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August 7, 2006

Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard White Plains, New York 10601

TIMOTHY C. IDONI COUNTY CLERK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTE

RE: **CLARIFYING THE RECORD:** 

> Sassower, et al. v. The New York Times Company, et al. Westchester Co. Index #05-19841

Dear Mr. Idoni:

Enclosed herewith is the computerized docket sheet for the above-entitled case, which I obtained from the County Clerk's Office at 4:42 p.m. on Friday, August 4th. Such reflects the filing of a "declaratory judgment" on August 1st.

Earlier today I telephoned Bruce Pearl, Law Clerk to County Court Judge Gerald E. Loehr. He stated to me that he knew nothing about any "declaratory judgment" - and that the last document that Judge Loehr had issued in the case (which was also his first) was his July 5th decision and order, filed with the County Clerk's Office on July 6th.

Therefore, please clarify why the computerized docket sheet reflects the filing of a "declaratory judgment" - which I was unable to view at the County Clerk's Office on August 4th - either the paper document or via the computerized docket -- because I was told it was being scanned.

Please be advised that the County Clerk's file of the case, which I requisitioned and examined on August 4th, contained NONE of the motion papers that were before Judge Loehr when he rendered the July 5th decision and order. Rather, the contents of the County Clerk's file consisted of the paperwork of my November 4, 2005 purchase of the index number for the case, plaintiffs' summons with notice, which I filed on November 4, 2005, the two affidavits of service for the summons with notice, which I filed on March 3 and March 16, 2006, and plaintiffs' original verified complaint, which I filed on March 30, 2006..

Additionally, it is possible that none of the motion papers that were before Judge Loehr in rendering the July 5th decision and order have been scanned - except for defendants' notice of motion - which is the entirety of what can be downloaded from the docket entry entitled "motion", filed with the County Clerk's Office on July 6th - the same date as Judge Loehr's

decision and order. As for the "supporting pleadings", also docketed as filed on July  $6^{th}$ , it is unclear what these are, as the download failed when I tried it and when it was tried by staff assisting me.<sup>1</sup>

As plaintiffs will be timely filing a notice of appeal from Judge Loehr's July 5<sup>th</sup> decision and order, as well as making a reargument/renewal motion with respect thereto, we require an accurate docket. In that connection, please also confirm that the County Clerk's Office does not have any record of defendants' filing of their notice of entry for the July 5<sup>th</sup> decision and order, which they dated July 21<sup>st</sup> and served upon plaintiffs by mail. Such document is not reflected by the computerized docket and was not in the County Clerk's file.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Plaintiff Pro Se

Enclosures: (1) Computerized docket sheet, as of August 4, 2006: 4:42 p.m.

(2) Defendants' Notice of Entry of Order, dated July 21, 2006

cc: John Mongero, Deputy County Clerk

Westchester County Court Judge Gerald E. Loehr

ATT: Bruce Pearl, Law Clerk

George Freeman, Assistant General Counsel/The New York Times Company Eli Vigliano, Esq.

Similarly, plaintiffs' complaint, filed on March 30<sup>th</sup>, could also not be downloaded.

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## Items filed in the case book:

Case Book	Date	Defendant Name	Plaintiff Name	Comment Action
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## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, individually, and as Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, INC. and The Public

Index No. 05-19841

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as represented by them,

Plaintiffs,

-against

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY, The New York Times, ARTHUR SULZBERGER, JR., BILL KELLER, JILL ABRAMSON, ALLAN M. SIEGAL, GAIL COLLINS, individually and on behalf of THE EDITORIAL BOARD, DANIEL OKRENT, BYRON CALAME, MAREK FUCHS, and DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a Decision and Order in this action duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the within Court on July 6, 2006.

Dated:

New York, New York July 21, 2006

George Freeman

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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