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*Petitioner,*

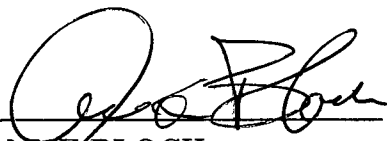
v.

WSBA, et al.,

*Respondents.*

On Petition For Writ Of Certiorari  
To The United States District Court Of Appeals For The Ninth Circuit

REPLY TO RESPONDENT KENYON DISEND AND CITY OF GOLD BAR'S  
OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI



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## INTRODUCTION

Respondents' assert to this Court that there is nothing unique or unusual about a news reporter being disbarred for reporting and publishing on public officials' corruption. They see nothing wrong with the bar association issuing a subpoena demanding Ms. Block to divulge confidential sources, turn over reporter files not related to a client, when RCW 5.68.010 ( Media Shield), the First Amendment, and the Washington Constitution prohibits such infringement of citizen's rights. They offer no explanation as to how their thinly disguised attempt at censor and punish a member of the press and free speech of lawyers has anything to do with the practice of law.

This case is unique because it involves for the first time in United States history when a news reporter, who happened to be a licensed attorney, is disbarred because of she writes about public officials corrupt acts in a publication. If allow to stand, years of case law are virtually overturned simply because Ms. Block was a lawyer who chose to investigate and report on corruption inside Washington State agencies. Every American's precious constitutional right to freedom of speech and freedom of the press suffers when government officials punish lawful First Amendment activity.

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