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Our Supreme Court Under Siege

No bribery. No payoffs. No cover-up. The headline should be “We were wrong. We’re sorry.”

It’s time to set the record straight.

For a year and a half, the press has attacked the Colorado Supreme Court repeating mere allegations to try to find a scandal.

There were two allegations. One was that a leadership contract was granted to hush former employee Mindy Masias. The second was that there was a secret list of allegations of improper conduct by state court employees, including some judges.

The Court, transparent at every turn, publicly released the document that contained the allegations. It called for independent investigations with investigators to be picked by the legislative and executive branches. The Court promised to make the results of the investigations public, and it did so.

There were separate investigations into each allegation. The first investigation concluded that allegations of hush money were false. The second investigation concluded that virtually every one of the allegations on the “secret” list, which goes back 20 years, were “unsubstantiated,” “unfounded,” and “misleading.” As the investigator’s report noted: “many of the allegations leave out important context or misstate facts.”

The independent investigators found nothing criminal or unethical. – but suggested ways that the Judicial Branch can manage its nearly 4000 employees so the judiciary can better address and resolve employee issues.

The judicial process in Colorado is safe and fair.



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Sincerely,

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