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TO: [SUNY-Buffalo Law School Professor Manoj Mate](#)

How disappointing to have received no response from you to my below December 2nd e-mail. **Is it not directly germane to your scholarship and teaching?**

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 this lawsuit will be part of your scholarship and teaching – and, if not, the reason and your recommendations of other 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. \(CJA\)](#).

Germane to your [“Research Focus” on “Public Law, Constitutional Law, Election Law, and Comparative Constitutional Law”](#) – including your 2014 law review article [“State Constitutions and the Basic Structure Doctrine”](#), twice referencing the Guarantee Clause of Article IV, §4 of the U.S. Constitution, I am writing

to alert you to a 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*”, pursuant to the Guarantee Clause, against The New York Times and 33 other press defendants, involving NYS governance and elections.

Above-attached and here-linked is the [October 29, 2025 amended verified complaint](#) whose first paragraph reads:

“Pursuant to Article 4, §4 of the United States Constitution, ‘The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government...’, and the First Amendment to the Constitution pertaining to the press, as explicated by federal caselaw...and the First Amendment’s guarantee of ‘the right of the people...to petition the Government for a redress of grievances’, and the further guarantees of the Fifth Amendment^{fn} and the Fourteenth Amendment, §1^{fn} to every ‘person’ of ‘due process of law’ and ‘the equal protection of laws’, plaintiffs seek declaratory relief and compensatory, presumed, and punitive damages against defendants for their knowingly false, ‘fake news’, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism, concealing and enabling the destruction of constitutional, lawful governance in New York State, culminating in corrupt candidates running on the 2025 election ballots – and, in particular, for New York City mayor, for New York City public advocate, for Manhattan borough president, for Manhattan district attorney, for Brooklyn district attorney, and to be district attorneys in approximately a dozen other counties throughout the state – and their election.” (underlining added).

In addition to furnishing you the lawsuit for your scholarship and teaching, I would appreciate discussing it with you and exploring whether you would be interested in participating as an *amicus curiae* or as paid counsel to CJA, which, because I am a non-lawyer, I cannot represent. I believe the lawsuit to be 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.

If you are unable to participate in the lawsuit, I would be grateful for your recommendations of other constitutional law professors and attorneys – or, better yet, your forwarding this e-mail to them, directly, so that no time is wasted in putting together a crackerjack legal team for what is clearly monumental and fundamental to self-governance and “a Republican Form of Government”.

Thank you.

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