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RE: Castracan v. Colavita

Dear Mr. Tabak:

Following up our conversation this morning, I am enclosing a copy of Petitioners' Brief and Record on Appeal in the case of Castracan v. Colavita pending in Albany County. We are challenging a three-year judge-trading deal by cross-endorsements, as well as illegality, fraud, and other Election Law abuses committed by the Republican and Democratic Westchester County leadership.

This important case has received the most limited and slanted coverage in the local media. We believe this cover-up is due to the vested interests which are being protected--even when that means covering up blatantly improper, if not criminal, conduct.

The most recent illustration of the Gannett's protective attitude is its story about the $175 per person "fund-raiser" which, according to the counsel for the Westchester County Republican Committee, Guy Parisi, Esq., was intended to build a "legal defense fund" to fight our pro bono case. As you can see from the enclosed article written by Ed Tagliaferri, Mr. Colavita told Mr. Parisi that "the judges knew of the event". Nevertheless, the following day, Gannett accepted the Judges' disclaimer of such knowledge--editorializing that the Judges were being used as "unwilling shills" for the Republican Party.

It is understandable that judges--caught in questionable conduct--should seek to publicly distance themselves from the Party leadership. However, accepting the judges' version as true (which, certainly, Gannett had no right to do as matter of blind faith) leads to the alternative conclusion that the Republican Party leadership is so self-confident in its power that it feels free to use the judges for its own purposes--even without consulting them and obtaining their approval.

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No investigation of the Republican Party can be complete without an examination of the corrupting influence and control it has had on the judiciary in this County and in the Ninth Judicial District.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

P.S. Since the Ninth Judicial Committee does not sponsor $175-a-person "fund-raisers" and is a completely unfunded, pro bono citizens group, we would appreciate your photocopying the enclosed materials and returning them at your earliest convenience for future reuse.