Judicial Accountability's electorally-explosive public interest lawsuit against The New York Times, then recently commenced – the first lawsuit to TEST the "journalistic fraud" cause of action. As identified by my recent voice mail messages, that lawsuit has now been followed by a second lawsuit to TEST the "journalistic fraud" cause of action – this one a public interest lawsuit against Gannett, currently underway.

I look forward to speaking with you DIRECTLY – and to furnishing you with substantiating evidence of both the misconduct of the four Governance Studies Fellows under your supervision AND the viability and democracy-preserving potential of the "journalistic fraud" cause of action so that the Brookings Institution may be true to its mission "to conduct high-quality, independent research and, based on that research, to provide innovative, practical recommendations that... [s]trengthen[s] American democracy".

Meantime, you will find my recent correspondence with Brookings Fellows Wittes, Binder, Mann, and Wheeler pertaining to federal judicial selection posted on CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm), accessible via this link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm> – scroll down to the bottom to the section entitled: "Academia Tested: Brookings Institution". My prior correspondence with Mr. Wittes and Mr. Wheeler on issues beyond federal judicial selection can be accessed via this link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-academia/correspondence-academia.htm> .

With the exception of Mr. Wheeler, with whom I did not seek to speak last month, Mr. Wittes, Ms. Binder, and Mr. Mann have, throughout March, dodged my phone calls and ignored my voice mail messages requesting to speak with them about their scholarship and about the citizens' role in federal judicial selection, to which they apparently have given NO scholarship –

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reflective of their knowledge, acquired from the *primary-source documentary evidence* posted on CJA's website, that such would expose not merely the dysfunction and politicization of federal judicial selection, but its utter corruption involving ALL or virtually ALL institutional players, which they conceal.

As for my contact with you in April 2006 about CJA's landmark lawsuit against The New York Times for "journalistic fraud", it is posted on a webpage reflecting your role as a media-blogging scholar of the political scene ("InsidePolitics.org"). Here's the link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/suing-nyt/nyt-outreach-media-journalists.htm> .

Thank you.

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