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Solomon B. Watson, IV, Senior Vice President & Chief Legal Officer
The New York Times Company
229 West 43rd Street
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RE: Securing & Confirming Your Unconflicted, Appropriate
Supervisory Oversight & Arranging for Service of Process of
Sassower, et al. v. The New York Times Company, et al.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Once again, this is to request your supervisory oversight -- this time over Senior Counsel David E. McCraw and this time reinforced by the power of your new position as The New York Times Company's "Chief Legal Officer".

As you will recall, on January 12th, I wrote you a letter pertaining to service of the summons with notice in the above-entitled action, to which Mr. McCraw and Mr. Freeman were indicated recipients. In response, Mr. McCraw sent me a January 12th e-mail -- to which I replied by a January 13th letter to him, mailing you a copy certified mail/return receipt. It is the exchange between Mr. McCraw and myself relating to this January 13th letter that I enclose for your supervisory review, *to wit*, (1) his January 13th e-mail; (2) my January 16th letter; (3) his January 17th e-mail; and (4) my January 19th letter.

The final paragraph of my January 19th letter to Mr. McCraw -- the one preceding my "Thank you" -- stated that if I did not hear from him by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 20th, I would be turning to you, "once again for [your] supervisory oversight, as well as for purposes of arranging service -- first and foremost upon The New York Times Company of which [you are] 'an officer'".

I have not heard from Mr. McCraw since. Therefore, please advise as to whether you approve of Mr. McCraw's demonstrably bad-faith and dishonest conduct, as particularized by my January 19th letter. If not, answer the straightforward factual questions pertaining to service upon the corporation, pursuant to CPLR 311(a)(1), and pertaining to service upon the individual defendants, pursuant to CPLR 308(2), that Mr. McCraw has evaded since November 4th. It is my position -- whose legitimacy Mr. McCraw has not denied or disputed -- that "the legal department of any reputable corporation

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would answer...immediately" such factual questions as my November 4th, January 13th, and January 19th letters posed.

So that I may be guided accordingly, please respond by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 27th. This includes as to a date and time next week when it would be convenient for you to receive service of process for The New York Times Company and The New York Times, pursuant to CPLR 311(a)(1). Surely, the directors and officers, whose names are listed on The New York Times Company website, (www.nytimes.com) and who are each capable of accepting service for the corporation pursuant to CPLR 311(a)(1), would agree that there is no "officer" upon whom service for the corporation is more appropriately effected than its expressly designated "Chief Legal Officer".

Finally, I take this opportunity to state what should have been obvious to you, whether in your new capacity as "Chief Legal Officer" or your former capacity as "General Counsel". My December 30th and January 6th letters to you for supervisory oversight over Mr. Freeman required response from you - not from Mr. Freeman, purporting to act on your behalf. At minimum, his responding January 10th letter to me required a signature from you attesting to the accuracy of what he therein set forth as your views. Please, therefore, confirm that you authorized and endorsed Mr. Freeman's palpably bad-faith and disingenuous January 10th letter, to which he indicated you as a recipient.

Needless to say, if you cannot discharge your supervisory and other duties with requisite care and good faith because of your prior involvement in the issues summarized by my July 29, 2005 letter to Mr. Keller and/or because of your personal and professional relationships with Mr. Sulzberger or other named individual defendants, or because you yourself are one of the unidentified defendant "DOES", your obligation to New York Times Company shareholders - myself included - is to promptly secure independent and "appropriate review" of the July 29, 2005 letter and the substantiating documentary proof on which it is based.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary
and responsible journalism,



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