Subject: Center for Judicial Accountability's Long-Standing & Unresponded-to Complaints, embodied by our Unresponded-to December 1st Letter to You

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This follows up my unsuccessful attempt to leave a phone message for you this past Monday (212-556-7652) -- when your voice mail was full -- and my equally unsuccessful attempt to leave a phone message this morning -- when an initial announcment that there would be 30 seconds to record a message was followed by a second announcement that there would be only 6.

I have received no response to my December 1st letter to you, enclosing copies of CJA's unresponded-to September 25th, October 13th, and November 1st letter-complaints to Bill Keller. This, notwithstanding I hand-delivered it to The Times on November 29th so that it would be before you when you began your first day on the job, two days later. For your convenience, copies of this correspondence, with its enclosed unresponded-to letters to the Editorial Board, to Allan Siegal, and to Jill Abramson, are attached. 12-1-03-okrent.doc (39KB) 9-25-03-keller.doc (62KB)
6-11-03-editorialboard.doc (86KB) 6-19-03-siegel.doc (70KB)
10-13-03-keller.doc (232KB) 11-1-03-keller.doc (40KB)

Today's irresponsible editorial, "Better Judges for New York", underscores the necessity that you address our unresponded-to complaints as to <u>Times</u> editorializing on subjects about which it has steadfastly REFUSED to do the slightest investigative examination, as for example, its advocacy of so-called "merit based" judicial appointments.

Please advise.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.