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Subject: **SIMPLE QUESTION: Do you agree that Israel & Prime Minister Netanyahu could successfully bring a federal action suing The NYT & Nicholas Kristof for "journalistic fraud" and "institutional reckless disregard for truth"?**

Attachments: [no18-1-oct29-2025-verified-amended-complaint-signed-by-zerman.pdf](#)

TO: [Rabbi Mark Goldfeder, ESQ./CEO & Director - National Jewish Advocacy Center](#)

A *propos* of your superb May 15th article "[Israel's Legal Strategy Against the New York Times Isn't Really About Defamation](#)", would you not agree that Israel and Prime Minister Netanyahu could successfully bring a federal lawsuit against The New York Times and Nicholas Kristoff for "journalistic fraud" and "institutional reckless disregard for truth" – causes of action proposed as viable under the First Amendment more than 20 years ago by law scholars in law review articles: "[Journalistic Malpractice: Suing Jayson Blair and the New York Times for Fraud and Negligence](#)" (2003) and "[Institutional Reckless Disregard for Truth in Public Defamation Actions against the Press](#)" (2005).

On January 14th and January 30th, by my below two e-mails, with the above-attached [October 29, 2025 verified amended complaint](#), I alerted you and [Aylana Meisel, Esq., executive director of the Israel Law & Liberty Forum](#) & [host of JNS's "Basic Law" podcasts](#) to CJA's federal lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against The New York Times and 33 other press defendants, pivotally focused on their *knowingly* false, corruption-abetting journalism, rigging Zohran Mamdani's 2025 electoral win as New York City mayor – seeking judicial recognition of the "journalistic fraud" and "institutional reckless disregard for truth" causes of action.

What was your assessment of the lawsuit? I received no response from you – or from Ms. Meisel, herein cc'd, so that she can answer the same simple question as I am asking you.

In the four months since my e-mails, the unprecedented course of the lawsuit has only reinforced its obvious explosive, far-reaching significance and the viability of the "journalistic fraud" and "institutional reckless disregard for truth" causes of action. Here's my [May 8th letter to the U.S. district court judge](#), summing up where matters stand – and here's [CJA's webpage for the lawsuit](#) from which you can access the electronic docket and my [extensive outreach to legal scholars, First Amendment lawyers, and academic institutions](#), none denying that "journalistic fraud" and "institutional reckless disregard for truth" are viable causes of action – and that CJA's lawsuit to establish same is open-and-shut. This includes Professors David Logan, Rodney Smolla, and David Rudenstine, who are among the unnamed "critics" of a "defamation" lawsuit to whom your May 15th article refers, whose names I found in May 14th news articles ([here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)).

As TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, please advise, without delay, so that I may be guided accordingly. I am available to speak with you directly – and to answer questions – and would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Thank you.

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Subject: AGAIN -- Mamdani's Electoral Win as NYC Mayor was Rigged by the NYT & Other Press -- and is the Subject of a Major Federal Lawsuit vs Them

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How disappointing to have received no response from either of you to my below January 14th e-mail. Has it been overlooked?

Please advise.

Thank you.

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Subject: Mamdani's Electoral Win as NYC Mayor was Rigged by the NYT & Other Press -- and is the Subject of a Major Federal Lawsuit vs Them

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Thank you both for the important work you are doing for Israel and the Jewish People, which I discovered only two days ago, upon stumbling upon the January 11th Basic Law podcast “[How can the law limit Mamdani’s policy agenda?](#)”, which I was privileged to listen to early this morning. What an intelligent, powerful discussion. Bless you, both.

I am a Jew, a Zionist, lived in Israel for four years, and worked for ten months [at the Israel Mission to the U.N. under then Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu](#), who I greatly respect. I am also director and co-founder of the nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens’ organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) and am writing to inform you that Mamdani’s electoral win as NYC mayor was rigged by [The New York Times](#) and other press, all concealing, *in toto*, a scandal he could not survive, *to wit*, his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, destroying constitutional, lawful NYS governance, involving the NYS budget, his *own* legislative salary, and NY’s oversight/“public protection” entities, causing vast, irreparable injury to the People of New York.

This is the subject of a major federal lawsuit against the [NYT](#) & 33 other press defendants that CJA and I have brought “*on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest*”. Above-attached and here-linked is the [October 29, 2025 verified amended complaint](#), signed by CJA’s attorney on January 5th and refiled. It furnishes all the particulars, with hyperlinks to the open-and-shut, *prima facie* evidence, including my [March 14, 2025 e-mail to Mamdani](#) entitled “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...”, then supplemented by my [March 17th e-mail to him](#), both of which I furnished to Mamdani again when I cc’d him on my [March 18th](#) and [March 20th](#) e-mails to the press. He responded to none of these. Nor did the press – and among my other e-mails to the [NYT](#) are my [July 11th e-mail](#), my [July 13th e-mail](#), my [August 9th e-mail](#), and my [September 18th e-mail](#).

Upon your reviewing the verified amended complaint and its mountain of evidence, I am confident you will readily agree that there is NO defense to it, factually or legally – and that the SOLE issue will be the magnitude of compensatory, presumed, and punitive damages, a jury determination that will reasonably be many billions of dollars. The district court’s unprecedented handling of the case – as reflected by my [December 19, 2025 affidavit demonstrating subject matter jurisdiction](#) – reinforces this.

I am eager to speak with you about the foregoing, to answer your questions, and to discuss mutually beneficial strategies. Call me, *no matter how early or late*.

Thank you.

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