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To interested members of the media

Here is our response for comments about the judge's decision in *Salim/Angerer v. Marshall*

“The fence was built in the 1960s by people who owned *our* house, with the help of a surveyor to locate the property line. After that, the fenceline was where everyone thought the property line was, for over 40 years. That's what we proved at trial, and that's how the judge ruled. It was our fence, not hers. The statements the other side made to the media that *they* built the fence are just not true.

“We have lived in our house since 1981 and we have maintained our fence and yard the whole time. Ms. Marshall bought her house in 2006, and the first thing she did was tear down the fence, without asking us. Apparently her realtor told her the fence was hers, but that information was wrong. And she didn't ask us about it.

“After she tore down the fence, Ms. Marshall refused to put it back up. Then we found out that the City was going to require us to pay for a hydrology study before it would decide whether we could put up a new fence on a different line, even if it was just a few inches over. There's a creek that flows through here, so it's a flood zone. The only way the City would let us put up a new fence for sure was to put it back on the exact same line. But we couldn't do that, because the new survey put the boundary in a different location. So we had to go to court.

“For us, the case is not about four inches of land. It's about our privacy. In the wintertime, Ms. Marshall's windows look right into our bedroom. She took away our privacy without asking. The lawsuit was the best of the bad choices we had to get our privacy back.

“We do not think the stories that we wanted to “grab” our neighbor's land are fair. We think Ms. Marshall took down the fence that was not hers, took a view of our yard that was not hers, and took away the privacy that we enjoyed for over 25 years. That is the real “grab” here. We went to court to restore *our* property, not to take Ms. Marshall's. The judge agreed with us.”

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