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Attachments: 3-14-11-ltr-to-reid-8pp.pdf; 3-14-11-ltr-to-mcconnell-1p.pdf

Dear Mr. Scarcella,

I was astonished by your item in today's "Morning Wrap" about Caitlin Halligan's expected argument today before the US Supreme Court, whose ONLY identification of her nomination to the bench is:

"Last month, *The National Law Journal* reported that Republicans appeared skeptical about the nomination of Halligan for a slot on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit".

Although I do not have a subscription to *The National Law Journal* and, therefore, cannot follow the underlined hyperlinking, it is presumably the same or similar to BLT's February 2nd post "*Obama's D.C. Circuit Pick Meets Skeptical Republicans*".

In other words, and despite BLT's March 10th reporting that the Senate Judiciary Committee had forwarded Ms. Halligan's nomination to the Senate on a 10-8 party-line vote, you have not referenced that fact – let alone that the vote was the product of collusion between the "Skeptical Republicans" with the Democrats in concealing CJA's March 9th opposition letters – of which my below March 17th e-mail to you gave you notice.

Please advise when you or your colleagues at the *Legal Times/National Law Journal* intend to write a story about the current status of Ms. Halligan's nomination – including as to the unreported facts set forth by CJA's March 14th letters to the Republican and Democratic Senate leadership, establishing, once again, the corruption of the federal judicial confirmation process – and the vital role of citizens in that process.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewidth.org]
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ATT: Michael Moline, Assistant Managing Editor
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Caitlin Halligan's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee last Thursday "without written report" – a *modus operandi* of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

How can the Senate intelligently exercise its "advice and consent" function on Ms. Halligan's judicial nomination – or on any nomination – when transmitted "without written report" ?

The Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), a non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, has exposed how the Senate Judiciary Committee's transmittal of Ms. Halligan's nomination "without written report" has concealed the rigging of the Committee vote by both Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley – setting the stage for similar rigging on the Senate floor.

Attached are CJA's March 14th letters to Senate Majority Leader Reid and Senate Minority Leader McConnell, furnishing details and calling upon them to withdraw Ms. Halligan's nomination from the Senate's Executive calendar and/or place it "on hold" pending investigation. The particulars are further laid out on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org. The specific link is: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm>

Please make phone calls to Senate Leaders Reid and McConnell – as there has been no response from them to these incriminating letters, sent three days ago.

You may be assured of our full assistance in helping you verify this prize-winning story!

Thank you.

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