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SELDEN RING AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING 2008

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FOR THE MOST DISTINGUISHED EXAMPLE OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Nominee's Name

Address

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Telephone Number/Fax Number

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THE SELDEN RING AWARD OF \$35,000 IS AWARDED ANNUALLY FOR THE INVESTIGATIVE ARTICLE OR SERIES OF ARTICLES THAT MOST TRULY INFORMS THE PUBLIC ABOUT A SITUATION OF VITAL IMPORTANCE AND RESULTS IN POSITIVE, BENEFICIAL ACTION. ONLY ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN 2008 WILL BE CONSIDERED.

With this nomination form, please provide the following:

- A clipbook that includes up to 15 articles, plus any letters, memos and other documents that substantiate the evolution of the reporting, demonstrate its originality and show its impact. The material should be in binders, notebooks or scrapbooks measuring no more than 12 x 17 inches except in the case where a full newspaper page is required to make clear the scope and impact of the material. In such cases, the scrapbook may not exceed the dimensions of the newspaper page plus a one-inch margin; do not, however, submit foldout pages. Original clips are preferred with the name of the newspaper or magazine and the dates; photocopies of original articles are acceptable if they bear the name of the newspaper or magazine and date of publication. Reprints are not acceptable.
- A full range of online materials – such as photographs, databases, interactive graphics and video images – may be submitted to supplement or provide background for the work printed in the newspaper or magazine. The online material must have been published on the news organization's Web site during the calendar year and, when submitted, must depict its original publication on the Web, not its subsequent update or alteration. URLs should be brief, and they must remain active during the judging period. The entry's summary letter should describe any online material submitted, and the entry should include a legible representation of the material, such as screen shots.
- A full description of how the situation developed and how the reporter(s) pursued the story, including any obstacles or problems that had to be overcome. The description should also include the actions that resulted from the publication of the investigation, including what followup stories that were published later, including those that fall into 2009.
- Any significant challenge to the accuracy or fairness of the reporting such as published letters, corrections or retractions as well as responses by the newspaper or magazine must be included. The summary letter accompanying the entry should clearly note them as well.
- Nominee's resume.

The award will be presented at the USC Annenberg School in Spring 2009, and the winner will be expected to visit the school and participate in classes and workshops on investigative journalism. The winner will also be asked to write an essay to be published by USC Annenberg on "How I did the story," recounting the reporting, the challenges and obstacles in the investigation, how they were overcome and the results of the investigation. All entries become the property of the USC Annenberg School for Communication. Winners and finalists grant the school the right to republish the articles and related materials to promote investigative journalism.

NOMINATIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2009.

Name, Title, Organization, Address and Telephone Number of Nominator

Signature of Nominator