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Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 2:45 PM
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Cc: 'benchmemos@nationalreview.com'; 'mm-tips@mediamatters.org'
Subject: More Than Politics --The Role of the Citizen in Federal Judicial Selection: Building Scholarship that Does Not Presently Exist
Attachments: 3-9-11-sjc-dem-majority.pdf; 3-9-11-sjc-rep-minority.pdf

TO: Brookings Institution Scholars:
Thomas E. Mann, Senior Fellow/Governance Studies
Benjamin Wittes, Senior Fellow/Governance Studies
Sarah A. Binder, Senior Fellow/Governance Studies
Russell Wheeler, Visiting Scholar/Governance Studies

Below is my self-explanatory e-mail of today's date to National Review Online and Media Matters for America, in which you are mentioned.

Please advise as to when I might discuss with you about the role of the citizen in federal judicial selection – as such role appears to be absent from your scholarship – as likewise the scholarship of other scholars. This has resulted in your materially misunderstanding the problems plaguing the selection process – and the solutions to them – as, for instance, at the Brookings Institute's February 28th forum "Breaking the Judicial Nominations and Confirmations Logjam" .

Our notification to the Senate Judiciary Committee of our citizens' opposition to Caitlin Halligan, beginning Monday, March 7th – arising from Mr. Wittes' mention of her name during the February 28th forum in describing tit-for-tat political retaliation against a nominee -- is a current and convenient starting point for you to begin to explore not only the citizen's role in the judicial confirmation process, but the hypocrisy and deceit of both the majority and minority sides of the Senate Judiciary Committee, failing to investigate and utilize dispositive non-ideological proof of judicial unfitness even when it fits within their political agenda of blocking that nominee.

I would appreciate the courtesy of your response as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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Subject: Caitlin Halligan: Balancing your Party-Line Fighting with Non-Partisan Reporting

**TO: BENCH MEMOS – NATIONAL REVIEW ONLINE – ATT: Ed Whelan,
Carrie Severino, Gary Marx
MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA – ATT: Adam Shah & Staff**

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Following up your party-line battle with each other over Caitlin Halligan's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, there's a critical back story to yesterday's Senate Judiciary Committee 10-8 party-line vote sending her nomination on to the Senate for confirmation. It is reflected by the Center for Judicial Accountability's March 9th letters of "citizen opposition" addressed to the Senate Judiciary Committee's majority & minority sides, transmitted by the **below e-mail** – with copies to four scholars of the supposedly non-partisan Brookings Institute, each participants in its February 28th program "Breaking the Judicial Nominations and Confirmations Logjam".

These March 9th letters – and the documentary proof of Ms. Halligan's official misconduct as New York State's Solicitor General -- having NOTHING to do with political ideology, but, rather, her litigation fraud in a landmark public interest lawsuit against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption – are posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel "Latest New", and also, directly by this link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm>.

These primary-source materials warrant a journalistic expose of how the Senate Judiciary Committee handles citizen opposition to judicial nominees. Indeed, the Committee's disrespect of ANY role of citizens in the confirmation process is evidenced by its own website, which makes not the slightest mention of how citizens having information about the fitness of judicial nominees may provide same to the Committee – and its investigative procedures with respect thereto.

Please call me for further information and substantiating documents for this explosive, prize-winning story.

Thank you.

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SEE BELOW E-MAIL MESSAGE -----

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Subject: Tomorrow's Executive Business Meeting: Citizen Opposition to Confirmation of Caitlin Halligan to the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit

Attached are the Center for Judicial Accountability's already-faxed letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee's Democratic & Republican sides pertaining to Caitlin Halligan's nomination, on the Committee's agenda for tomorrow's Executive Business Meeting.

Please immediately distribute to ALL Committee members & their relevant counsel so that their deliberations may be properly informed.

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Thank you.

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