

Subject: Visiting Professor Darrell West

Date: 4/14/2006, 11:26 AM

From: "Malcolm S. Reid, Ph.D., '84" <msreid@optonline.net>

To: Elena Sassower <elenaruth@aol.com>

Join the reborn Brown Club of Westchester County
for our first event!

Who: Brown Professor of Political Science Darrell West, a frequent commentator on media and elections *

What: "The Second-Term Jinx"—A discussion of the travails of our current and past second-term Presidents

Where: Rye Free Reading Room (aka Rye Library)
1061 Boston Post Road (Route 1) in Rye

When: Sunday, April 23rd, 2006 at 3 p.m. (followed by refreshments)

To ensure we have enough seats and refreshments, please RSVP by April 18 to msreid@optonline.net or 718 # TK FROM BARRY.

Subject: RSVP -- Please transmit e-mail message to Professor Darrell West

Date: 4/15/2006, 11:16 AM

From: Elena Ruth <elenaruth@aol.com>

To: "Malcolm S. Reid, Ph.D., '84" <msreid@optonline.net>

Dear Malcolm,


Yes! I look forward to joining in this inaugural event of the reborn Brown Club of Westchester -- and would appreciate if you would forward to Professor West my below e-mail message.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower

Dear Professor West:

Looking forward to your presentation!

As you are "a frequent commentator on media and elections", I take this opportunity to bring to your attention that the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) -- the non-partisan, non-profit organization of which I am director and a co-founder -- has significant primary source materials to contribute to your scholarship. You can see this for yourself from our website, www.judgewatch.org -- via the sidebar panels, "Elections 2006: Informing the Voters" and "Suing The New York Times". Indeed, our lawsuit against The Times for journalistic fraud pertains to its election-rigging. Attached is a press release to further whet your interest.  [press-release-1.pdf \(99KB\)](#)

Please feel free to contact me for further details -- including for a hard copy of the verified complaint with exhibits.

Until we meet on April 23rd,

Elena Sassower, Director
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PRESS RELEASE: #1

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PUBLIC INTEREST LAWSUIT vs THE NEW YORK TIMES IN VINDICATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The New York Times is being sued for libel and journalistic fraud in a landmark public interest lawsuit, the first to implement the powerful recommendation for media accountability proposed in the 2003 law review article "*Journalistic Malpractice: Suing Jayson Blair and the New York Times for Fraud and Negligence*", 14 Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal 1.

The lawsuit, charging The Times with betraying its First Amendment responsibilities to the public, is brought by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) and its director, Elena Ruth Sassower. The libel causes of action are based on a Times' column, "*When the Judge Sledgehammered The Gadfly*", about Ms. Sassower, then serving a six-month jail sentence in D.C., after conviction on a "disruption of Congress" charge. An analysis of the column, annexed as Exhibit A to the Verified Complaint, demonstrates that the column is "deliberately defamatory", "knowingly false and misleading", and "completely covers up the politically-explosive underlying national and New York stories of the corruption of the processes of judicial selection and discipline, involving our highest public officers".

These public officers include Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, running for re-election to the U.S. Senate this year, with an eye to the presidency in 2008, and New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, running this year to be New York's next governor. The Verified Complaint alleges that their anticipated landslide victories are being rigged by The Times, whose steadfast refusal to report on the records of Ms. Clinton and Mr. Spitzer with respect to judicial selection and discipline is with knowledge that such reporting would rightfully end their electoral prospects, if not generate disciplinary and criminal prosecutions against them for corruption. As for past electoral races, the Verified Complaint dramatically shows that The Times rigged Senator Charles Schumer's 2004 re-election to the Senate by similarly refusing to report on his record as to judicial selection and discipline, and, prior thereto, rigged Mr. Spitzer's 2002 re-election as attorney general and Governor George Pataki's 2002 and 1998 re-elections as New York's governor, likewise by refusing to report on their records.

The Times' protectionism of all these public officers -- and its suppression of any coverage of the readily-verifiable documentary evidence of systemic governmental corruption involving judicial selection and discipline, provided it by CJA throughout the past 15 years -- underlies the lawsuit's cause of action for journalistic fraud.

The Verified Complaint, its substantiating exhibits, and the law review article are posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org -- accessible via the sidebar panel, "Suing The New York Times".

* The Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization working to ensure that the processes of judicial selection and discipline are effective and meaningful.