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**From:** Ed Whelan [ewhelan@eppc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:36 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE on Political Posturing on the Caitlin Halligan Nomination to the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit

Dear Ms. Sassower:

I've now spent more time than I would have liked trying to wade through your bewildering series of complaints about the process, and I have no clear understanding what your substantive complaint about Halligan is. If you would send me a concise statement directed to that matter, I will read it.

Ed Whelan

**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:18 PM  
**To:** Ed Whelan  
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**Subject:** UPDATE on Political Posturing on the Caitlin Halligan Nomination to the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit

**TO: Ed Whelan, President/Ethics & Public Policy Center**

It was unclear to me from our approximately 10-second phone conversation, in which you stated that you were "not going to carry on a discussion by telephone" and then hung up, whether you had read my three prior e-mails. Below is the most recent: my March 23<sup>rd</sup> e-mail, which, to ensure your receipt, I had sent to your e-mail address at the Ethics & Public Policy Center, rather than through the generic "benchmemos@nationalreview.com".

CJA's webpage on our citizen opposition to the Halligan nomination has been updated to reflect new developments, including my yesterday's letter to Nan Aron of the Alliance for Justice -- & I had wanted to draw these to you attention, as well as to share with you important information that is not posted.

Please call me when you wish to discuss the status of Ms. Halligan's Senate confirmation, about which you showed such interest in your ten "benchmark posts" since January 31<sup>st</sup>.

As I do not have any direct contact information for Gary Marx and Carrie Severino -- your fellow "benchmark" writers on the Halligan nomination -- and have received no response to them to my three prior e-mails, I would appreciate if you would forward them this fourth e-mail, with my similar invitation that they call me when they wish further info on the status of her confirmation.

In the meantime, I will see if I will have more success in reaching Adam Shah of Media Matters.

Finally, I have a great deal of information to share with you on the Supreme Court ethics and recusal issues -- about which you are now authoring many "benchmark posts". This will be apparent to you upon your exploring CJA's website -- [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org) -- *inter alia*, its left sidebar panel "Judicial Discipline-Federal" -- or the top panel "Latest News", which opens to a menu page with a section linking to our 2008 Critique of the Breyer Committee Report.

I do hope to hear from you in the not too distant future...

Thank you.

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