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TO: New York Times Recipients of CJA's July 29, 2005 Letter to Executive Editor Bill Keller
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Collaboratively Moving Forward

Enclosed is a copy of CJA's memo of today's date to Seth Mnookin, to which you are indicated recipients. You are also indicated recipients of CJA's memo of today's date to Jayson Blair, Howell Raines, Gerald Boyd, and Steven Brill -- a copy of which is also enclosed.

Monday, August 22, 2005 will mark three weeks since I hand-delivered to The Times CJA's July 29, 2005 letter to Mr. Keller, with copies for each of you. I hope, by then, to have your response -- one inviting me to a meeting to discuss how we may collaboratively move forward.

To that end, I am herewith transmitting to Mr. Sulzberger, The Times' MOST IMPORTANT man, a copy of what my July 29, 2005 letter (p. 5) and its accompanying analysis (pp. 5-6) identified as THE MOST IMPORTANT primary source document on what was formerly CJA's homepage "*Paper Trail Documenting the Corruption of Federal Judicial Selection/Confirmation and the 'Disruption of Congress' Case It Spawned*" and what is now the "PAPER TRAIL TO JAIL" on CJA's "DISRUPTION OF CONGRESS" page. That document is CJA's March 26, 2003 written opposition statement, and its accompanying two final motions in my public interest lawsuit against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, denied by two December 17, 2002 orders of

the New York Court of Appeals, also enclosed. As highlighted by the written statement (pp. 19-20), these two final motions suffice to permit verification of its most salient aspects.

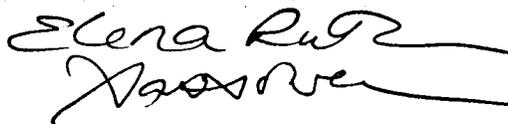
No substantial expenditure of time is necessary to make *findings of fact and conclusions of law* with respect to the written statement. It can be done within a couple of hours. Indeed, it takes only minutes to verify that New York Court of Appeals Judge Richard Wesley and his brethren on our State's highest court LIED on two judicial disqualification motions in two major public interest lawsuits affecting the rights and welfare of the People of the State of New York.

More importantly, what were the *findings of fact and conclusions of law* of our public officers, whose duty it is to scrutinize the qualifications of federal judicial nominees – and of the bar associations, which purport to perform a screening function? This is the question which The Times has an on-going obligation to ask, on the public's behalf in vindication of its trampled rights.

The Times does not need me to supply it with the phone numbers of New York's Home-State Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, the White House – or the American Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. It assuredly has more direct numbers than I have.

If The Times is to recover any semblance of the public's trust in this growing scandal, it must finally rise above its "multitudinous conflicts of interest" by making those calls and asking that question¹ – and by comparing the answers, if it gets any, with its own *readily-accomplished findings of fact and conclusions of law*.

Enclosures



cc: Seth Mnookin
Jayson Blair
Howell Raines
Gerald Boyd

All New York Times recipients of CJA's July 29, 2005 letter to Mr. Keller

Steven Brill

The Public – and the Journalists serving it

¹ CJA's letters transmitting the March 26, 2003 written statement to our public officers are all posted on "THE PAPER TRAIL" – CJA's April 23, 2003 letter to Senator Schumer; CJA's April 23, 2003 letter to Senator Clinton; CJA's May 5, 2003 memo to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee; and CJA's May 5, 2003 letter to the White House. As for CJA's transmittal letter to the bar associations, it is the March 26, 2003 written statement itself.