

**U.S. District Court
Southern District of New York (White Plains)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 7:25-cv-08370-KMK**

Center For Judicial Accountability, Inc. et al v. Legislative
Correspondents Association, Inc. et al
Assigned to: Judge Kenneth M. Karas
Cause: 28:1331 Fed. Question

Date Filed: 10/08/2025
Jury Demand: Plaintiff
Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

Plaintiff

Center For Judicial Accountability, Inc.
*acting on its own behalf and on behalf of
the People of the State of New York & the
Public Interest*

represented by **Center For Judicial Accountability, Inc.**
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Plaintiff

Elena Ruth Sassower
Individually

represented by **Elena Ruth Sassower**
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Plaintiff

Elena Ruth Sassower
*as director of the Center for Judicial
Accountability, Inc*

represented by **Elena Ruth Sassower**
(See above for address)
PRO SE

V.

Defendant

**Legislative Correspondents
Association, Inc.**

Defendant

Albany Times Union

Defendant

The New York Times

Defendant

New York Post

Defendant

Daily News

Defendant

New York Law Journal

Defendant

Wall Street Journal

Defendant

The Associated Press

Defendant

Bloomberg News

Defendant

Newsday

Defendant

Buffalo News

Defendant

Politico

Defendant

New York Focus

Defendant

WNYC & its GOTHAMIST

Defendant

WHMT

Defendant

WNET

Defendant

CITY & STATE

Defendant

THE CITY

Defendant

Spectrum News

Defendant

Craig Newmark Graduate School of
Journalism of the City University of
New York

Defendant

NBC – NY CHANNEL 4 NEWS

Defendant

PIX – NY CHANNEL 11 NEWS

Defendant

ProPUBLICA

Defendant

CBS – NY CHANNEL 2 NEWS & CBS
NEWS

Defendant

The Free Press
being representative of other New York &

national media

Defendant

WINS NY Radio 1010
(Audacy, Inc.)

Defendant

SCHNEPS Media, LLC.

Defendant

Crain's New York Business
(Crain Communications, Inc.)

Defendant

Newsweek
(Newsweek Publishing, LLC.)

Defendant

Reuters
(Thomson Reuters Corporation)

Defendant

CNN
(Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.)

Defendant

FOX NEWS
(News Corp)

Defendant

NEWSMAX
(Newsmax, Inc.)

Defendant

WCNY
(Public Broadcasting Council of Central New York, Inc.)

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/08/2025	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Albany Times Union, Bloomberg News, Buffalo News, CBS – NY CHANNEL 2 NEWS & CBS NEWS, CITY & STATE, Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism of the City University of New York, Daily News, Legislative Correspondents Association, Inc., NBC – NY CHANNEL 4 NEWS, New York Focus, New York Law Journal, New York Post, Newsday, PIX – NY CHANNEL 11 NEWS, Politico, ProPUBLICA, Spectrum News, THE CITY, The Associated Press, The Free Press, The New York Times, WHMT, WNET, WNYC & its GOTHAMIST, Wall Street Journal. Document filed by Elena Ruth Sassower(Individually), Center For Judicial Accountability, Inc., Elena Ruth Sassower(as director of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc). (vfr) (Entered: 10/15/2025)
10/08/2025		Case Designated ECF. (vfr) (Entered: 10/15/2025)
10/08/2025	<u>2</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed. (vfr) (Entered: 10/15/2025)
10/08/2025	<u>3</u>	PRO SE CONSENT TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC SERVICE. The following party: Elena R. Sassower consents to receive electronic service via the ECF system. Document filed by Elena Ruth Sassower.(vfr) (Entered: 10/15/2025)

10/15/2025	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER IN RE CASES FILED BY PRO SE PLAINTIFFS (See 24-MISC-127 Standing Order filed March 18, 2024). To ensure that all cases heard in the Southern District of New York are handled promptly and efficiently, all parties must keep the court apprised of any new contact information. It is a party's obligation to provide an address for service; service of court orders cannot be accomplished if a party does not update the court when a change of address occurs. Accordingly, all self-represented litigants are hereby ORDERED to inform the court of each change in their address or electronic contact information. Parties may <u>consent to electronic service</u> to receive notifications of court filings by email, rather than relying on regular mail delivery. Parties may also ask the court for <u>permission to file documents electronically</u> . Forms, including instructions for consenting to electronic service and requesting permission to file documents electronically, may be found by clicking on the hyperlinks in this order, or by accessing the forms on the courts website, nysd.uscourts.gov/forms. The procedures that follow apply only to cases filed by pro se plaintiffs. If the court receives notice from the United States Postal Service that an order has been returned to the court, or otherwise receives information that the address of record for a self-represented plaintiff is no longer valid, the court may issue an Order to Show Cause why the case should not be dismissed without prejudice for failure to comply with this order. Such order will be sent to the plaintiffs last known address and will also be viewable on the court's electronic docket. A notice directing the parties' attention to this order shall be docketed (and mailed to any self-represented party that has appeared and has not consented to electronic service) upon the opening of each case or miscellaneous matter that is classified as pro se in the court's records. (Signed by Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain on 3/18/2024) (vfr) (Entered: 10/15/2025)
10/15/2025		CASE MANAGEMENT NOTE: For each electronic filing made in a case involving a self-represented party who has not consented to electronic service, the filing party must serve the document on such self-represented party in a manner permitted by Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b)(2) (other than through the ECF system) and file proof of service for each document so served. Please see <u>Rule 9.2</u> of the courts ECF Rules & Instructions for further information. (vfr) (Entered: 10/15/2025)
10/16/2025		NOTICE OF CASE REASSIGNMENT – SUA SPONTE to Judge Laura Taylor Swain. Judge Unassigned is no longer assigned to the case..(kgo) (Entered: 10/16/2025)
10/22/2025	<u>5</u>	ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF FEE OR IFP APPLICATION: Plaintiff is directed to render payment of the filing fee or submit an IFP application to this Court's <i>Pro Se</i> Office within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. The Clerk of Court is directed to assign this matter to my docket. The Court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that any appeal from this Order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore <i>in forma pauperis</i> status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. See <u>Coppedge v. United States</u> , 369 U.S. 438, 444–45 (1962). Filing Fee due by 11/21/2025. In Forma Pauperis (IFP) Application due by 11/21/2025. (Signed by Judge Laura Taylor Swain on 10/22/2025) (nb) (Entered: 10/22/2025)
10/30/2025	<u>6</u>	VERIFIED AMENDED COMPLAINT amending <u>1</u> Complaint,, against Albany Times Union, Bloomberg News, Buffalo News, CBS – NY CHANNEL 2 NEWS & CBS NEWS, CITY & STATE, Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism of the City University of New York, Daily News, Legislative Correspondents Association, Inc., NBC – NY CHANNEL 4 NEWS, New York Focus, New York Law Journal, New York Post, Newsday, PIX – NY CHANNEL 11 NEWS, Politico, ProPUBLICA, Spectrum News, THE CITY, The Associated Press, The Free Press, The New York Times, WHMT, WNET, WNYC & its GOTHAMIST, Wall Street Journal, WINS NY Radio 1010, SCHNEPS Media, LLC., Crain's New York Business, Newsweek, Reuters, CNN, FOX NEWS, NEWSMAX, WCNY with JURY DEMAND. Document filed by Elena Ruth Sassower(Individually), Center For Judicial Accountability, Inc., Elena Ruth Sassower(as director of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc). Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint. (ar) (Entered: 10/30/2025)
10/30/2025	<u>7</u>	ADDENDUM TO CIVIL COVER SHEET. Document filed by Center For Judicial Accountability, Inc., Elena Ruth Sassower(Individually), Elena Ruth Sassower(as director of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc). (ar) (Entered: 10/30/2025)

11/04/2025		Pro Se Payment of Fee Processed: credit card processed in the amount of \$405.00 by the Finance Department on 11/04/2025, Receipt Number 1043 (lal) (Entered: 11/10/2025)
11/10/2025		NOTICE OF CASE REASSIGNMENT to Judge Kenneth M. Karas. Judge Laura Taylor Swain is no longer assigned to the case..(kgo) (Entered: 11/10/2025)
11/10/2025		Magistrate Judge Victoria Reznik is designated to handle matters that may be referred in this case. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1) parties are notified that they may consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Parties who wish to consent may access the necessary form at the following link: https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf . (kgo) (Entered: 11/10/2025)
11/13/2025	§	ORDER : It is hereby: ORDERED that Plaintiffs show cause, by no later than December 15, 2025, as to why their claims should not be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. See Spira v. Trans Union, LLC, 21-CV-2367, 2022 WL 2189469 (S.D.N.Y. July 19, 2022) (dismissing a complaint sua sponte for lack of subject matter jurisdiction). SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Kenneth M. Karas on 11/13/25) (yv) (Entered: 11/17/2025)