Press Release: **Dutch Ombudsman loses in court**

The Hague, The Netherlands – *Dutch National Ombudsman Reinier van Zutphen has lost a court case brought by author Edwin Giltay. The writer of non-fiction thriller* The Cover-up General *had requested the Ombudsman to rectify a report based on proven inaccuracies.*

The Ombudsman did not comply. Giltay: 'The report in question is riddled with falsehoods. It severely hampers further investigations into the scandal described in my book.'

The Ombudsman refused to investigate further, but has now been rebuffed by the court. Giltay's request, under the Freedom of Information Act, was described by the Ombudsman as an 'abuse of rights'. However, this argument was mercilessly rejected by the judge.

Giltay was aided by Foundation De Verbeelding, which also represented three other citizens. The Court of The Hague ruled that Ombudsman Van Zutphen acted manifestly unlawfully in their cases as well.

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