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To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Subject: Re: Thank you for your invitation... Bringing Accountability to the U.S. Supreme Court -- Starting with Reporters & Scholars

Thanks for your note. I'm crashing right now and will surely not have the time in the next week to go over the lengthy material you sent me. I will get in touch when I do with any questions.

Best wishes,
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On 12/12/07, **Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)** <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Wittes,

Thank you for your response, which I greatly appreciate. I am happy to clarify and to begin a constructive dialog on this vital subject.

As stated by my covermemo, you were a panelist at Syracuse Institute's September 18th symposium " *Supreme Makeover: Inventing a New Model of Judicial Openness on the High Court?*", along with Dahlia Lithwick and Tony Mauro.

What kind of meaningful new "openness" can there be when the Supreme Court press corps and other journalists do NOT investigate and report on lawlessness, etc. by the Court's Clerk's Office, covered up by the Court's Legal Office, sabotaging a cert petition in a politically-explosive "disruption of Congress" case? That is what was presented by CJA's November 19th press release "*How Does the U.S. Supreme Court Handle Misconduct Complaints against its Staff?*"

If – what you are saying – is that the Supreme Court's press corps is bombarded with press releases and that a press release is only one component of a process of contact, fair enough, but then how do you explain what Dahlia Lithwick and Tony Mauro did – as recounted by my letter to Professor Obbie, transmitted by my memo to you?

And the results? As recounted at pages 9-10 of my letter, each made representations at the symposium about disqualification by the Justices (& lower federal judges) and 28 USC 455, which were superficial and materially false and misleading. As stated,

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