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Attachments: [cja-oct29-2025-amended-complaint.pdf](#);
[oct-29-2025-addendum-civil-coversheet-added-defendants.pdf](#)

TO: **CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS**

Having received no response from you to my below October 21st e-mail, giving you "NOTICE OF LAWSUIT", you are now a defendant in CJA's October 8th federal lawsuit against the press, whose verified complaint has now been superseded by an October 29th verified amended complaint, expanded to add 9 further press defendants, CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS among them, and to recite events subsequent to October 8th. It is above-attached and [here-linked](#).

Please furnish me with the name, e-mail address, and phone number of your legal counsel so that proper arrangements can be made for service of the October 29th verified amended complaint.

Thank you.

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Subject: **NOTICE OF LAWSUIT -- Your Rigging of the 2025 NYC Mayoral Election & Other Violations of Your First Amendment Responsibilities, Journalistic Codes, & Legal Obligations**

TO: CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS

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New York City voters and the People of the State of New York are not without remedy for what you – and your fellow press – have been doing, in rigging the 2025 NYC mayoral election by your corruption-abetting, *knowingly* false, “fake news” journalism – and I have taken the first steps to secure those remedies.

Above-attached, in addition to my dispositive March 14th e-mail to Mamdani, which I sent you by my below August 6th e-mail, to which I received no response, are CJA's October 8th verified complaint in a federal lawsuit against 25 press defendants and October 16th letter to the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. CJA's webpage for these, and it includes my e-mails to the press defendants about them, is [here](#).

As stated in the caption of the October 8th verified complaint, the 25 defendants are *“representative of other New York & national media”*.

This is to give you NOTICE that prior to serving the October 8th verified complaint, which I have not yet done, I am contemplating amending it to include additional *“representative”* defendants, such as Crain's New York Business. Based on your post-August 6th reporting of the 2025 NYC mayoral election and continued commentary by Ross Barkan, can you give me any reason why I should not do so? By the way, Mr. Barkan was the sole cc to my August 6th e-mail and I also received no response from him. What, if anything, did he deny or dispute – or did you not ask him?

Please have your legal counsel promptly contact me about this so that I may be guided accordingly – and, in any event, please furnish me with his/her name, e-mail address, and phone number.

Thank you.

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Subject: UNREPORTED STORY: Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, & NY's oversight/"public protection" entities

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A *propos* of your “politics & policy” reporting and commentary on Mamdani and the NYC mayoral race – including, shockingly, by [Ross Barkan](#) – will you report on Mamdani’s corruption as a NYS assemblyman, destroying lawful, constitutional state governance, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, and NY’s oversight/“public protection” entities?

The EVIDENCE establishing Mamdani’s corruption is **open-and-shut and *prima facie***, summarized by my above-attached and here-linked [March 14th e-mail to Mamdani](#) entitled “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...”, which opened as follows.

“Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your on-the-job performance as a state assemblyman, why do you believe yourself fit to be mayor of New York City – or for any office of public trust?”.

Mamdani did not respond – and I sent him the March 14th e-mail a second time, with a supplement, by a [March 17th email](#), and then a third time, when I cc’d him on my [March 18th e-mail](#) to the roster of reporters of Albany’s Legislative Correspondents Association (LCA), and then a fourth time, when I cc’d him on my [March 20th e-mail](#) to [The New York Times](#), [New York Post](#), [Daily News](#), [New York Law Journal](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), and [Associated Press](#). Mamdani did not deny or dispute the accuracy of any of it.

Evident from these, from my further [April 7th](#) and [April 18th](#) e-mails to the LCA roster as to what was unfolding, and from Mamdani’s votes in May approving the FY2025-26 budget bills, is that he cannot be elected NYC mayor because **he must be indicted for larceny and corruption – and will be convicted**. You can confirm this fact from [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for mayor as an Independent candidate, with an [anti-corruption policy platform](#)

[featured on his campaign website](#). By contrast, [Mamdani's campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#).

Below are my July 13th and July 11th e-mails to [The New York Times](#) about the foregoing, including Ross Barkan – to which there has been no response. My subsequent e-mails to NY's other press are posted [here](#).

I am available to answer your questions about this [fully-documented](#) election-upending story, bringing down not only Mamdani, but the field of NYC mayoral candidates. Also, such other NYC Democratic primary winners as NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president, and NYC Democratic primary winner-incumbents NYC Public Advocate Jumanne Williams, Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, and Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez – *and that's for starters*.

Thank you.

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Subject: AGAIN -- The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- MAMDANI, etc.

TO: [New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust](#)

Eight hours after sending you my below July 11th e-mail – whose several typos in Mamdani's name I have now corrected – the [New York Post](#) published "[Zohran Mamdani's campaign persona called into question by vote to give himself raise: critics](#)", identifying that "Mamdani did not respond to The Post's request for comment."

Apparently, [The Post](#) saw "news value" in its July 11th story. Do you? Will [The Times](#) be following up by requesting Mamdani's comment to [The Post](#) article – the tiniest sliver of Mamdani's hypocrisy and corruption that my below linked March 14th, March 17th, March 18th, and March 20th e-mails to him establish. Have you not yet determined their "news value"?

By the way, is The Times' May 28th article "[Mamdani Has a Thin Legislative Record but Is a Forceful Voice in Albany](#)" the only article The Times published about his record as an assemblyman – so puny that it had to be bolstered by comments from other legislators, ALL Democrats, as to his "forceful voice" "to move the ideological center of the Assembly to the left", interspersed with The Times' usual anti-Israel slanting and slandering, consistent with Mamdani's lies as, for instance, in stating: "Mr. Mamdani stands firm in his defense of Palestinians in Gaza, where over [53,000 people have been killed](#) by Israeli forces" – when revealed by the hyperlink is that this figure is "according to Palestinian health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and combatants" – in other words, it is according to Hamas.

Suffice to say, this May 28th article, by two of your three Albany reporters – recipients of my March 18th and March 20th e-mails and of my May 18th letter to Publisher Sulzberger – concealed the ENTIRETY of what the e-mails particularized, with evidence, and falsely made it appear as if there is nothing irregular in how the Legislature operates, including pertaining to the budget and this fiscal year, and the inclusion of policy – indeed, concluding, as follows:

"Perhaps the most telling evidence of Mr. Mamdani's evolution came earlier this month, when the budget bills came up for a vote. As in years past, they contained scores of policy changes, not all to Mr. Mamdani's liking. Mr. Mamdani voted yes."

For that "yes" vote alone, Mamdani cannot be elected NYC's next mayor, because – based on my e-mails to him – he must be indicted and will be convicted of corruption. If you have any doubt of this, you should "confirm it through direct sources", such as [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for NYC mayor as an independent, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#).

Tellingly, [Mamdani's campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#) – and none is reflected in The Times' July 9th guest essay "[If Zohran Mamdani Wins, Then What?](#)" by Ross Barkan, with its required disclosure: "In 2018, when I ran for state senator in New York City, Mr. Mamdani was my campaign manager". Barkan, a left-wing, agenda-driven journalist, is an accomplice to the corruption of lawful, constitutional state governance involving the Legislature, the budget, and pay raises. [As far back as May 2013](#), I furnished him with the evidence of what was going on, including my [April 15, 2013 complaint to then U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara](#) – sending him e-mail, after e-mail, to which he never responded. This includes when he was campaigning for the Senate, such as my [October 4, 2017](#) and [January 17, 2018](#) e-mails to him reflecting my entreaties that he could easily win election and, simultaneously, propel non-partisan, good-government reform if he would "blow the whistle" on the corruption of the Senate incumbent – entreaties I would repeat in my e-mails in 2020 to Mamdani, running against an Assembly incumbent. In any event, nothing could be more obscene than Barkan's sentence, in his essay, "There cannot be any whiff of self-dealing or graft in the Mamdani administration", considering that "self-dealing" and "graft" are precisely how Mamdani became and conducted himself as an assemblyman, in collusion with his fellow self-dealing, grafting legislators, who would then endorse and support his mayoral candidacy.

Please advise by no later than noon tomorrow, July 14th, whether you will be confirming from Mamdani the obvious truth of my e-mails to him, etc.

Thank you.

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Subject: The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- The "On-The-Job Performance" of Mamdani & Hoylman-Sigal as State Legislators, Corrupting Lawful, Constitutional State Governance & Irreparably Injuring the People of New York

TO: [New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust](#)

The Times' July 4th article "[Mamdani Once Claimed to Be Asian and African American. Should It Matter?](#)" quotes [your statement](#):

"When we hear anything of news value, we try to confirm it through direct sources. Mr. Mamdani confirmed this information in an interview with The Times."

Are you aware of my [March 14th e-mail](#) to Mamdani entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", whose supplement I sent him on [March 17th](#) – thereafter sending both to him again when I cc'd him on my [March 18th e-mail](#) to the roster of Legislative Correspondents Association reporters – The Times' three Albany reporters among them – and then, again, when I cc'd him on my [March 20th e-mail](#) to The Times, New York Post, Daily News, New York Law Journal, Wall Street Journal, and Associated Press, with the five [Times](#) e-mail addresses being Metro and Editorial in addition to the three Albany reporters.

The March 20th e-mail I would then feature as "Example #1", at page 1, of my mailed [May 18th letter to Publisher A.G. Sulzberger](#), e-mailed to eight [Times](#) e-mail addresses, including Editorial, Metro, and the three Albany reporters, on [May 18th](#) and [May 19th](#).

As the "news value" of my e-mails to Mamdani is obvious, did [The Times](#) not ask him to confirm their equally obvious truth? And if not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won the Democratic primary to be New York City mayor?

Also, and plainly reinforcing, was the obvious "news value" of my [March 16th e-mail](#) to Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, also entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", and additionally sent to him,

twice, when I cc'd him on the March 18th and March 20th e-mails of which it was part. Did The Times not ask Hoylman-Sigal to confirm the equally obvious truth of these e-mails to him? If not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won [the Democratic primary to be Manhattan borough president](#)?

Please advise – including as to when you would like to interview me with respect to the foregoing election-upending EVIDENCE of the “on-the-job performance” of Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal as state legislators, corrupting lawful, constitutional state governance and irreparably injuring the People of New York.

Thank you.

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