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The Times argued in court that its editorial falsely linking Palin to a 2011 mass shooting was an honest mistake that was corrected quickly. Judge Jed Rakoff said Palin's legal team failed to prove the Times showed "actual malice" — a high bar for defamation cases against public figures. He promised to throw out a jury's verdict even if it decides in favor of Palin, who has said she may appeal the case all the way to the Supreme Court.

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