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Subject: **Empirical Evidence for Your Scholarship, plus Amicus Curiae & Counsel Request -- Federal Lawsuit Pursuant to the Guarantee Clause in Vindication of the First Amendment & Constitutional, Lawful NYS Governance**
Attachments: [cja-oct-29-2025-amended-complaint.pdf](#)

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As you know, I am co-founder and director of the non-partisan, nonprofit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#).

I am writing to alert you to 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*", pursuant to the Guarantee Clause of the U.S. Constitution, against [The New York Times](#) and 33 other press defendants, pertaining to NYS governance and elections.

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

In addition to your scholarship, I request your participation in the lawsuit as *amicus curiae* or as counsel to CJA, which, because I am not a lawyer, I cannot represent.

As will swiftly become apparent to you, 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.

I would appreciate speaking with you about the foregoing, as soon as possible.

Needless to say, if you are unable to participate in the lawsuit, kindly furnish me with your recommendations of other academic/advocacy organizations, constitutional law professors, and civic-minded attorneys – or, better yet, forward 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 democracy and "a Republican Form of Government" for NYS.

Thank you.

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