A substantial number of federal judges have failed to live up to the ethical standards our system demands of them, and the Chief Justice appears unwilling to address the crisis of legitimacy that has been building for years. In the recent case of State ex rel. v. Black, a federal appeals court in Ohio upheld the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate claims of corruption against a former state court judge. This decision has raised questions about the independence of the judiciary, and the potential conflicts of interest that may arise when judges are involved in the investigation of other judges.

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan withdrew this week as counsel to Apollo Global Management Inc. founder Leon Black in a lawsuit claiming that an ex-model who has accused Black of rape conspired with him. The curious case of the Quinn Emanuel partner and the alleged conspiracy against Leon Black has generated significant interest, with some questioning whether the law firm was acting in the best interests of its client.

Republicans and voting rights groups want to prevent nearly half of North Carolina's Supreme Court justices from hearing a major redistricting case. NC Supreme Court justices asked to sit out redistricting case over perceived conflicts of interest. Billionaire investor Leon Black has dropped the Wigdor law firm as a defendant against civil racketeering claims in his lawsuit against a former model who accused him of rape, and dropped the law firm

KEY TAKEWAYS The Supreme Court's Constitutional bench held in KS Puttuswamy v. Union of India that the right to privacy is a part of the right to live with dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution. Right to privacy vs right to fair trial: an analysis in light of the Delhi High Court judgment.

An intense legal fight over the ethics investigation into state Rep. Rebecca Dow played out quietly in court last year, sealed from public view. Dow, a Republican candidate for governor, vigorously resists the prosecutors' claims of conflicts of interest.

Documents: Dow failed to obey court order in ethics case. The Greens' bill to amend the Commonwealth War Powers Act was, as expected, rejected by a Senate sub-committee chaired by Senator Eric Abetz. It aimed to restore democracy by requiring parliamentary oversight of the power to wage war.

Fayetteville police chief and Cumberland DA announced outside investigations. That's not unusual in officer-involved shootings, but it's not automatic. Officials seeking outside help after Jason Walker shooting to limit conflict of interest.

Your call, friend! It is likely that no one will get to attend Samoa Beach Academy. The career and technical education charter high school – designed by a group of local tradespeople and business owners – was recommended for denial of its charter by the superintendent of schools. The superintendent recommends denial of 'Samoa Beach Academy' proposal; points out conflict of interest with Danco.

The Media Development Investment Fund lays out tactics for investigative journalists to fight SLAPPs and other forms of legal harassment. Stopping the scourge of SLAPPs and legal harassment of journalists.

In this edition of GIJN Toolbox, we profile three new -- or newly expanded -- investigative reporting tools to dig into financial secrecy. Gijn toolbox: hunting for secret money and financial conflicts of interest.

Over the years, demographic and social shifts have weakened many street gangs and caused some to die out altogether. Florencia did the opposite, law enforcement officials say, absorbing smaller gangs and turning a once-ravaged South Los Angeles neighborhood into a center of the drug trade. Killing of LAPD officer brings scrutiny on one of L.A.'s oldest and largest gangs.

A government transparency advocate argued that the Missouri House of Representatives is defying the will of the voters by withholding information from the public. Does legislative rule violate state open records law? lawsuit targets house edict.

Good evening and welcome to Tucker Carlson Tonight. When permanent Washington pushes for war with Russia, who benefits? We don't ask that question enough. The United States certainly doesn't benefit.