

Subject: Judge Alvin Hellerstein -- and the Corruption of Federal Judicial Selection

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Dear Mr. O'Reilly,

A propos of your yesterday's scathing denunciation of U.S. District Court Judge Alvin Hellerstein, attached is our today's letter to you on the subject -- and our July 30, 1998, August 3, 1998, and August 19, 1998 letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee setting forth our citizen opposition to Judge Hellerstein's confirmation to the bench.

We look forward to your enthusiastic response...

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Mr. Bill O'Reilly
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RE: U.S. District Court Judge Alvin Hellerstein – and the Corruption of Federal Judicial Selection

Dear Mr. O'Reilly,

This follows up our transmittal to you and Geraldo Rivera of our September 26, 2005 complaint against The New York Times arising from its long-standing refusal to report on *readily-verifiable* documentary evidence of the corruption of judicial selection and discipline – and the complicity of our highest public officers, including those seeking re-election and further public office.

Your scathing denunciation of Judge Alvin Hellerstein during yesterday's show is the perfect opportunity for you to examine the process by which he came to sit on the federal bench in 1998. Such would not only expose the corruption of federal judicial selection, whose cover-up by The Times we have been documenting since 1992, but Judge Hellerstein's complicitous role in perpetuating the corruption of the pre-nomination screening process when he became chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in late 1992. Such was the basis for our 1998 citizen opposition to Senate confirmation of Judge Hellerstein's nomination to the district court of the Southern District of New York. Our view then – as now – is that Judge Hellerstein's appointment was "a political payback to him for having covered up the corruption of the federal judicial screening process – which he was duty bound to expose".

Our citizen opposition to Senate confirmation of Judge Hellerstein was set forth by our July 30, 1998, August 3, 1998, and August 19, 1998 letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee – letters which simultaneously chronicle the Senate Judiciary Committee's corruption of the federal judicial screening process. This was thereafter recounted and incorporated in our July 3, 2001 letter to Senator Schumer, then Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Courts Subcommittee examining the role of ideology in judicial selection – copies of which were provided to Senator Clinton, each and every member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Senate leadership, among others. Copies of this incriminating correspondence – as likewise the incriminating documents on which they rest – most importantly, our groundbreaking May 1, 1992

critique of the pre-nomination federal judicial screening process and our 1992-3 correspondence with Mr. Hellerstein – are posted in various locations on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org.¹ These not only underlie, but are critical to, the bogus and malicious "disruption of Congress" case against me, whose suppression by The Times, culminating in its defamatory column, "*When the Judge Sledgehammered The Gadfly*" (11/7/04), is the subject of our September 26th complaint against it. Indeed, our July 30, 1998, August 3, 1998, and August 11, 1998 letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee opposing Judge Hellerstein's confirmation, as likewise our July 3, 2001 letter to Senator Schumer, are part of the record of the "disruption of Congress" case, reprinted in Appendix I to my appellant's brief² -- where they are all the more politically-explosive.

Please let us know how we may assist you in developing these important stories – as, likewise, in showcasing the ACLU's despicable role in perpetuating the corruption of judicial selection and discipline, including with respect to the "disruption of Congress" case.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary
and responsible journalism,

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P.S. To whet your appetite, our July 30, 1998, August 3, 1998, and August 19, 1998 letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee are herewith attached.

Enclosures
cc: Geraldo Rivera

¹ The July 30, 1998, August 3, 1998, and August 19, 1998 letters can be accessed via "CORRESPONDENCE-Federal Officials: Senate Judiciary Committee". The July 3, 2001 letter to Senator Schumer – which constituted our written statement for the record of the hearings he was then conducted – can be accessed via "JUDICIAL SELECTION-Federal", where you'll also find our May 1, 1992 critique of the pre-nomination judicial screening process. Our 1992-3 correspondence with Mr. Hellerstein with respect to that critique – Exhibits "L"- "P" of our "CORRESPONDENCE COMPENDIUM III" -- can most easily be accessed from "CORRESPONDENCE-Bar Associations: Association of the Bar of the City of New York".

² See "'DISRUPTION OF CONGRESS' CASE" Appendix I: A-208 (July 30, 1998 ltr); A-210 (August 3, 1998 ltr); A-190 (August 19, 1998 ltr); A-120 (July 3, 1998 ltr).