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Subject: Your today's article about review of "the media 'rules of engagement'" -- & CJA's federal lawsuit to establish judicial recognition of causes of action for "journalistic fraud" & "institutional reckless disregard for truth"

Attachments: [cja-oct-29-2025-amended-complaint.pdf](#)

TO: [Professor Jonathan Turley](#)

RE: Your today's article "[New York Times Debunks War Crime Story By the Washington Post](#)" concludes by stating "the media 'rules of engagement' also warrant some review". That is precisely what CJA's above-attached and here-linked [federal lawsuit against the press](#) seeks to accomplish by causes of action for "journalistic fraud" and "institutional reckless disregard for truth".

Have you examined the lawsuit? – the subject of my below November 21st and November 16th e-mails to you. Do you favor judicial recognition of those two causes of action – and would you be willing to file an *amicus curiae* brief in support or appear as paid or *pro bono* counsel to CJA, which I cannot represent as I am not an attorney. At very least, will you recommend other law professors or lawyers with First Amendment/constitutional law expertise for me to contact – or make referral, on my behalf?

The district court's irregular handling of the lawsuit, highlighted by my [November 19th letter to the district court judge](#), only reinforces that this is a summary judgment case, to which there is NO defense, in fact or law – and such is further evident from 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.

Please let me hear from you.

Thank you.

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From: elena@judgewatch.org <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: UPDATE -- Paid or Pro Bono Counsel Needed to Represent CJA in Federal Lawsuit vs The NYT & 33 Other Press Defendants, in Vindication of the First Amendment & Constitutional, Lawful Governance

TO: [Professor Jonathan Turley](#)

Following up my below e-mail concerning [CJA's federal lawsuit](#), suing the NYT & 33 other media defendants for “journalistic fraud” and “institutional reckless disregard for truth”, I would appreciate if you would let me know by Monday, November 24th, whether you would be interested in serving as CJA’s paid or *pro bono* counsel.

This past Monday, I received a *sua sponte* order from the federal district court judge assigned to the case directing that I show cause with respect to subject matter jurisdiction, noting, as “a threshold matter”, the absence of counsel representing CJA – to which I responded by a [November 19th letter](#).

If you are not interested or able to represent CJA in this important case, won’t you kindly recommend other law professors or lawyers with First Amendment/constitutional law expertise for me to contact – or make referral, on my behalf?

Thank you.

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Subject: Your First Amendment Scholarship -- & Participation, as Amicus Curiae or Counsel, in Federal Lawsuit vs The NYT & 33 Other Press Defendants, in Vindication of the First Amendment & Constitutional, Lawful Governance

TO: [Professor Jonathan Turley](#)

Earlier this year [I alerted you, repeatedly](#), to the *knowingly* false, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism of New York’s press – not confined to NPR and PBS – and to the causes of action for “journalistic fraud” and “institutional reckless disregard for truth”, proposed more than two decades ago by the law review articles “[Journalistic Malpractice: Suing Jayson Blair and the New York Times for Fraud and Negligence](#)” (2003) and “[Institutional Reckless Disregard for Truth in Public Defamation Actions against the Press](#)” (2004-2005).

This is now the subject of a monumental federal lawsuit that CJA has brought “*on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest*” against The New York Times and 33 other press defendants for violation of their First Amendment responsibilities, destroying constitutional, lawful governance – pivotally focused on their rigging of Zohran Mamdani’s NYC mayoral win and other top 2025 NY city and state races. Above-attached and here-linked is the [October 29th verified amended complaint](#) for the lawsuit, which was filed October 8th in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Its four causes of action are “Journalistic Fraud”, “Institutional Reckless Disregard for Truth”, “Defrauding Purchasers, Contributors, & Taxpayers”, and “Conspiracy”.

I believe it is a summary judgment case, there being 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. What is your opinion? And would you consider participating in the case, either by filing an *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of the plaintiffs or as paid or *pro bono* counsel to the unrepresented corporate plaintiff CJA, which I cannot represent as I am not an attorney.

I look forward to discussing the foregoing with you – no matter how early or late, and as soon as possible. Please call.

Thank you.

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