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Sent: Monday, December 22, 2025 6:19 PM
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Subject: **Re: For Your Blogging: Federal Lawsuit vs NYT & 33 Other Media Defendants for their Knowingly False Journalism, Rigging Mamdani's Electoral Win as NYC Mayor, Etc.**

Dear Elena,

Interesting. Question: Exactly what are you alleging that the New York Times and other media organizations did to “destroy constitutional, lawful NYS governance” and “rig Mamdani’s electoral win”? You have a rather large hurdle to overcome, which is the First Amendment, under which they have a protected right to say whatever they want, even if it is false, with very few exceptions. So I would be interested to know what exactly it is you are alleging they did that is outside First Amendment protection, and if the allegations relate to speech of some form, what is the exception to First Amendment protection that you are relying on? Without that, I’m afraid that your lawsuit is not going to get very far.

I hate the New York Times as much as anybody. Maybe more. But I don’t want a rule of law that will silence the New York Times now, only to find the same rule used to silence me the next time the Democrats come to power.

Best regards,
Francis Menton

On Dec 22, 2025, at 6:02 PM, elena@judgewatch.org wrote:

TO: [Francis Menton, Esq./Manhattan Contrarian](#)

This morning, [Rich Kozlovich](#) alerted me to your superlative October 23rd article “[The New York Times And The Approaching New York Mayoral Election](#)”, stated that you “often publish[] articles dealing with lawsuits and voter fraud, and media corruption”, and suggested that I contact you about the above-attached federal lawsuit, for your examination and blogging.

The lawsuit, brought “*on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest*”, sues The New York Times and 33 other media defendants for destroying constitutional, lawful NYS governance, focuses on their rigging Mamdani’s electoral win as NYC mayor, and seeks judicial recognition of causes of action for “journalistic fraud” and “institutional reckless disregard for truth”.

As you a retired [litigator from a prestigious law firm, with a Harvard Law School](#), you are in a position to judge the significance of the lawsuit. I believe it to be a summary

judgment case, as there is NO defense to it factually or legally – and that the SOLE issue is the magnitude of compensatory, presumed, and punitive damages, a jury determination that will reasonably be many billions of dollars. What is your opinion, counselor?

I am cc'ing Rich on this e-mail as I told him I would, stating that I had already tagged your terrific October 23rd article “for use in further support of summary judgment and for damages” – and noting:

“BTW, *a propos* of Mr. Menton’s hunt for the NYT’s coverage of the October 22nd mayoral debate – not on its October 23rd front page – here’s what paragraph 53 of [the October 29th verified amended complaint](#) has to say about the two mayoral debates:

‘53. As to the conduct of the two mayoral debates, on [October 16th](#) by Defendants NBC and POLITICO, and on [October 22nd](#) by Defendants SPECTRUM NEWS/NY-1, WNYC, and THE CITY, not a question was asked giving the slightest hint of corruption of New York state governance, of which the candidates were and are responsible, knowledgeable, participatory, and benefitting, for which Mamdani and Cuomo must be indicted and will be convicted – and, possibly, Sliwa, as well. Press reporting of the debates also concealed this, while reporting, unchallenged, Mamdani’s response to Cuomo, at the outset of the first debate: ‘What I don’t have in experience, I make up for in integrity’ – an iteration of his false narrative about himself as principled and sincere, propagated by the press throughout his mayoral candidacy, despite the rebutting proof of plaintiffs’ dispositive [March 14th](#), [March 17th](#), [March 18th](#), and [March 20th](#) e-mails.’ (underlining and hyperlinks in the original).”

Mr. Menton’s ending commentary on the NYT’s October 23rd front page is also completely consistent with what the verified complaint stated and demonstrated as to its rigging of Mamdani’s electoral win.

I see that Mr. Menton’s daughter, Jane, also commented on Mamdani, by a piece posted by the Daily Wire, which it agreed to allow him to repost to P & D on November 6th, entitled ‘[Jane Menton Comments On Zohran Mamdani](#)’.”

I look forward hearing from you – and to your taking the lead in reporting on the lawsuit and contributing to its success.

Thank you.

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