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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: The Far-Reaching Evidentiary Significance of CJA's Public Interest Lawsuit vs <u>The New York Times</u> – including as a Case Study for Establishing News Councils

Enclosed is CJA's July 5<sup>th</sup> letter to Tom Rosenstiel, Director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism – to which you are indicated recipients for reasons evident from the letter.

Our public interest lawsuit against <u>The New York Times</u> and the *primary source* documents posted on our website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u>, are a goldmine for necessary scholarship and reporting on the role of the press in our democracy. <u>To the journalism professors hereinabove listed</u>, how may we assist your scholarship and the reporting of your journalism students who turn to you for suggestions and guidance as to important stories to develop and cover? Please advise.

Thank you.

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cc: Press & Public