Headlines: Stop-and-Frisk on Trial; Attack Ads with Murky Ties

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Testimony began today on a class-action suit against an NYPD program that allows police to stop-and-frisk anyone in the halls and stairwells of private buildings enrolled in the 20-year-old Clean Halls program, which gives them permission to do so. The New York Civil Liberties Union and six black or Latino plaintiffs from the Bronx say the stops are unconstitutional and unwarranted. They claim the police have unlawfully stopped more than 1,000 minority residents for trespassing in those buildings. The Bronx District Attorneyâ€™s office has been tossing arrests made under the program unless the arresting officer was interviewed. Meanwhile, the department issued a directive ordering cops to document when an assistant DA refuses to take a case so it can be reported to and tracked by the legal bureau.

In the Press...

Attack Ads by Outside Groups With Murky Ties Shape Three Senate Races (NY Times)

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The Death of Hybrid Taxis in New York (Capital)

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