

**Subject: Building Scholarship: CJA's Public Interest Lawsuit vs The New York Times in Vindication of the First Amendment**

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As discussed earlier today, CJA's historic public interest lawsuit against The New York Times, suing it for journalistic fraud, challenges the notion that a free press "covers what it wants to cover". This is a perversion of the First Amendment, whose primary purpose -- to create an informed citizenry -- is highlighted at the outset of our verified complaint -- as likewise at the top of the "Suing The New York Times" page of our website, www.judgewatch.org.

In light of your scholarship on the media's role in elections and "The Vanishing Voter", I look forward to discussing the verified complaint with you, after you have read it, which you agreed to do. For your convenience, my prior e-mail correspondence with Shorenstein Director/Professor Alex Jones, to which you were an indicated recipient, is attached

By copy of this e-mail to Director Jones -- for whom I left a message earlier today requesting to speak with him -- I again request that he share with you the copy of the verified complaint I sent him back in April. I additionally request that he share it with Professor Frederick Schauer, for whom I also left a voice mail message today, and whose First Amendment expertise and position on the faculty of the Shorenstein Center were undoubtedly among the reasons that Floyd Abrams recommended that he would be receptive to my contact.

I believe we would all benefit from Professor Schauer's scholarly evaluation of the lawsuit's championing of the public's First Amendment rights and the media's First Amendment responsibilities.

Thank you.

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