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Subject: **Federal Lawsuit Suing the Albany Times Union for Corruption-Abetting, Election-Rigging, Journalistic Fraud -- & specifically pertaining to the 2025 NYC & D.A. elections**

Attachments: [cja-complaint-oct-8-2025-corrected.pdf](#)

TO: **ALBANY TIMES UNION**

George Randolph Hearst, III, President & Publisher/Editorial Board
Casey Seiler, Vice President & Editor/Editorial Board

I received no response from you – or from anyone else -- to my below July 31, 2025 e-mail pertaining to Dan Clark’s article "*Mamdani missed a third of session in 2025...*". Nor did I receive any response from Mr. Clark or anyone else to my [September 28th email](#) to LCA reporters entitled “FOR REPORTING: CJA's Testimony/Complaint at COELIG's Sept 25th Hearing vs COELIG &, of Immediate & Election-Decisive Priority, vs NYS Assemblyman Mamdani & NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal”, also pertaining to Mr. Clark’s *knowingly* deceptive and false reporting.

If you have any defense for your journalism, you can set it forth – in a court of law – as I have commenced a federal lawsuit, suing you as the second defendant, after LCA, for corruption-abetting, election-rigging, journalistic fraud, etc., as established by comparing your journalism with my [decades of interaction with you](#).

The [October 8th verified complaint](#) in the lawsuit, *CJA, et al. v. LCA, et al.* (25-CV-8370 – SDNY), is, additionally, above-attached.

Pursuant to [Rule 4\(d\) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure](#), you have “a duty to avoid unnecessary expenses of serving the summons” and I, as plaintiff, may request that you “waive service of [the] summons”, which I am required to do by mail, enclosing a copy of the complaint, two copies of the waiver form and a stamped return envelope.

As a benefit of your timely return of the waiver, you get 60 days from the date of my mailed request within which to answer the complaint, rather than 21 days from the date of physical/personal service – and your waiving service of the summons does not waive any objection to personal jurisdiction or to venue. If, “without good cause”, you fail to sign and return the waiver, “the court must impose” upon you “the expenses later incurred in making service” and “the reasonable expenses, including attorney’s fees, of any motion required to collect expenses”. “‘Good cause’ does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over [you]”.

According to [your website](#), the Times Union's main office is 645 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie, New York 12211-1158. [As George Hearst III](#) is not only president/CEO and publisher of the Times Union, but, according to [wikipedia](#), a director of the Hearst Corporation, I will mail the written request for waiver to his attention, in both capacities.

If necessary – and I ask that you advise – I will have the [Hearst Corporation/Communications](#) personally served at its headquarters at 300 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019.

Lastly, please furnish me with the name of your legal counsel, his/her e-mail address, and phone number – and, if different, the name, e-mail address, and phone number of legal counsel of Hearst Corporation/Hearst Communications.

Thank you.

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Subject: Your today's article: "Mamdani missed a third of session in 2025...": Will you also be reporting on Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman? And what about the corruption of NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal, running to be Manhattan borough president?

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A propos of your today's article "["Mamdani missed a third of session in 2025..."](#)" by Dan Clark, will you be reporting on Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the state budget and his pocketing of pay raises for himself that he knew to be fraudulent? The EVIDENCE is furnished by my [March 14th e-mail to Mamdani](#) entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY", which opened as follows.

"Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your on-the-job performance as a state assemblyman, why do you believe yourself fit to be mayor of New York City – or for any office of public trust?"

Mamdani did not respond – and I sent the March 14th e-mail to him a second time, with a supplement, by a [March 17th email](#), and then a third time, when I cc'd him on my [March 18th e-mail](#) to the roster of reporters of the Legislative Correspondents Association (LCA), and then a fourth time, when I cc'd him on my [March 20th e-mail](#) to The New York Times, New York Post, Daily News, New York Law Journal, Wall Street Journal, and Associated Press. Thereafter, I sent the LCA reporters two additional e-mails, on [April 7th](#) and [April 18th](#), as to what was unfolding pertaining to the FY2025-26 state budget.

Will you be getting Mamdani's response to the March 14th "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY" e-mail? Isn't it obvious that it – and his votes, seven weeks later, approving the FY2025-26 budget bills – establish that he cannot be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted for larceny and corruption – and that he will be convicted. Why don't you confirm that fact with Albany County District Attorney Lee Kindlon, who has been "sitting on" my [February 23, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) against Mamdani, *et al.*, embodied by my [July 18, 2024 NOTICE](#), which I furnished Kindlon, repeatedly, when he was running to be Albany's D.A. – the subject of my [December 26, 2024 letter to him](#) and further embraced by my [March 3, 2025 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) and its expansion by my [March 27, 2025 letter](#).

Also, will you be reporting on the corruption of NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president? The EVIDENCE of his corruption as a NYS senator, also mandating his indictment and assuring his conviction, is furnished by my [March 16th e-mail](#) to him, likewise entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY..." – part of my [March 18th](#) and [March 20th e-mails](#) to which both Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal were cc'd.

Finally, if it is not your intention to investigate and report on the EVIDENCE of the corruption of NYS legislators Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal – and the nonfeasance of Albany D.A. Kindlon and NY's 61 other D.A.s with respect thereto, including the D.A.s running for re-election this year – please advise why, consistent with the Times Union's guide to how it covers "[elections and politics](#)" and its "[standards and practices](#)" whose first sentence states that "the newsroom will aggressively seek out the news and unapologetically relay it to the public...".

I am available to answer questions.

Thank you.

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