

Elena Ruth Sassower

From: Dahlia Lithwick [Dahlia.Lithwick@slate.com]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 2:20 PM
To: Elena Ruth Sassower
Subject: RE: Thank you, but --

Elena

I feel that this has been a point of contention for us in the past as well: you want me to explain a negative -- why something is not a story I can do. That's much harder than stating it in the affirmative. I just don't think I can do justice to a story about a motion referencing another pleading that references a case. I know that in your view it's all of a piece but it's an extremely attenuated connection to what I write about.

Hope that clarifies somewhat.

Dahlia

From: Elena Ruth Sassower [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 11:10 AM
To: Dahlia Lithwick
Subject: Thank you, but --

Dear Dahlia,

I appreciate the courtesy of your response.

However, in order for me to "respect your judgment" -- which you've expressly asked me to do and which I would like to do -- I need to know why you "don't see the story for [you] here." Are you able to give a reason, based upon what you read?

Thanks.

Elena

From: Dahlia Lithwick [mailto:Dahlia.Lithwick@slate.com]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 10:55 AM
To: Elena Ruth Sassower
Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE "How Does the U.S. Supreme Court Handle Misconduct Complaints against its Staff?"

Elena

I've read this over and don't see the story for me here. I understand that you disagree with me on this, but I am asking that you respect my judgment about my job just as I have always respected yours. Thanks for your patience with my travel schedule late last week.

Best

Dahlia

From: Elena Ruth Sassower [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 10:20 AM
To: Dahlia Lithwick; tmauro@alm.com
Cc: tschoenberg@alm.com; mmcquillen@alm.com
Subject: PRESS RELEASE "How Does the U.S. Supreme Court Handle Misconduct Complaints against its Staff?"

Dear Dahlia & Tony,

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