

Subject: "Answering Back" to The New York Times

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Dear Professor Rosen,

A propos of your comments in the January 2nd New York Times article, "*Answering Back to the News Media, Using the Internet*", our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), has long been doing just that -- and in a rather extraordinary fashion.

I invite you to see this for yourself. Our many, many paper trails of correspondence with the press, documenting its "suppression, protectionism, and blackballing", are posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the sidebar panel, "Press Suppression".

Most spectacular of these is our paper trail of correspondence with The New York Times, posting our voluminous 15-year exchange, including letters and complaints to its publisher, executive editors, managing editors, standards editor, public editors -- now culminating in a groundbreaking lawsuit, as to which The Times has been DUCKING SERVICE. A separate sidebar panel, "Suing The New York Times" will provide the public with a front-row, inside view of The Times-- as to which, in the meantime, CJA's July 29, 2005 letter to Times Executive Editor Bill Keller gives the pertinent outline.

This unprecedented public interest lawsuit should be of particular interest to you -- in view of your commitment to "civic journalism" and to democracy that is more than the "ghost" it has become. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak with you about it -- and, of course, to give you -- and your students -- the lead before contacting other media journalists, blogs, and academic institutions. I can be reached at 914-421-1200.

Thank you.

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