

Subject: "Correcting the Record"

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RE: "Correcting the Record"

For your convenience, attached is my Letter to the Editor, as published in Roll Call this past Monday, May 10th, under THEIR appropriate title, "Correcting the Record" -- along with the original Roll Call story (front page, April 21st).  5-10-04-RollCall-ltr.doc (35KB)  rollcall-4-21-04.pdf (52KB)

While I appreciate your invitation to me to write a Letter to the Editor for publication by the New York Law Journal, such does not substitute for a "Retraction & Apology" -- which is what the Law Journal should do in making amends for its knowingly false and defamatory April 12th "News in Brief" item, "Sassower Faces Charges of Disrupting Congress" -- whose authorship (unlike the four other "News in Brief" items that day) -- was conspicuously attributed to NO individual person. As discussed, the item's assertion -- referring to me -- "she contends she simply wanted to speak her mind..." -- is not just maligning, but utterly contrived and without the slightest basis in fact. This was known to the anonymous author of the item -- as the item was derived from Tom Schoenberg's April 12th Legal Times article, "The Trial of a Judicial Gadfly", which was explicit as to my "contention:

"According to Sassower, she read from a prepared statement: 'Mr. Chairman, there's citizen opposition to Judge Wesley based on his documented corruption as a New York Court of Appeals judge. May I testify?'"

At very least, as a matter of fundamental fairness, the Law Journal should issue a "Correction" -- much as it issued a "Correction" on May 7th with respect to errors it had made in a "News in Brief" item, as well as in an article.

Please reflect on the foregoing. Meantime, I will draft a Letter to the Editor -- which I hope to send you by Monday, May 17th, at the latest.

Thank you.