

Subject: RE: Background to Times Union Coverage -- & its February 15, 2007 article falsely reporting on Senate Confirmation of Chief Judge Kaye

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From: "Jochnowitz, Jay" <JJochnowitz@TimesUnion.com>

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Dear Ms. Sassower,

As I've said repeatedly, we do not have time to deal with conjecture, unfounded conspiracy theories, and the like, and we will waste no further valuable time on this. Please do not send the draft opposition statement. It will not be read.

Once again: if you can state in 25 words or less a specific allegation (such as a violation of penal or public officers law) and the nature of the hard evidence to prove it, I will consider exploring it further. This must be in the body of an e-mail (no attachments) or letter (again, no attachments). I will not take your calls since, as I have communicated several times, you have been unable in past conversations to satisfy this simple, essential condition, and nothing you have ever shown me could possibly be characterized as "dispositive" or "fully documented" by journalistic standards.

I cannot speak for reporters working under other editors, but in the future, I must insist that you communicate directly with me and cease doing an end run around me by going to the reporters I supervise, who include Jim Odato, Elizabeth Benjamin, and Rick Karlin. They have enough on their plate, and you are consuming their time sending them more e-mails to delete.

Thank you.

Jay Jochnowitz
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From: Ctr for Judicial Accountability [mailto:judgewatchers@aol.com]

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To: Spain, Mike; Jochnowitz, Jay; Odato, Jim

Cc: Benjamin, Elizabeth; Bolton, Michele; Karlin, Rick

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Attached is my follow-up to yesterday's letter, particularizing my February 12th telephone conversations with Messrs. Odato, Jochnowitz, and Spain. The Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Chief Judge Kaye's confirmation has now been scheduled for March 6, 2007, at 10 a.m., Room 124 of the Capitol. I look forward to developing appropriate coverage of CJA's opposition -- and likewise of the opposition of other citizens -- with Michele Morgan Bolton, or whoever else at the Times Union is responsible for reporting on the confirmation. Please advise, ASAP, so that no valuable time is wasted. I am ready to send you CJA's draft opposition statement so that you can more easily understand the dispositive nature of our fully-documented opposition.

Thank you.

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