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Subject: **AGAIN: Empirical Evidence for Your Scholarship, plus Amicus...Request -- Federal Lawsuit Pursuant to the Guarantee Clause, Suing NYT & 33 Other Media Defendants in Vindication of the First Amendment & Constitutional, Lawful NYS Governance**

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How disappointing to have received no responses from any of you to my below December 4th e-mail, other than a bounce-back from an incorrect e-mail address for Professor Lapinski. Why is that? **Was it not directly germane to the Annenberg Center's "Institutions of Democracy" scholarship and teaching and to the scholarship and teaching of so many of you, individually?**

By way of update, here linked are the October 29, 2025 verified amended complaint in the federal lawsuit, signed by CJA's counsel on January 5, 2026 and refiled and my December 19, 2025 affidavit demonstrating subject matter jurisdiction, highlighting the unprecedented manner in which the district court has proceeded.

Please confirm that the lawsuit will be part of your scholarship and teaching – and, if not, the reason and your recommendations of other scholarly institutions and scholars for whom it would be relevant.

Thank you.

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I am co-founder and director of the non-partisan, nonprofit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](http://www.judgewatch.org).

Directly relevant to your scholarship is the major federal lawsuit that CJA and I have brought on our own behalf and "*on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest*" against The New York Times and 33 other press defendants, pursuant to the Guarantee Clause of the U.S. Constitution,

pertaining to NYS governance and elections, seeking judicial recognition of causes of action for “journalistic fraud” and “institutional reckless disregard for truth”.

Above-attached and here-linked is the [October 29, 2025 amended verified complaint](#).

In addition to furnishing the lawsuit to you for scholarship and teaching, I request your participation as *amicus curiae* and, additionally, your assistance in locating counsel for CJA, which, because I am not a lawyer, I cannot represent.

I believe the lawsuit is a summary judgment case, as there is NO defense to it factually or legally. The SOLE issue is the magnitude of compensatory, presumed, and punitive damages – a jury determination that will reasonably be many tens of billions of dollars. The district court’s irregular handling of the lawsuit, highlighted by my [November 19th letter to the district court judge](#), only reinforces this – as does my [drafted responding affidavit, for submission in January](#), *disposing, at the outset*, and before defendants are even served, of a subject matter jurisdiction defense of standing.

Kindly call me after you have reviewed the foregoing.

Thank you.

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