

Elena Ruth Sassower

From: Elena Ruth Sassower [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,

Attached is the finalized press release, which will be shortly posted under "Latest News" on CJAs' website, www.judgewatch.org and sent to Supreme Court "beat" reporters and other journalists who write about the Court.

Please let me hear from you, as soon as possible, as to whether you will be reporting on this story.

TONY, I am most disappointed to have received no return calls or e-mails from you about this story. I left a voice message for you at about 1:30 p.m. on Friday, as likewise for Tom -- now *Legal Times*' Executive Editor, without response from either of you. This is particularly surprising as the *Legal Times* regarded me and the "disruption of Congress" case as sufficiently newsworthy in 2004 that it ran FIVE pieces

- a front-page feature article, published on the eve-of-trial (4/12/04);
- an item during the trial (4/19/04);
- an item upon my conviction (4/26/04);
- an article upon my incarceration (7/5/04).

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