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## COMPENDIUM VII: NEW YORK TIMES CENSORSHIP

Illustrative *Times* coverage regarding Governor Pataki's rewarding his friends, gutting watchdog agencies, closing off government to public scrutiny, the behind-closed-doors deal-making between him and New York State legislators, and his disregard for the integrity of the judicial selection process to the New York State Court of Appeals by appointment of his counsel to commission on judicial nominations.

versus

*Times* suppression of the CJA's six-month chronicling of Governor Pataki's secretive and fraudulent process of judicial nomination to the New York State Court of Claims and Supreme Court, involving his counsel, and the rubber-stamp confirmation of the New York State Senate

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- NYT 11/20/94: *"Governor-Elect's Loyal Aide Likes the Sidelines, Away From the Crowd"*, James Dao
- NYT 4/29/95: *"A Man Who Doesn't Forget Friends"*, Peter Marks
- NYT 2/8/95: *"Corruption-Fighting Agency Stripped in Pataki Dismissal"*
- NYT 12/12/95: *"Waiting for a New Broom"*, Editorial
- NYT 3/23/96: *"Pataki's Secrets"*, Op-Ed, Andrea Bernstein
- NYT 4/6/96: *"Pataki Gains Pick as Court Loses Judge"*, James Dao
- NYT 6/4/96: *"Do Less in Albany"*, Editorial
- Exhibit "A": 6/7/96: CJA fax to NYT, NY office (refaxed 6/10/96)**
- Exhibit "B": 6/10/96: CJA fax to NYT, Albany office: Clifford Levy**
- Exhibit "C": 6/11/96: CJA's 6/11/96 ltr to New York State Senators, hand-delivered on 6/11/96 to Clifford Levy in the Albany Capitol press room**

- Exhibit "D": 6/12/96:** CJA's fax/ltr to Joyce Purnick, enclosing its 6/11/96 ltr to Senators -- hand-delivered together with 6/12/96 ltr to Governor's counsel, Michael Finnegan
- NYT 7/13/96: "*Cry for Help: 'Paul, How Do I Vote?'*", Raymond Hernandez
- NYT 7/14/96: "*Tradition and Politics Allow Legislators' Hidden Largess*", James Dao, Clifford J. Levy, Raymond Hernandez (Front-Page)
- Exhibit "E": 8/27/96:** CJA's fax/ltr to Joyce Purnick, with copy to Jan Hoffman, enclosing Readers' Digest quoting of ERS, also Director's Profile of DLS, as well as her listing in Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, and her 10/22/71 front-page NYLJ article, "*Judicial Selection Panels: An Exercise in Futility?*"
- NYT 9/14/96: "*Pataki Names Close Adviser to Judicial Screening Panel*", Jan Hoffman
- Exhibit "F": 9/16/96:** CJA's fax/ltr to Jan Hoffman, copy to Joyce Purnick, enclosing 6/11/92 ltr to Senators, 6/12/92 ltr to Governor's counsel, 8/22/95 ltr to Fund for Modern Courts
- Exhibit "G": 9/20/96:** CJA's fax/ltr to Jan Hoffman, Joyce Purnick
- NYT 9/21/96: "*Independent Judgment*", Letter to the Editor, Gary Brown, Fund for Modern Courts
- NYT 9/22/96: "*Pataki Support Tops 50% For First Time, A Poll Says*", Raymond Hernandez
- Exhibit "H": 10/1/96:** CJA's fax/ltr to Joyce Purnick, copy to Jan Hoffman, enclosing pages from Penthouse quoting of CJA
- NYT 10/3/96: "*A Scandal, A Scapegoat, An Injustice*", Joyce Purnick
- Exhibit "I": 10/10/96:** ltr to Jan Hoffman, copy to Joyce Purnick, enclosing 6/24/91 ltr to Governor Cuomo and NYT Op-Ed ad "*Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?*"
- NYT 10/14/96: "*Women Seen, Or Just Used, Through Art*", Joyce Purnick