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Subject: **Federal Lawsuit Suing WNET/Channel Thirteen 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: [WNET/CHANNEL THIRTEEN](#)
Neal Shapiro, [WNET President & Chief Executive Officer](#)
Robert Feinberg, [WNET Vice President & Chief Legal Officer](#)
Diane Masciale, [WNET Station Group Vice-President & General Manager](#)
Antonia Carew-Watts, [WLIW21 General Counsel](#)

I received no response from you to my below September 22nd e-mail entitled “NOTICE TO LEGAL COUNSEL OF NY PBS STATIONS: Your NYC election journalism, RIGGING Mamdani's electoral win -- & other top races in NYC & NYS”.

In the absence of your response – replicating the same with respect to my [prior e-mails to you](#) – I have filed a federal lawsuit suing WNET/Channel THIRTEEN and other NY press for corruption-abetting, election-rigging, journalistic fraud, specifically in connection with the 2025 NYC and D.A. elections. Above-attached and here-linked is the [October 8th verified complaint](#).

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]”.

I will mail my written request for waiver of service of the summons to the address indicated on your website, 825 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10019 – or, quite likely, dispense with same and effect personal service. Until then, please furnish me with WNET Chief Legal Officer Feinberg’s e-mail address and phone number, as requested by my September 22nd e-mail, and the same for WLIW22 General Counsel Carew-Watts.

Suffice to add that within the Long Island purview of WNET’s WLIW22 are elections in Nassau and Suffolk counties – and that their 2025 ballots include corrupt incumbents and candidates. Among these

incumbents are [Nassau County D.A. Anne Donnelly, running a contested race for re-election](#) and [Suffolk County D.A. Ray Tierney, running for re-election unopposed](#). When were you planning to report – or ensure reporting by other PBS stations whose programming you carry, such as WMHT’s New York NOW – of the [July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) that these two D.A.s and NY’s 60 other D.A.s have been “sitting on” and whose electoral significance I alerted you to last year by my [August 21, 2024 e-mail](#) entitled “INFORMING THE VOTERS: Westchester County’s D.A. & state legislative races -- & your ‘PRESERVING DEMOCRACY’ Initiative”, without response from you.

Finally, please forward this e-mail to each and every member of WNET’s [Board of Trustees](#) and [Community Advisory Board](#), consistent with the request made by my below July 28th e-mail, without response from you.

Thank you.

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Subject: NOTICE TO LEGAL COUNSEL OF NY PBS STATIONS: Your NYC election journalism, RIGGING Mamdani's electoral win -- & other top races in NYC & NYS

**TO: NEW YORK PBS STATIONS – WNET (Channel 13)/WLIW; WMHT; WCNY
&, especially
Neal Shapiro, [WNET President & Chief Executive Officer](#)
Robert Feinberg, [WNET Vice President & Chief Legal Officer](#)**

I have received no response to my below July 28th e-mail whose title asked “Will you be reporting on Mamdani’s corruption as a NYS assemblyman -- &, likewise, the corruption of NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal & other Democratic NYC primary winners?”. Nor has there been any reporting of same.

Why is that? Is there anything about my July 28th e-mail, with its above-attached March 14th e-mail to Mamdani “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...”, that did not check out 100%?, other than that

re-election-seeking Brooklyn D.A. Gonzalez faced NO primary challenges for the Democratic and Working Families party lines on which he is running – and has NO opponent in the general election.

To further assist you in discharging your First Amendment responsibilities and journalistic duties, I am additionally attaching and here-linking two comparable summaries of the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE of Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, reflecting what you have had, but not reported – with knowledge that it is dispositive that Mamdani cannot be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted and will be convicted, with similar consequences for other candidates on the 2025 ballots for top NYC and NYS offices:

- [NEWS TIP/ALERT](#): “Mamdani Can’t Be Elected NYC Mayor, Because He Must Be Indicted & Will Be Convicted of Corruption, as a NYS Assemblyman” (Sept 4th);
- [“MOBILIZING NEW YORK’S JEWISH, PRO-ISRAEL & OTHER COMMUNITIES” announcement](#): “SPREAD THE WORD – Mamdani’s Win as NYC Mayor is being Rigged by the NYT & Other NY Press, Concealing his Corruption as a NYS Assemblyman – A Scandal He Cannot Survive” (August 24th).

Take your pick.

By the way, the 2025 Brooklyn D.A. “election”, which Brooklyn D.A. Gonzalez has already “won”, resembles a great many others in NYC and throughout NYS, thanks to the corruption of NYS governance, especially by the NYS Legislature, which does NOT operate at a constitutional level, remotely. In that connection, D.A. Gonzalez has been “sitting on” my [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against Brooklyn state legislators](#) – materially-identical to my [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against Queens state legislators](#) that Queens D.A. Katz has been “sitting on” – the SOLE attachment to my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani. On top of this, both D.A. Gonzalez and D.A. Katz, along with their 60 fellow D.A.s of NYS’ 60 other counties – re-election-seeking Manhattan D.A. Bragg, among them – have been “sitting on” my [July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint against ALL state legislators](#). D.A. Gonzalez, together with D.A. Bragg have also been “sitting on” my [March 3, 2025 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#), which, by my [March 27, 2025 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#), I expanded to include ALL state legislators. Needless to say, the most electorally-significant of the “ALL state legislators” is Mamdani and, for Manhattan voters, NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal, who has already “won” election as Manhattan borough president, on [Democratic and Working Families lines](#), as the opposition [Republican candidate](#) and so-called [Unity Party candidate](#) are sham.

If you are not going to report on this EVIDENCE – and the above grand jury/public corruption complaints are an excellent place to start, as the corruption of NYC’s five D.A.s brings down re-election-seeking incumbent NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, running on [Democratic and Working Families lines](#) – please identify the reason and furnish me with the e-mail address and phone number of WNET Vice President/Chief Legal Officer Feinberg, and, for WMHT and WCNY, the names and contact information of your legal counsel.

As always, I am available to answer your questions.

Thank you.

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Subject: NYC ELECTIONS: Will you be reporting on Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman -- &, likewise, the corruption of NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal & other Democratic NYC primary winners?

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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 [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for mayor as an Independent candidate, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#). By the way, are you aware that [Mamdani’s campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#)?

Also, will you be reporting on the corruption of other NYC Democratic primary winners, such as NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president. The EVIDENCE of his corruption as a NYS senator 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 report on the corruption of NYS legislators Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal – and of NYC Democratic primary winner-incumbents [NYC Public Advocate Jumanne Williams](#), [Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg](#), and [Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez](#) – notwithstanding the EVIDENCE is *prima facie*, open-and-shut, as to ALL FIVE – please identify the reason and forward this e-mail to all members of your boards of trustees and community advisory boards.

Please advise by noon, Thursday, July 31st – as TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

I am available to answer questions.

Thank you.

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