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Gannett Newspapers
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Att: Board of Editors

You have cavalierly ignored my calls and messages left with your reporters, editors and Vice-President concerning your latest stories about me in your 2/12/92 and 2/14/92 editions. As usual, they are factually wrong, misleading, and calumnious--further evidence of Gannett's maliciousness. Your readers have a right to know the truth--which you have deliberately suppressed and distorted, while simultaneously ignoring truly newsworthy issues involved in the cases reported about. Quite clearly, your editorial "policy" is, and has consistently been for the past several years, to place me in as unfavorable light as possible.

Gannett's scandalous and shameful "cover-up" of official misconduct has likewise been on-going. You protected the judges and public officials involved in the corrupt 1989 Cross-Endorsements Deal, which traded seven judgeships in the Ninth Judicial District--including the Surrogate judgeship of Westchester County. You refused to report the documented facts concerning that Deal and the Election Law violations that

occurred at the 1989 and 1990 Judicial Nominating Conventions. Gannett also refused to report and falsified the true facts in the Breslaw case to defame me--and to protect my former adversary and professional competitor, Judge Samuel G. Fredman, who orchestrated the 1989 Deal. You have now followed the identical course with the Wolstencroft case, once more knowingly and deliberately falsely and unfairly reporting the judicial proceedings before Judge Nicholas Colabella.

You have again ignored gross abuse of judicial power--as occurred in the proceedings before Justice Fredman--and the graphic and frightening proof of the extent to which politicians--turned judges will abuse the power of their public office to discharge political debts.

You were offered documents in both cases showing I was denied my right to a fair trial because of the political relationships of the judges involved, who refused to disqualify themselves on my application. The record of the case before Judge Colabella shows he was "hand-picked" by Administrative Judge Ingrassia to try the Wolstencroft case, despite the fact that Judge Ingrassia himself had denied my motion for change of venue back in September. That motion was based on judicial bias against me in this District and your equally biased and improper news coverage of matters in which I was involved.

from DLS

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Gannett was well aware, as was Judge Colabella and Judge Ingrassia when he assigned my case to him--but failed to report--that I was the lawyer who sued Anthony Colavita in 1990 in major public interest litigation challenging the 1989 cross-endorsements Deal trading seven judgeships in the Ninth Judicial District--that my suspension from practice--which Gannett gratuitously did report--was the result of retaliation and denial of due process after I announced I was taking Castracan v. Colavita to the Court of Appeals--transparently designed to block appellate review of the gross violation of voters' rights that occurred at the judicial nominating conventions of 1989 and 1990. You denied your readers the true facts about that also--and instead, Gannett has repeatedly referred to my being a "suspended lawyer" in headline and text, without reference to the factually and legally unjustified and unconstitutional nature of it.

Despite my numerous demands for retraction and correction, Gannett has arrogantly continued its "hatchet job" on me for its own ulterior motives--and to benefit its friends in court, who orchestrated and profited from the 1989 Deal, abusing their public offices for their own private advantage. You have unconscionably protected these individuals, while simultaneously smearing me at any opportunity with your deliberate defamation.

Judge Colabella's sitting on any case in which I was involved was egregiously improper--for reasons Gannett shamefully chose to

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Milton S. Hoffman
Editorial Page Editor



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Feb 25, 1992

Dear Mrs. Jassover

Thank you for your letter of Feb 20.

WE CANNOT RUN THIS BECAUSE.

1 - IT EXCEEDS OUR 250 WORD MAXIMUM.

2 - YOU RAISE SUBJECTS ALREADY COVERED IN

NEWS STORIES.

Sincerely

Milton Hoffman

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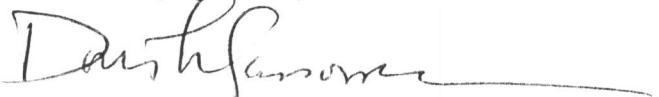
ATT: Milton Hoffman, Managing Editor

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Your February 25th mailed response to my February 20th faxed-letter is as phony as a three dollar bill. You may think you can get away with insulting the intelligence of your readers on a daily basis, but not this one.

Your dishonest, defamatory and malicious reporting of the Wolstencroft case and of other matters in which I have been involved will be dealt with in due course.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Gary Sherlock, Publisher
Larry Beaupre, Executive Vice-President
Metropolitan Desk Editors:
Jeffrey Walsh
Mike Brown
Carolyn Treadway

P.S. It also should be noted that despite numerous messages left for the above-listed metropolitan desk editors by myself and my daughter, not one has seen fit to return the calls--or otherwise respond. Likewise, Ms. Miller has not responded to my faxed February 19th letter to her.

Similarly, Mr. Beaupre did not return my February 19th call to him--and has furnished no response to my February 20th letter--which was separately faxed to him on that date.

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