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April 18, 2011

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

RE: May 4, 2011 Oral Argument: motion & cross-motion
Elena Ruth Sassower, et al. v. Gannett, et al., Index #10-12596

Dear Justice Cohalan,

This follows up my phone conversation with your secretary, Diane, earlier today, inquiring as to your disposition with respect to my February 18, 2011 letter – now germane to the upcoming May 4, 2011 oral argument.

Diane stated that you do not permit spectators into your chamber for oral argument and directed me to your court clerk, Steve Hickey, who advised me to send a letter to you reiterating the content of my February 18, 2011 letter.

In the interest of judicial economy, I incorporate by reference my February 18, 2011 letter, a copy of which I enclose for your convenience.

As I was hoping to observe your oral argument this Wednesday, April 20th so as to prepare for the May 4th oral argument in my case, I will call tomorrow afternoon to see if that will be possible.

Thanking you, in advance,

Respectfully yours,



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February 18, 2011

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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,



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