

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

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MOTION INFORMATION STATEMENT

Docket Number(s): 26-1905

Caption [use short title]

Motion for: Pro Hac Vice Admission

In re Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

& Elena Ruth Sassower, individually and

as director of the Center for Judicial

Accountability, Inc., acting on their own behalf

and on behalf of the People of the State of

New York & the Public Interest

Set forth below precise, complete statement of relief sought:

Pro Hac Vice Admission to represent corporate petitionerCenter for Judicial Accountability, Inc., on its own behalf andon behalf of the People of the State of New York& the Public InterestMOVING PARTY: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. OPPOSING PARTY: (SDNY Judge Kenneth M. Karas)☐ Plaintiff☐ Defendant☒ Appellant/Petitioner☐ Appellee/RespondentMOVING ATTORNEY: Gary L. Zerman, Esq.OPPOSING ATTORNEY: NA

[name of attorney, with firm, address, phone number and e-mail]

23935 Philbrook Avenue, Valencia, California 91354661-259-2570gzerman243@gmail.comCourt- Judge/ Agency appealed from: SDNY Judge Kenneth M. Karas

Please check appropriate boxes:

Has movant notified opposing counsel (required by Local Rule 27.1):

☐ Yes ☒ No (explain): NA -- mandamus

Opposing counsel's position on motion:

☐ Unopposed ☐ Opposed ☒ Don't Know

Does opposing counsel intend to file a response:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Don't Know

FOR EMERGENCY MOTIONS, MOTIONS FOR STAYS AND INJUNCTIONS PENDING APPEAL:

Has this request for relief been made below?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Has this relief been previously sought in this court?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Requested return date and explanation of emergency:

Is the oral argument on motion requested?

☐ Yes ☒ No (requests for oral argument will not necessarily be granted)

Has the appeal argument date been set?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, enter date:

Signature of Moving Attorney:

Gary L. Zerman

Date:

7/15/26Service: ☐ Electronic ☐ Other [Attach proof of service]

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

In re CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, Inc.
and ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, individually and
as director of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.,
*acting on their own behalf and on behalf of the People
of the State of New York & the Public Interest*

26-1905

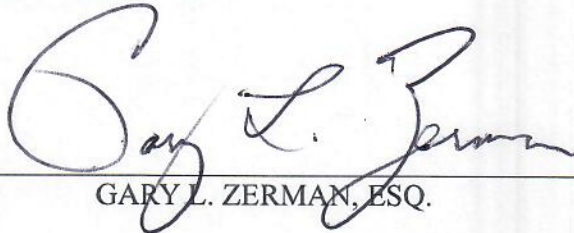
Declaration for Admission
Pro Hac Vice

DECLARATION OF GARY L. ZERMAN, ESQ.

1. I am an attorney in good standing, duly licensed to practice law before the courts of the State of California and Arizona, in the United States District Courts of California, Central District, Northern District, and Eastern District, and in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

2. Pursuant to this Court's Local Rule 46.1, I submit this declaration in support of my motion for *Pro Hac Vice* admission to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals to serve as counsel to CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, Inc., the corporate petitioner in the above-entitled mandamus proceeding.

3. I have been representing the CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, Inc. in the Southern District of New York in the underlying lawsuit *Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., et al. v. Legislative Correspondents Association, et al.* (25-CV-8370) before Judge Kenneth M. Karas. His January 23, 2026 Order granting me *pro hac vice* admission in the Southern District of New York is annexed hereto as Exhibit A. My underlying application is Exhibit B and the information therein contained remains true and correct.



GARY L. ZERMAN, ESQ.

July 15, 2026
Valencia, California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, Inc.
and ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, individually and
as director of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.,
*acting on their own behalf and on behalf of the People
of the State of New York & the Public Interest,*

25-CV-8370

Plaintiffs,

ORDER FOR ADMISSION
PRO HAC VICE

-against-

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION, Inc.,
[and 33 other defendants]
being representative of other New York & national media,

Defendants.

The motion of GARY L. ZERMAN, ESQ. for admission to practice *Pro Hac Vice* in the
above-captioned action is granted.

Applicant has declared that he is a member in good standing of the bars of the states of
California and Arizona; and that his contact information is as follows:

GARY L. ZERMAN, ESQ.
23935 Philbrook Avenue
Valencia, California 91354
(661) 259-2570
gzerman243@gmail.com

Applicant having requested admission *Pro Hac Vice* for all purposes as counsel for Plaintiff
CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, Inc. in the above-entitled action;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Applicant is admitted to practice *Pro Hac Vice* in the
above-entitled case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. All
attorneys appearing before this Court are subject to the Local Rules of this Court, including the
Rules governing discipline of attorneys.

Dated: 1/23/2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KMK', written over a horizontal line.

KENNETH M. KARAS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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25-CV-8370

Plaintiffs,

-against-

Affidavit for Admission
Pro Hac Vice

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION, Inc.,
[and 33 other defendants]
being representative of other New York & national media,

Defendants.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss:

GARY L. ZERMAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

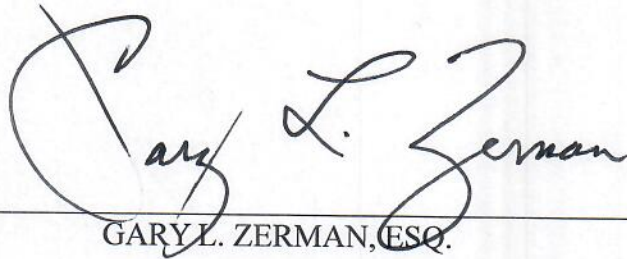
1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law before the courts of the State of California and submit this affidavit in support of my motion to appear *Pro Hac Vice* before this Court as counsel to Plaintiff CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, Inc.

2. I have been a member of the California bar since February 7, 1984, have practiced continually ever since, and have been in good standing throughout. Attached is a Certificate of Good Standing of the California Supreme Court, issued by the Clerk on December 24, 2025.¹

3. I am also a member of the United States District Courts of California, Central District, Northern District, and Eastern District, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal and in good standing in each.

¹ I am additionally a member of the Arizona State Bar, though I have not practiced there. Attached are the Certificates of Good Standing of the Arizona Supreme Court, issued by its Disciplinary Clerk on January 2, 2026, and by its Clerk on January 12, 2026 – and *Pro Se* Plaintiff Sassower's January 15, 2026 letter to this Court's Clerk's Office with respect to same.

4. I have never been convicted of a felony.
5. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court or bar.
6. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against me.


GARY L. ZERMAN, ESQ.

Sworn to before me this
20th day of January 2026

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.


Notary Public

See Attached Document
for Seal

CALIFORNIA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CIVIL CODE § 1189

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of Los Angeles }

On January 20, 2026 before me, Kathleen M. Baca, Notary Public
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared Gary LN Zerman
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature Kathleen M. Baca
Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal and/or Stamp Above

OPTIONAL

Completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment of this form to an unintended document.

Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: Affidavit

Document Date: _____ Number of Pages: _____

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: _____

Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)

Signer's Name: _____

☐ Corporate Officer – Title(s): _____

☐ Partner – ☐ Limited ☐ General

☐ Individual ☐ Attorney in Fact

☐ Trustee ☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: _____

Signer is Representing: _____

Signer's Name: _____

☐ Corporate Officer – Title(s): _____

☐ Partner – ☐ Limited ☐ General

☐ Individual ☐ Attorney in Fact

☐ Trustee ☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: _____

Signer is Representing: _____



Supreme Court of California

JORGE E. NAVARRETE

Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme Court

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GARY LN ZERMAN

I, JORGE E. NAVARRETE, Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme Court of the State of California, do hereby certify that GARY LN ZERMAN, # 112825, was on the 7th day of February 1984, duly admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in all the courts of this state, and is now listed on the Roll of Attorneys as a member of the bar of this state in good standing.

*Witness my hand and the seal of the court
on the 24th day of December 2025.*

JORGE E. NAVARRETE

*Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme
Court*

By: _____

Biying Jia, Deputy Clerk



Supreme Court

STATE OF ARIZONA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
CHIEF JUSTICE

DAVID K. BYERS
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE COURTS

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING ISSUED BY THE DISCIPLINARY CLERK FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

The Disciplinary Clerk, pursuant to Rule 74, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, hereby certifies that according to the records of the State Bar, **GARY L ZERMAN**, was duly admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in all courts of Arizona by the Supreme Court of Arizona on March 4, 1985, and is now, as of the date of this Certificate, an inactive member of the State Bar of Arizona in good standing.



Given under the seal of the Disciplinary
Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arizona
this 01-02-2026

Mark McCall

Mark McCall
Associate Disciplinary Clerk

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**CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF ARIZONA**

I, Aaron C. Nash, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona, hereby certify that, according to the records of my office and upon the recommendation of the State Bar of Arizona

GARY L. ZERMAN

was on the 4th day of March, 1985 duly admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of Arizona; that no disciplinary proceedings are pending against this attorney in the Arizona Supreme Court as of the date of this certificate; and that this name now appears on the Roll of Attorneys in this office as a member of the Bar in good standing, and in the records of the State Bar of Arizona as an inactive member in good standing.

*Given under my hand and the seal of
said Court this 12th day of January,
2026.*

AARON C. NASH, Clerk

By *Ana Ramirez*
Ana Ramirez
Deputy Clerk III