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Justice Peter Fox Cohalan
Supreme Court/Suffolk County
One Court Street
Riverhead, New York 11901

RE: February 23, 2011 Oral Argument: motion & cross-motion
Elena Ruth Sassower, et al. v. Gannett, et al., Index #10-12596

Dear Justice Cohalan,

To prepare for oral argument before you on Wednesday, February 23rd, I went to your courtroom this past Wednesday so that I would know what to expect. To my surprise, I discovered that you conduct oral argument in chambers.

I do not know whether you permit spectators into your chambers. However, four members of the public have told me they wish to attend the oral argument of this important public interest case in which plaintiffs are acting not only for themselves but, expressly, for the public. I, therefore, respectfully request that if you do not permit spectators into your chambers that oral argument be held in the courtroom.

I also respectfully request that a court stenographer be present to take down the proceedings – both before you and before your law secretary, Daniel Murphy, who conducts the initial calendar call in the courtroom – so that interested members of the public, unable to attend, can read the transcript, which I will be ordering for them, as well as for my 78-year old co-plaintiff-mother, Doris Sassower, who has recently been released from the hospital.

Thanking you, in advance,

Respectfully yours,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER,
Pro Se Individually & Acting Pro Bono Publico

cc: Satterlee, Stephens, Burke & Burke, LLP
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