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**Subject: Re: Center for Judicial Accountability's Long-Standing & Unresponded-to Complaints, embodied by our Unresponded-to December 1st Letter to You**

**Date: 12/24/2003, 4:12 PM**

**From: Public <public@nytimes.com>**

**To: Elena Ruth Sassower <judgewatchers@aol.com>**

Dear Ms. Sassower,

Thank you for your message.

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner.

We have been swamped with correspondence since Daniel Okrent began his tenure, Dec. 1st.

Given the volume of reader comment; given the need to start with a clean slate; and given the difficulty of evaluating the paper's past deeds and alleged misdeeds, Daniel Okrent has decided as a matter of policy not to address issues that arose before his tenure began, except insofar as they relate to the paper's actions from December 1 forward. I am sure you will understand that, were we to do this any other fashion, we would disappear into an endless tunnel.

I do not mean to suggest in any way that I am not interested in your concerns about the paper.

If you see specific instances that concern you in the future please send me a message citing examples.

Sincerely,  
Arthur Bovino  
Office of the Public Editor