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## STANDING COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENTS' RULES GOVERNING THE SENATE PRESS GALLERY

1. Administration of the press galleries shall be vested in a Standing Committee of Correspondents elected by accredited members of the galleries. The Committee shall consist of five persons elected to serve for terms of two years. Provided, however, that at the election in January 1951, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for two years and the remaining two for one year. Thereafter, three members shall be elected in odd-numbered years and two in even-numbered years. Elections shall be held in January. The Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by special election to be called by the Standing Committee.
2. Persons desiring admission to the press galleries of Congress shall make application in accordance with Rule 6 of the House of Representatives, subject to the direction and control of the Speaker and Rule 33 of the Senate, which rules shall be interpreted and administered by the Standing Committee of Correspondents, subject to the review and an approval by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.
3. The Standing Committee of Correspondents shall limit membership in the press galleries to bone fide correspondents of repute in their profession, under such rules as the Standing Committee of Correspondents shall prescribe.
4. An applicant for press credentials through the Daily Press Galleries must establish to the satisfaction of the Standing Committee of Correspondents that he or she is a full-time, paid correspondent who requires on-site access to congressional members and staff. Correspondents must be employed by a news organization:
  - (a) with General Publication periodicals mailing privileges under U.S. Postal Service rules, and which publishes daily; or
  - (b) whose principal business is the daily dissemination of original news and opinion of interest to a broad segment of the public, and which has published continuously for 18 months.

The applicant must reside in the Washington, D.C. area, and must not be engaged in any lobbying or paid advocacy, advertising, publicity or promotion work for any individual, political party, corporation, organization, or agency of the U.S. government, or in prosecuting any claim before Congress or any federal government department, and will not do so while a member of the Daily Press Galleries.

Applicants' publications must be editorially independent of any institution, foundation or interest group that lobbies the federal government or that is not principally a general news organization.

Failure to provide information to the Standing Committee for this determination, or misrepresenting information, can result in the denial or revocation of credentials.

5. Members of the families of correspondents are not entitled to the privileges of the galleries.
6. The Standing Committee of Correspondents shall propose no changes in these rules except upon petition in writing signed by not less than 100 accredited members of the galleries.

## GUIDELINES for Application of Rules

Adopted January 14, 2005 and expanded on October 17, 2011

This revision of the credentialing rules for reporters in the Daily Press Galleries is a response to the changing nature of the news business. Our goal is to maintain long-established standards for professionalism while allowing for the inclusion of non-traditional media.

The committee has established the following guidelines for applying and interpreting this rule.

- a) Nothing in the new rule is intended to call into question the credentialing of current gallery members in good standing.
- b) The committee may grant temporary credentials to applicants who do not yet meet the rule's requirement for continuous publication. The temporary credentials shall be reevaluated periodically.
- c) The committee may issue special credentials to foreign correspondents employed by state-run or state-owned publications, and may request evidence to establish that the application is a fulltime journalist.
- d) The lobbying prohibition in the rule is not intended to preclude routine representations to Congress by news media companies in the normal course of their business, or to preclude press efforts to defend First Amendment rights, protect freedom of information or to weigh in on other matters related to reporters' ability to cover the news.
- e) Factors to be considered in determining the eligibility of a news organization for credentialing may include whether its principal revenue comes from readership support through subscriptions or advertising.
- f) Reporters credentialed through the Daily Press Galleries have an obligation to avoid conduct that could jeopardize essential access privileges for all journalists on Capitol Hill.
- g) News services applying for credentials must be in the principal business of providing news content to daily news publication.
- h) Independent news publications that are funded by foundations may be accredited if they fall within gallery rules. These publications must establish to the committee's satisfaction that they are editorially independent from the foundation. Publications operated by foundations that engage in lobby or issue advocacy do not qualify. Factors that may be taken into account include whether the publication's stories are regularly published in daily news outlets that qualify for gallery membership.

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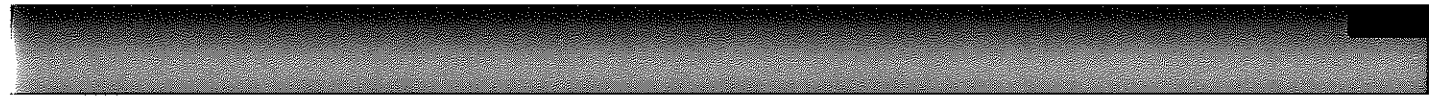
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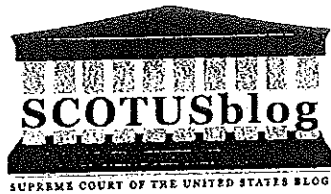
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The blog provides comprehensive coverage of all cases heard on the merits at the Supreme Court and all significant petitions for certiorari. However, to ensure that there are no actual or apparent conflicts of interest or factors that could diminish the blog's editorial independence, the following rules apply:

- No person shall have any role in reporting on any case in which he or his firm plays any role, including attorneys of the Firm.
- The blog staff will note Firm merits cases only when required to provide comprehensive coverage – for example, describing an order granting certiorari and furnishing basic details about the case – but will not otherwise comment, report, or pass judgment on the cases.
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- Because the blog covers every merits case, it will report on merits cases in which the Firm serves as an attorney to a party. But all reporting on those cases shall be done by a person who has complete independence from the publisher and the Firm – i.e., a person other than the blog staff, including Lyle Denniston and Amy Howe, and Firm staff.
- The policy of not noting new Supreme Court filings by the lawyers who work on the blog and the clinics with which they are affiliated is long-established and remains in effect.

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The *amici* bloggers share a common interest as distributors of information and opinion whose primary line of business is something other than such distribution. *Amici's* blogs are read throughout the country, including in Texas. The Supreme Court of Texas Blog is focused on Texas, and the others sometimes comment on events or cases in Texas. As a result, *amici* might in the future be sued in Texas courts, so their rights are cast in doubt by the Texas courts' varied approaches to determining who is considered a member of the electronic media. And beyond this, *amici* believe that their perspectives as publishers who are not primarily in the business of publishing can be helpful in analyzing the rights of other such publishers, including ones that operate primarily in Texas.

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Attention 3Ls. SCOTUSblog and Goldstein & Russell, P.C., are beginning the hiring process for two positions based in Washington, D.C., that will be open in late summer and early fall. More information on each position and how to apply is available below.

**Blog Manager:** We are hiring a new blog manager to begin work in August. The blog manager's job includes, but is not limited to:

- Coordinating online symposia and case coverage;
- Maintaining publication schedule and preparing posts for review and publication;
- Updating and maintaining case pages and homepage sidebar content;
- Coordinate with Bloomberg Law on event planning and technical needs;
- Drafting posts as needed and contributing to "live blogs";
- Contributing to broader blog strategy and the execution of new features; and
- Occasional special projects, drafting memos / presentations.

**Firm Manager:** We will also be hiring a second individual to serve as both the firm manager for Goldstein & Russell P.C. and the deputy manager of SCOTUSblog. The principal responsibilities for this position include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinating and proofing Supreme Court filings;
- Administrative work for the firm and in particular for Tom Goldstein, the firm's managing partner;
- Scheduling travel, which may entail making frequent last-minute changes and arrangements, sometimes during off hours;
- Miscellaneous personal work;
- Overseeing all web development for the blog, from strategy and planning, to execution by web development team;
- Assisting the blog manager with case coverage; and
- Overseeing occasional special projects, including the Supreme Court Prediction Challenge.

The qualifications for both positions include:

- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Excellent writing and editing skills.
- Strong interest in learning about the U.S. Supreme Court and its workings.
- Part-time students are not eligible for this position.
- Ability to improvise. We occasionally need all hands on deck both during and outside of normal business hours.

**To Apply:** A commitment of at least two years is required for both positions. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, transcript (either official or unofficial), and unedited writing sample (no more than five pages) to [kborkoski@scotusblog.com](mailto:kborkoski@scotusblog.com) and [mmallory@scotusblog.com](mailto:mmallory@scotusblog.com) by April 1. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. This position is in Washington, DC.

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Tom Goldstein is an appellate advocate, best known as one of the nation's most experienced Supreme Court practitioners. He has served as counsel to the petitioner or respondent in roughly 10% of all the Court's merits cases for the past fifteen years (approximately 100 in total), personally arguing 31.

In addition to practicing law, Tom has taught Supreme Court Litigation at Harvard Law School since 2004, and previously taught the same subject at Stanford Law School for nearly a decade. Tom is also the co-founder and publisher of SCOTUSblog – a web site devoted to comprehensive coverage of the Court – which is the only web log ever to receive the Peabody Award.

Tom has received a variety of recognitions for his practice before the Supreme Court and for his appellate advocacy generally. For example, in 2010, the National Law Journal named him one of the nation's 40 most influential lawyers of the decade. The same publication included him in both of its most recent lists (2006 and 2013) of the nation's 100 most influential attorneys. Legal Times named him one of the '50 Greatest

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Tom previously practiced at Albin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, where for a time he served as the principal co-chair of the firm-wide litigation practice. Early in his career he was an associate at both Boies Schiller & Jones Day Reavis & Pogue. He clerked for Judge Patricia Wald of the D.C. Circuit.

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Kali Borkoski *Manager*

Posted Thu, March 6th, 2014 2:23 pm

## SCOTUSblog internship

SCOTUSblog is now accepting applications from current law students interested in interning with us. Details about the position's qualifications and responsibilities, as well as how to apply, are below the jump.

The principal focus of the internship (which is a paid one) will be assisting Tom with the "Petition of the day" and "Petitions to watch" features on the blog and maintaining the case pages. This will require roughly ten to twenty hours of work a week on a flexible work schedule, which can be accomplished remotely. The position will begin in April, and the expected commitment would be through December 2014.

To qualify for the position, you must:

- Have a strong academic record
- Be currently enrolled in a J.D. or LL.M program (undergraduates are not eligible)
- Have a strong interest in learning about the U.S. Supreme Court and its workings
- Have some experience working with (or at least interest in) blog or website technology
- Have demonstrated excellent writing and editing skills
- Have excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.

To apply, please send us the following materials:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Contact information for two references
- A writing sample of no more than five double-spaced pages that has not been edited by anyone other than you
- An official or unofficial law school transcript.

Application materials should be sent to Kali Borkoski at [kborkoski@scotusblog.com](mailto:kborkoski@scotusblog.com) and Andrew Hamm ([ahamm@scotusblog.com](mailto:ahamm@scotusblog.com)). Materials must be received by March 12 for consideration.

# BLOOMBERG LAW AND SCOTUSBLOG ANNOUNCE EXCLUSIVE SPONSORSHIP

September 26, 2011

Press Release

Bloomberg Law to Sponsor Award-Winning Website That Provides Public Access to Supreme Court Coverage

NEW YORK — Bloomberg Law, the legal research system from the world leader in data and information services, and SCOTUSblog, the highly regarded online resource dedicated to comprehensive coverage of the United States Supreme Court, today announced that they have entered into an exclusive sponsorship agreement.

Bloomberg Law will support SCOTUSblog's mission to provide independent, complimentary and high-quality coverage of issues pertaining to the Court and allow the Site to expand the wide- ranging, unbiased content created by its respected staff and contributors.

"SCOTUSblog's comprehensive and impartial examination of the Supreme Court is an important public resource and Bloomberg Law is proud to support their ability to bring this content to the public, free of charge via the Web," said Lou Andreozzi, chairman of Bloomberg Law.

"Bloomberg Law's support will allow us to reach new readers and give existing readers new features and enhanced information. Most importantly, it will allow us to expand the resources we provide like the significant upgrade of the new SCOTUSblog platform launching today, without charge and with the same independence and high ethical standards for which we are known," said Tom Goldstein, SCOTUSblog founder and publisher.

Bloomberg Law and SCOTUSblog plan to collaborate on new features designed to help law students learn about the Supreme Court and will work together to develop symposia, webinars and other events for business and legal professionals. The content available on the SCOTUSblog website will also be made available on Bloomberg Law, and SCOTUSblog publisher Tom Goldstein will provide exclusive business analysis for Bloomberg Law.

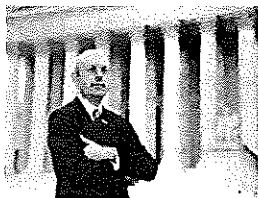
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About SCOTUSblog SCOTUSblog is devoted to comprehensively covering the U.S. Supreme Court. Established in 2002 by Tom Goldstein and Amy Howe (who remain as the blog's Publisher and Editor, respectively), the blog provides coverage of individual cases, a daily

## Legal blog seeks recognition from high court

AP 6:41 a.m. EST November 9, 2013

*Supreme Court justices read influential postings, but they has no official status as media.*



(Photo: Alex Brandon, AP)

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the most influential news outlets covering the Supreme Court sets up shop on big decision days not in the pressroom with other reporters, but in the court's cafeteria.

The justices themselves read the award-winning SCOTUSblog, but unlike other media it has no official status in the marble courthouse.

This curious situation is attributable almost entirely to the unusual, if not unique, circumstances that surround SCOTUSblog publisher Tom Goldstein. The 43-year-old lawyer has made a career out of challenging the established way of doing things, first among Supreme Court advocates and more recently in its pressroom.

Goldstein is in the position of both making and reporting the news.

He is not just the founder, owner and publisher of SCOTUSblog, named for the acronym for the Supreme Court of the United States. He also argues before the court, comments on and analyzes news on MSNBC and is quoted widely in media accounts.

SCOTUSblog has gone from a failed marketing ploy designed to attract more business to the law firm Goldstein started with his wife, Amy Howe, to an indispensable aid to Supreme Court reporters and lawyers. The blog's Twitter account has 144,000 followers.

The blog is so popular among Supreme Court watchers that it is now helping set the agenda for coverage of the institution.

SCOTUSblog tries to steer clear of conflicts by routinely acknowledging when Goldstein's firm is involved in cases the blog writes about. But the court itself is unsure how to deal with this hybrid that Goldstein created, a news outlet that is owned by one of the court's own practitioners.

He wears, in his own words, "so many hats" around the court that it is hard sometimes to distinguish one from another. The blog has been reporting extensively on the cases the court has heard this term. Out of the 18 cases heard so far, two were argued by Goldstein, including one last week, and another by law firm partner Kevin Russell, also a SCOTUSblog contributor.

Howe, a lawyer who has argued before the court, now is a reporter and editor for the blog. So far this term, she has watched some arguments from seats reserved for lawyers, then written about cases for the blog.

When the justices heard arguments over gay marriage in March, Goldstein listened to them in a room set aside for lawyers, then updated the blog's followers on Twitter.

Of all the media organizations with a presence at the high court, including The Associated Press, SCOTUSblog is the only one owned by a lawyer.

Goldstein said he wants SCOTUSblog to be treated like any other news organization. "We ought to be given the same benefits and be subject to the same restrictions as members of the press corps."

Yet he also acknowledged that his peculiar status means that he and the blog sometimes do not act the way other organizations would, including notifying the court when it inadvertently posts orders or opinions online before they are officially released.

"My thinking is, I have an ethical obligation as an officer of the court that supersedes any other ethical obligation," he said.

That caution is in contrast to Goldstein's penchant for taking risks on other fronts.

He forecast that Elena Kagan would replace John Paul Stevens well before Stevens announced his retirement. But he also incorrectly predicted the demise of the health care overhaul in 2012. "I would say the administration is probably not going to have the best June," Goldstein told Jon Stewart on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show".

Perhaps his biggest gamble was his effort to build a Supreme Court practice from scratch.



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Many lawyers who argue regularly at the Supreme Court attended an Ivy League law school, served as a justice's law clerk and worked in the Justice Department's Office of the Solicitor General. Goldstein had none of those advantages when he set out to build a law practice focused on the Supreme

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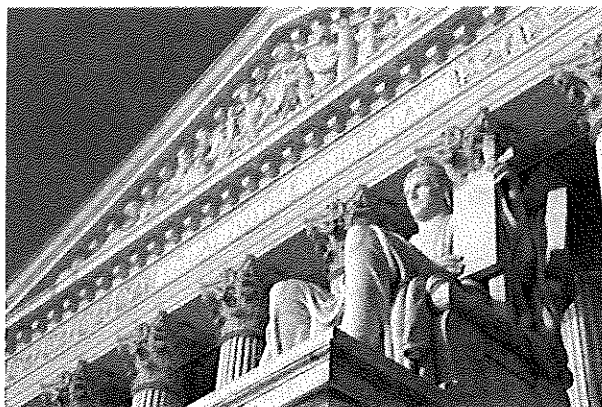
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## SCOTUSBlog seeks press credentials from the Supreme Court



"We put more effort into covering the Supreme Court than any other organization in American history, including even specialty legal publications like the American Lawyer."

This from Attorney Tom Goldstein, in a story reported by AP's legal affairs writer, Mark Sherman (@shermancourt).

Goldstein is a lawyer like few others. A true entrepreneur who set his sights at the highest levels.

Most lawyers who argue cases before the Supreme Court attended Ivy League schools and clerked for justices of the Court. Goldstein did neither.

He built a Supreme Court practice by systematically reviewing cases in which there was a split between circuit courts. Knowing the Supreme Court would be more likely to grant Cert. Goldstein hustled to get those cases, even if it meant being paid little or nothing.

It worked. Goldstein has argued 30 cases, just under 10% of the cases before the Court in the past 10 years. He has been named one of the most influential lawyers of the decade by the National Law Journal.

In October 2002, Goldstein and his wife, Amy Howe, started SCOTUSBlog to help them get work for the firm they were running out of their house. No other law blog has come close the impact SCOTUSBlog has had. It's become the news source of record on the Supreme Court for lawyers, for the press, for the public, and even the justices and their clerks.

Lyle Denniston, who has been covering the Supreme Court for 54 years, is the blog's lead reporter. Howe, Goldstein, and Kevin Russell, Goldstein's law partner, are among those who also cover the Court for SCOTUSBlog.

You can see the dilemma for the Court and Goldstein. Which hat are you wearing, the lawyer's, the reporter's, or the publisher's. Goldstein makes clear, as an officer of the court, he knows where to draw the line.

Goldstein, explained in a C-SPAN interview cited by Sherman, that the blog was a failed marketing attempt.

“Turns out it was a really stupid idea. People don't say, 'Get me the guy with the website.'"

I'm not certain SCOTUSBlog was a total failure as a marketing tactic. I wouldn't call it overt marketing anyway. Writing, publishing, and speaking has always been the finest form of professional and business development for a lawyer. Goldstein and Howe grabbed the bull by the horns and did it like no other lawyers.

The blog, along with Goldstein's legal skill, may have also caused Akin Gump to invite Goldstein to co-chair the firm's litigation and Supreme Court practices, a position he held until 2010.

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## SCOTUSblog will be shopping for a buyer next year, its founder confirms

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By Debra Cassens Weiss

The founder of SCOTUSblog told the Associated Press that he is planning to sell the blog next year.

How Appealing notes two versions of the AP story, one mentioning the planned sale and one without it. But SCOTUSblog founder Tom Goldstein tells the ABA Journal there's no mystery—just two different versions of the article.

Goldstein confirmed his intentions in an email. "I do plan to sell the blog next summer," he wrote. "But in the meantime we're very happily and gratefully sponsored by Bloomberg Law. We're completely devoted to them. So that process will wait. I'd be surprised if the new owners didn't want me to be involved, but that will of course be up to them. Nothing was deleted from the AP article; there are just two different versions of it."

Goldstein started the blog in hopes of drumming up business for his law firm. His Supreme Court practice is flourishing, thanks to his decision early on to look for cases likely to merit cert and to offer his services, often at very low pay. The blog is also a big success, though it wasn't a very good marketing ploy at its inception. Now, however, it is "an indispensable aid to Supreme Court reporters and lawyers," according to AP.

But the U.S. Supreme Court is unsure how to deal with the popular blog, the story says. Goldstein wants SCOTUSblog to be subject to the same benefits and restrictions as other members of the media, including access to a press pass for veteran reporter Lyle Denniston, and possibly for Howe as well.

Denniston also reports for WBUR, and he uses credentials obtained for his work with the Boston radio station for his SCOTUSblog reports. Goldstein and Howe both write for the blog, but they had to use seats reserved for lawyers to watch oral arguments. The Supreme Court is reviewing its credentialing process and won't act on pending applications until the process is complete.

Goldstein hopes that he can obtain press credentials to make SCOTUSblog more attractive to potential buyers, according to AP. His current expenses to run the blog, he says, are \$500,000 a year.

Goldstein wants to clarify that the quest for a press pass has little to do with the sale, though it will help some. "We need the pass for our ongoing reporting by Amy, and because we want to be treated like other media organizations," he tells the ABA Journal in a follow-up email.

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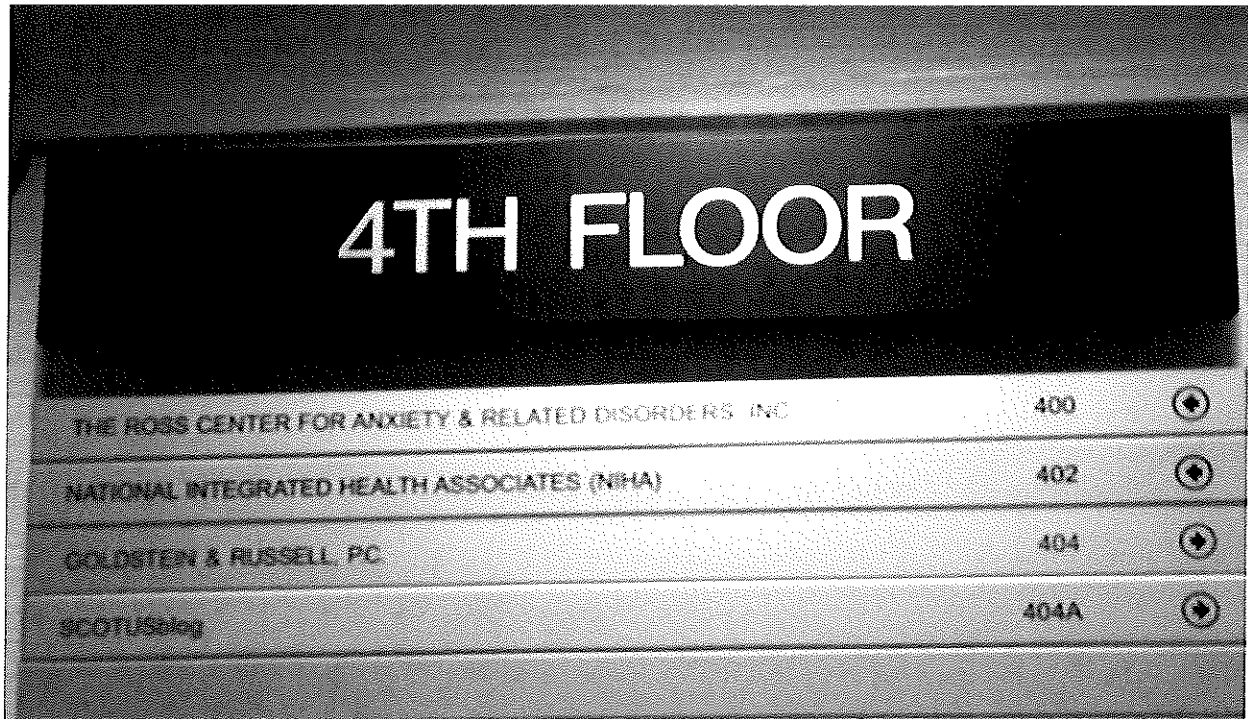
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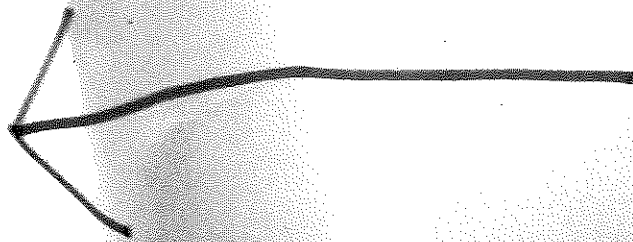


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The blog never seeks to influence the Court's decision making. We are aware that the blog is widely read within the Court, however. So we have adopted policies intended to avoid any appearance of impropriety. The decision whether to highlight any petition in a separate post is made exclusively by Lyle Denniston in his own discretion. As noted, we no longer highlight our own briefs, including our own cert. petitions. The Petitions to Watch feature now never comments on our own cases – separately listing them – to avoid any possibility that we would favor them, except in the rare case noted above in which we have undertaken a duty of confidentiality to the client.

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