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COMPENDIUM VI: NEW YORK TIMES CENSORSHIP

Illustrative *Times* coverage and editorial positions regarding the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct and Judge Lorin Duckman

versus

Times suppression of coverage of CJA's ground-breaking litigation against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct -- which the Commission survived only because it was defended through litigation misconduct by the New York State Attorney General -- and because the New York court rewarded it with a fraudulent decision of dismissal (*See* CJA's Letter to the Editor "*Commission Abandons Investigative Mandate*", NYLJ, 8/14/95), as well as its suppression of CJA's defense of Judge Duckman and public challenge to Mayor Giuliani, Governor Pataki, and the Brooklyn District Attorney for misleading and inciting the public

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Exhibit "A": 9/29/95: CJA ltr to Doug Frantz, enclosing "*Commission Abandons Investigative Mandate*", petition in its case against the Commission, filed ethics complaint against the Commission and Attorney General, ltrs, and info on ABA's Silver Gavel Award

Exhibit "B": 10/2/95: ltr from Doug Frantz to CJA

- NYT 2/15/96: "*Judge Rebuked After a Woman is Slain*", Don Van Natta, Jr.
- NYT 2/16/96: "*Freed Attacker's 2d Arrest Heightens Criticism of Judge*", Don Van Natta, Jr.
- NYT 2/17/96: "*Mayor Presses Ouster of Abuse Case Judge*"
- NYT 2/18/96: "*Why Stalkers Go Free*", Editorial
- NYT 2/20/96: "*Judge Under Challenge is an Eccentric Idealist*", Don Van Natta, Jr.
- NYT 2/21/96: "*Top Court Official Declines to Reassign Judge*", James Baron (Front-Page, Metro Section)

- NYT 2/23/96: "Pataki Proposes Law to Let Prosecutors Appeal Sentences", Clifford J. Levy (Front-Page)
- NYT 2/24/96: "Brooklyn Judge Taking Time Off Amid Escalating Criticism", Adam Nossiter (Front-Page, Metro Section)
- NYT 2/26/96: "Judge Seen As a Symptom of a Failed Law", Joyce Purnick
- Exhibit "C": 2/27/96:** CJA's ltr to Mayor Giuliani, with copies to Governor Pataki and Brooklyn D.A. [sent to Joyce Purnick by Ron Russo, attorney for Judge Lorin Duckman]
- NYT 2/28/96: "An Embattled Judge Breaks His Silence: Judge Responds to Domestic-Abuse Furor", Joyce Purnick
- Exhibit "D": 2/28/96:** CJA fax to Don Van Natta, Jr., enclosing its 2/27/96 ltr to Mayor Giuliani
- NYT 2/29/96: "Pataki Calls for Judicial Panel to Remove a Brooklyn Judge", Clifford J. Levy (Front-Page, Metro Section)
- Exhibit "E": 2/29/96:** CJA fax to Jessica Hampton, RE: "This Week: Close Up", NYT show on cable channel, New York One, enclosing its 2/27/96 ltr to Mayor Giuliani, CJA brochure, with published pieces, including "Commission Abandons Investigative Mandate"
- NYT 3/1/96: "Keeping the Courts Independent", Editorial
- NYT 3/2/96: "Judge Duckman's Case", Letter to the Editor, Michael Kahan
- NYT 3/4/96: "Judge's Troubles Echo Throughout Courtrooms", Joseph P. Fried
- Exhibit "F": 3/6/96:** CJA submission for Op-Ed page, faxed and hand-delivered: redacted 2/29/96 ltr to Mayor Giuliani plus original text
- NYT 3/6/96: "Prosecutors Tried to Protect Abused Woman", Letter to the Editor, Lisa Smith
- NYT 3/7/96: "Low Priority For the Judging of the Judges", Joyce Purnick
- NYT 3/9/96: "Lawyers Create a Panel to Assess Judges' Actions", Joseph P. Fried
- NYT 3/11/96: "Polk Awards Are Announced For Excellence in Journalism", Lawrence Van Gelder

- NYT 3/14/96: *"Before the Murder, A Judicial Journey"*, Matthew Purdy, Don Van Natta, Jr. (Front-Page, Metro Section)
- NYT 3/14/96: *"Protect Judges From Politicians"*, Op-Ed, Barbara Paul Robinson
- Exhibit "G": 3/21/96:** **CJA ltr to Howard Goldberg, Op-Ed Page Editor, enclosing its brochure, Op-Ed ad, two NYLJ Letters to the Editor, and its 3/18/96 ltr to City Bar President Barbara Paul Robinson**
- Exhibit "H": 3/25/96:** **CJA ltr to Joyce Purnick, Jan Hoffman, enclosing its 3/8/96 ltr to City Bar President, its Letter to the Editor, "Commission Abandons Investigative Mandate", NY Post article "Panel Hunting Duckman Targeted", and 3/18/96 ltr to Professor Stephen Gillers**
- Exhibit "I": 5/7/96:** **CJA's fax of its Press Release to NYT, enclosing also its Letter to the Editor, "Commission Abandons Investigative Mandate"**
- NYT 4/5/96: *"Albany Panel Rules Against Two Judges"*, AP
- NYT 4/13/96: *"Three Lawyers Start a Fund to Assist an Embattled Judge"*, Robin Pogrebin
- NYT 4/23/96: *"Conduct Panel Plans Charges Against Judge"*, James Dao
- NYT 4/24/96: *"Judge Wins This Round By Losing"*, Joyce Purnick
- NYT 4/26/96: *"Duckman is Returning, but to Civil Court"*, Joseph P. Fried (Front-Page, Metro Section)
- NYT 4/29/96: *"Claiming Power Over Justice"*, Jan Hoffman
- NYT 5/2/96: *"Pataki, in High Court, Exchanges Barbs with Top Judge"*
- NYT 5/2/96: *"Judge Duckman Returns to Work, in a New Court"*, Joseph P. Fried
- NYT 5/3/96: *"Change the Laws, Not the Judges"*, Op-Ed, H. Richard Uviller
- NYT 6/22/96: *"End Secret Trials of Judges"*, Editorial
- NYT 7/23/96: *"State Panel Accuses Judge of Using Post to Aid Lover"*
- NYT 8/8/96: *"Public Scrutiny for Lawyers"*, Editorial
- NYT 8/20/96: *"Grumpy Judge Who Cursed Faces Censure"*, AP

NYT 9/26/96: "Judge Criticized for Harassing Fellow Judge After a Romance", Jan Hoffman

NYT 9/30/96: "Misplaced Leniency", Editorial