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T. Matthew Phillips, Esq. California State Bar No. 165833 (Not Licensed in Nevada) 1 4894 W. Lone Mtn. Rd. 2 No. 132 3 Las Vegas, Nev. 89130 Tel: (323) 314-6996 4 Plaintiff in Propria Persona 5 6 7 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 8 9 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 10 11 Case No.: A-21-829038-C 12 T. MATTHEW PHILLIPS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT 13 Plaintiff, for DAMAGES and INJUNCTION— 14 15 1. DEFAMATION (LIBEL PER SE); VS. 16 2. FALSE LIGHT in the PUBLIC EYE (1) JENNIFER V. ABRAMS (INVASION of PRIVACY); 17 (2) THE ABRAMS 3. INTENTIONAL INFLICTION 18 LAW FIRM, L.L.C. of EMOTIONAL DISTRESS. 19 (3) MARK DICIERO 20 (4) DAVE SCHOEN and DOES I - X 21 22 Defendant(s). Hon. Timothy C. Williams 23 Dept No.: "16" 24 25 Comes now the Plaintiff with this First Amended Complaint, 26

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ဖေ <u>JURISDICTION, PARTIES & VENUE</u> နှာ

- (1) <u>Jurisdiction</u>: The Eighth Judicial District Court has jurisdiction to hear this case. The amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional minimum of this court.
- (2) <u>Plaintiff</u>: Plaintiff, T. MATTHEW PHILLIPS, lives in Clark County; Plaintiff is a California attorney, in good standing, for 28 consecutive years, (Calif. Bar No. 165833).
- (3) <u>Defendant</u>: JENNIFER V. ABRAMS, is a licensed Nevada attorney, (Bar No.: 7575).
- Notably, ABRAMS is: (i) the managing partner for THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., and
- (ii) the supervising attorney for Defendants DAVE SCHOEN and MARK DICIERO.
- (4) Defendant: THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., ("LAW FIRM"), is a Nevada limited liability company. Entity No.: LLC2315-2002. Nevada Business ID: NV20021025175. Principal address: 6252 S. Rainbow Blvd., Ste. 100, Las Vegas, Nev., 89118.
- (5) <u>Defendants</u>: DAVE SCHOEN, (aka "DAVID SCHOEN"), and MARK DICIERO, reside in Clark County. THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C. employs SCHOEN and MARK DICIERO.
- (6) <u>Venue</u>: Clark County jurisdiction is proper because the facts alleged took place in Clark County, Nev. All parties are situated in Clark County, Nev.
- (7) <u>DOE Defendants</u>: The names of the DOE Defendants are not presently known. When Plaintiff learns their true names, he will seek leave to amend.
- (8) <u>Demand for Trial by Jury</u>: Plaintiff demands trial by jury as per the Seventh Amendment and Nevada Constitution, Article 1, Sec. 3.
- (9) <u>Libel Per Se</u>: Defendants falsely declare that *Plaintiff threatened to shoot-up* and/or *blow-up his son's school*. But this is a malicious lie! If Plaintiff threatened to shoot-up a school, there'd be an arrest record and a prosecution. Defendants's statements are libelous *per se*. Defendants' statements are objectively verifiable, *i.e.*, they can be proven false—with the police report—a public record, [*see* Exhibit No. "1"].
- (10) <u>Damages Presumed</u>: Where there is libel *per se*, the law presumes damages; *first*, Defendants' false statements impugn Plaintiff in his profession, (lawyering) and, *second*, Defendants' false statements impute criminality unto Plaintiff. Plaintiff also seeks punitive damages and injunction, *i.e.*, retraction and de-publication.

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CS PLAINTIFF'S BURDEN of PROOF **SO**

- Burden of Proof: Defamation plaintiffs must prove—by a preponderance—that the defendant was at fault—either "negligently" or "intentionally"—for having published false and defamatory statements.
- "Private Figures" Where, as here, the plaintiff is a "private figure," he or she need prove only that the defendant published the false statement based on negligence, (i.e., careless conduct), [see Gertz v. Robert Welch Inc., 418 U.S. 323 (1974)].
- "Public Figures" But, if the plaintiff is a "public figure," (or "public official"), then the plaintiff must prove that the defendant published the false statement based on "actual malice," (i.e., knowledge of the falsehood or reckless disregard for the truth), [see New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, 376 U.S. 254 (1964)].
- "Limited-Purpose Public Figures" Defendants will argue that Plaintiff—who demands family court reform—is a "limited-purpose public figure," i.e., an individual who "thrust [himself] to the forefront of particular controversies in order to influence the resolution of the issues involved," [see Gertz, supra, at 345].
- (15)Mere Negligence Standard: If Plaintiff were a "limited-purpose public figure," would he have the *higher* burden, *i.e.*, the "actual malice" standard?—or the *lower* burden, i.e., the mere "negligence" standard? Well, it depends. "Limited-purpose public figures" must meet the "actual malice" standard only where the defamatory statements are related to the reasons why the plaintiff is a public figure; however, where, as here, the defamatory statements are *unrelated* to the reasons why the plaintiff is famous, then the plaintiff must meet only the mere "negligence" standard, [see Gertz, supra, at 346].
- Is Plaintiff a "Public" or "Private" Figure? Even assuming Plaintiff is a "limited-purpose public figure," (because he thrust himself into the spotlight), Plaintiff's public cries for family court reform have nothing to do with Defendants' malicious liesi.e., that Plaintiff supposedly threatened to shoot-up and/or blow-up his son's school! As a result, Plaintiff's evidentiary burden is mere "negligence." Once Plaintiff proves the falsehood, [see Exhibit No. "1"], he is entitled to prevail.

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(17)	PHILLIPS VS. ABRAMS et. al.:	SCHOEN and DICIERO	are liable for defamation.
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THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., is vicariously liable—as Defendants' employer.

JENNIFER V. ABRAMS is vicariously liable—as Defendants' supervising attorney, and

(18) Vicarious Liability: THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C. is liable for its employees'

defamations. The defamations occur during normal business hours—and the defamations

benefit the employer. In addition, JENNIFER V. ABRAMS is liable for abandoning her

duty to supervise her paralegals, for whom she is responsible, [NRPC, Rule 5.3(b)].

ABRAMS has a duty to supervise her employees' online escapades, publicly discussing

family law litigation; and, assuming she faithfully discharges this obligation—she has

actual knowledge of what her employees say online—including their defamations—

which means that ABRAMS either: (i) authorizes the defamations, or (ii) ratifies them.

(19) <u>Family Court System</u>: THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., promotes and fosters the

"family court system," which Plaintiff criticizes as sick and venal. ABRAMS uses her

employees, SCHOEN and DICIERO, to do the LAW FIRM'S "dirty work," i.e., denigrating,

demeaning, and defaming bereaved parents, (such as Plaintiff), who speak-out against

JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and the "family court system."

I. DEFENDANTS' FACEBOOK PAGE—

(20) <u>Defendant's Facebook Page</u>: Defendants SCHOEN and DICIERO maintain a

Facebook page called Nevada Court Watchers, ("NCW"). The NCW Facebook page

is found at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/896496010707369/

(21) "Group" Page: The Facebook page, Nevada Court Watchers, ("NCW"), is a

"group" page. The general public can see the NCW Facebook page. To post comments,

membership is required. The NCW group has 545 members, (Feb. 7, 2021).

(22) <u>Defendants' Purpose</u>: The name, *Nevada Court Watchers*, suggests its purpose is

to keep a watchful eye on the courts; but in reality, it's a vehicle for ABRAMS' employees,

SCHOEN and DICIERO, to denigrate, degrade, and defame bereaved parents, (such as

Plaintiff), who speak-out against JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and the "family court system."

member; in addition, Plaintiff believes ABRAMS is also a member under a "fake" name, ("Debra Oliver"). Many NCW group members use "fake" accounts to conceal their true identities. Shocking but true!—some NCW members are rumored to be undercover judges, JEAs, and lawyers using "fake" accounts—leading double lives on social media.

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(31) NCW—Controlled Opposition: Defendants' Facebook page, Nevada Court Watchers, ("NCW"), is a classic "controlled opposition." As the Russian Revolutionary, Vladimir Lenin, put it: "The best way to control the opposition is to lead it yourself." In other words, *Nevada Court Watchers* is a "fake" protest movement. NCW pretends to stand in opposition to "the family court system"—when, in reality, NCW is controlled by the targets of the supposed opposition—i.e., "the family court system." II. JENNIFER V. ABRAMS SUES RETIRED U.S. MARINE—

The "Sealing" Controversy: On January 9, 2017, ABRAMS filed a defamation lawsuit against a retired U.S. Marine, one, Steve Sanson, [Clark County A-17-749318-C]. Sanson had criticized ABRAMS' policy of "sealing" all her family law cases; Sanson says that ABRAMS' sealing policy, in part, is meant to conceal her own misdeeds, but ABRAMS argues that she seals cases to protect vulnerable families during trying times.

Legal Professionals—In Hiding: Legal professionals are "in hiding" because of—

NCW Facebook Page—Legal Professionals: The NCW Facebook page features

Sock-Puppet Accounts: The legal professionals behind the "fake" accounts have

- (33) <u>Marshal Willick vs. Steve Sanson</u>: And then, a few weeks later, on January 27, 2017, Jennifer ABRAMS' fiancé, attorney Marshal Willick, (Bar No.: 2515), filed a
- second defamation lawsuit against Steve Sanson, [see Clark County Case No. A-17-
- [750171-C]. Both defamation lawsuits would prove frivolous. Notably, Willick
- 5 | represented ABRAMS in her defamation case against Sanson, and vice versa, *i.e.*,
- 6 ABRAMS represented Willick in his defamation case against Sanson. (It goes without
- 7 | saying; this arrangement was pretext for hopeful attorney's fees.)
- 8 (34) <u>Steve Sanson—Community Leader</u>: Steve Sanson, a retired marine, is a
- community leader who gives a voice to bereaved parents, (such as Plaintiff), who are
- 10 || victimized by the "family court system." Steve Sanson is President of the organization,
- 11 | Veterans in Politics International, ("VIPI").
- 12 (35) Veterans In Politics International: Attorneys, JENNIFER V. ABRAMS harbors
- 13 || intense dislike for Steve Sanson and *Veterans In Politics International*. Why?—because
- 14 Sanson exposes the seedy underbelly of the "family court system," which necessarily
- 15 | implicates JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., (who promote
- 16 and foster all the ugliness and cruelty that family court has to offer...).
- 17 (36) Sanson Exposes ABRAMS: It all began when Sanson publicly criticized ABRAMS'
- 18 | policy of sealing cases—not for the sake of the client's privacy—but rather, for her own
- 19 sake, to conceal her own misdeeds. ABRAMS promptly sued for defamation!
- 20 (37) ABRAMS Sues for Defamation: JENNIFER V. ABRAMS was irate because Sanson
- 21 exposed her courtroom antics. ABRAMS retaliated against Sanson with a lawsuit—
- 22 | calculated to chill Sanson's speech-related activities. ABRAMS—essentially, the bully—
- 23 | had no illusion that she would prevail on her defamation claim. ABRAMS' strategy was
- 24 simple: Willick, (her boyfriend), would represent her and she would represent Willick—
- 25 while Steve Sanson would be forced to spend a tidy sum of money on a defense lawyer,
- 26 (if he could find one at all). ABRAMS counted on Sanson being unable to defend himself.
- 27 | But ABRAMS forgot one important factoid—U.S. Marines are "First to Fight!" Sanson
- 28 | filed an anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss the action!

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- Bogus Lawsuits: The defamation lawsuits by ABRAMS and her fiancé, Marshal
- Willick, were ultimately deemed "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation,"
- ("SLAPP" lawsuits), i.e., frivolous lawsuits calculated to retaliate against those who
- exercise First Amendment liberties.
- (39)The ABRAMS Plot—Foiled: The Nevada Supreme Court concluded that ABRAMS'
- defamation lawsuit was a wrongful attempt to chill Sanson's free of speech on issues of
- public concern (lawyers behaving badly). Sanson's anti-SLAPP motion was GRANTED,
- and ABRAMS' appeal was then DENIED. ABRAMS was madder than ever!
- Social Media War: As a result of her humiliating defeat, attorney JENNIFER V.
- ABRAMS and her employees, SCHOEN and DICIERO, declared war on Steve Sanson!
- Defendants brought a campaign of venomous, vitriolic and vicious hatred—against
- Steve Sanson and anyone associated with him, (including Plaintiff).
- (41) Opinions for Hire: JENNIFER V. ABRAMS is ultimately responsible, [see NRPC
- Rule 5.3], for the conduct of her employees—SCHOEN and DICIERO—who operate on
- social media with the specific intent to injure the reputations of parents who speak-out
- against JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and the oppressive "family court system."
- (42)<u>Defamations for Hire</u>: SCHOEN and DICIERO are ABRAM'S mouthpiece—*i.e.*,
 - they publish her malicious lies—while she stays safely out of the crossfire—believing
 - she is insulated from liability. But she's not! Once discovery begins, the evidence will
 - reveal that the online defamations of SCHOEN and DICIERO come at the authorization or
 - ratification of JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., who directly
 - benefit from the defamations—which have a chilling effect on those who would criticize
 - JENNIFER V. ABRAMS, her LAW FIRM, and the oppressive "family court system."
 - Isn't it Ironic? Back in 2019, Plaintiff consulted with THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM
- 25 for representation in his divorce. Plaintiff believed that privileges and confidentialities
 - attached to his consultation; but just one year later, ABRAMS' employees are defaming
 - him and posting his sealed divorce case online!—and, because his divorce case is sealed,
 - Plaintiff cannot adequately respond to ABRAMS' defamations.

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IV. ENTER ATTORNEY ALEX B. GHIBAUDO—

- (55)<u>Defendants Enlist Attorney Ghibaudo</u>: To turn-up the heat, Defendants enlisted NCW member, attorney Alex B. Ghibaudo, Esq. (Bar No.: 10592), who would attempt to silence Plaintiff with overt threats of litigation and veiled threats of physical violence. But the truth is, attorney Alex B. Ghibaudo is a psychotic.
- Ghibaudo Shares Address with NCW: According to Nevada Secretary of State, Nevada Court Watchers PAC is at: 703 South 8th Street, Las Vegas, Nev., 89101; and, according to the State Bar of Nevada, attorney, Alex B. Ghibaudo is at the same address: 703 South 8th Street, Las Vegas, Nev., 89101.
- (57) Attorney Alex B. Ghibaudo—Self-Styled Defamation Expert: At the NCW Facebook page, attorney Ghibaudo would dispense legal advice to group members—on how to legally "defame" others without actually committing "defamation." According to Ghibaudo, the more outrageous one's defamatory statement, the more likely the trier of fact will view it as *opinion*, and thus, *not* actionable. But this just reveals Defendants' "state-of-mind"—which shows the *specific intent* to "be" defamatory!
- (58)Ghibaudo's 5-Year Suspension: According to Nevada Sate Bar, Ghibaudo was suspended from the practice of law for 5 years, (2009–2014). Ghibaudo was disciplined for multiple offenses including "unprofessional and demeaning conduct towards other attorneys"—which is exactly why JENNIFER V. ABRAMS chose Ghibaudo to pursue Plaintiff, *i.e.*, demeaning other attorneys is Ghibaudo's specialty!
- (59) Attorney Ghibaudo—Mental Illness: When reinstated in 2014, Ghibaudo was required to undergo "psychological and psychiatric treatment." He was further required to take "prescribed medication." Plaintiff has personal knowledge that Alex B. Ghibaudo has anti-social tendencies; (Plaintiff thus has no wish to sue him).
- Ghibaudo's Criminal History: According to ABA Bar Journal, Ghibaudo has an (60)actual history of physical violence (with ex-wife) and restraining orders. Ghibaudo was arrested on several occasions for doing violence upon his ex-wife and for violating the terms of restraining orders that she (the ex-wife) had obtained, etc.

Facebook. Since the court date, (July 23, 2020), Plaintiff has not heard from Ghibaudo.

(Plaintiff has legit causes of action against Ghibaudo, but Plaintiff chooses to refrain.)

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(67) <u>Ghibaudo Reprimanded</u>: On a related note, Ghibaudo once employed Defendant MARK DICIERO. On Sept. 4, 2020, the Nevada State Bar issued a *Reprimand* against Ghibaudo for violating Rule of Professional Conduct 5.3—*i.e.*, failure to supervise his legal assistant—none other than MARK DICIERO!—who betrayed a family court client—by posting inappropriate content about that client on Facebook! Remarkably, to this very day, DICIERO is *still* trash-talking that *same client* at the NCW page! (Make no mistake, DICIERO invites a State Bar reprimand for attorney, JENNIFER V. ABRAMS!)

(68) <u>DECIERO Gets a New Job</u>: After Ghibaudo disappeared, MARK DICIERO was left unemployed. And so, ABRAMS hired MARK DICIERO! Why?—because ABRAMS has actual knowledge that MARK DICIERO will trash-talk parents online!—and ABRAMS looks for these "skills" when hiring paralegals! ABRAMS hired DICIERO because he's "got what it takes," *i.e.*, no scruples—totally willing to heckle bereaved parents online!

V. A FAMILY AFFAIR—

(69) <u>Julie Schoen</u>: Julie Schoen, wife of DAVE SCHOEN, is also employed by THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C. On May 2, 2020, at the NCW Facebook page, Julie Schoen re-posted libelous statements about Plaintiff; notably, the 9th Circuit assigns liability to re-publishers, [*Flowers v. Carville*, 310 F.3d 1118 (2009)]. Julie Schoen posted—

"Hi! My name is T. Matthew Phillips! I'm a wife beater and a child abuser who loves Steve Sanson and Steve loves ME!! Me and Steve got a lot in common. We both like to beat the shit out of women and I like to torture children! I'm a dirt bag little old man with no life who spends all my time in my basement, trying to jerk off (but my dick doesn't work). I love terrorizing little kids too. In fact, *I threatened to shoot up my kids* [sic] *school* not too long ago, causing it to lock down! I pretend to be a lawyer, but my law school was an unaccredited correspondence school that I didn't have to compete to get into and I've never really handled any actual clients. I pretend to be an activist but I'm really just a terrorist. I'm King Midas in reverse...everything I touch turns into shit!!!"

Plaintiff's Free Speech Case Remains Active: On August 22, 2020, Defendant DICIERO posted an actual excerpt from Plaintiff's federal case; and again, this excerpt clearly indicates that the court dismissed the "prayer for damages"—not the action. However, it's DICIERO'S job to defame Plaintiff—to portray him as an incompetent lawyer—and so, DICIERO falsely states that the Plaintiff's "action" was "DENIED," and then DICIERO commits straight-up libel—

"True to form, along with all the other VIPI repugnants, Tiny Dancer's action [Defendants' nickname for Plaintiff], against Judge Ochoa DENIED with prejudice. Back to threatening to shoot up schools and tormenting wifey in the bedroom for 'lil Todd."

[Defendant MARK DICIERO'S post at NCW Facebook page; (emphasis added)]

- Plaintiff as crazy, violent with women, abusive to children, *threatening school shootings* and/or school bombings, a terrible lawyer, mentally retarded, a loser, a homosexual, etc. Defendants publish these false statements with "actual malice," (knowledge of the falsehood or reckless disregard for the truth). Most significantly, the sheer volume of derogatory comments reveals Defendants' "state-of-mind"—a specific intent to damage Plaintiff's reputation—by exposing him to hatred, shame, contempt, scorn, and ridicule.
- (75) <u>Defendants Are Obsessed with Plaintiff</u>: Defendants spend a significant amount of time and effort online talking about Plaintiff, making slapstick cartoons, short videos, long videos, *etc*. And again, the Court may glean Defendants' state-of-mind by their voluminous commentaries—which show *specific intent* to defame Plaintiff.
- (76) <u>Libel Per Se</u>: On Sept. 23, 2020, Defendant DAVE SCHOEN published, on Facebook, a photo featuring Plaintiff, beside Steve Sanson and others, taken in the studio, after an appearance on Sanson's talk-show. In the photograph, there appears conspicuous text—superimposed on top of Plaintiff's image—which reads:

"THREATENED HIS KID'S SCHOOL W/ A BOMB."

[Defendant DAVE SCHOEN'S post at NCW Facebook page; (emphasis added)]

SCHOEN'S statement is libelous *per se*. The statement is objectively verifiable—it can be proven false, [*see* Exhibit "1"]. The law presumes general damages because the statement impugns Plaintiff in his profession, (lawyering), and it imputes criminality.

(77) <u>More Libel Per Se</u>: On Sept. 28, 2020, SCHOEN published a post on Facebook mocking Plaintiff, who contends his son was wrongfully taken and that the court gave no reason why. SCHOEN publicly responds to Plaintiff, joking about explosives—

"No reason? Not even one explosive reason?"

Defendant DICIERO then chimes-in and comments on his co-worker's post—
"Seriously, the two words you hear from that camp all the time is,
"no reason." There is ALWAYS a reason. Tiny, [Defendant's nickname for Plaintiff], my guess is that abusing wifey to the point of crapping the bed and threatening to shoot up (or blow up) your child's school may have something to do with "the reason" why you aren't allowed to see your child. Just a hunch."

[Defendants SCHOEN & DICIERO posts at NCW Facebook page; (emphasis added)] DICIERO'S statement is libelous *per se*. The statement is objectively verifiable— it can be proven false, [*see* Exhibit "1"]. The law presumes general damages because the statement impugns Plaintiff in his profession, (lawyering), and it imputes criminality.

VI. EXTREME & OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT—

(78) <u>JENNIFER V. ABRAMS—Privacy Advocate?</u>: Plaintiff argues that ABRAMS is a hypocrite! On the one hand, she is an outspoken advocate for sealing divorce cases—to protect families during emotionally trying times—and yet, when parents protest "the system," ABRAMS' employees lampoon their sealed divorce cases online!

(79) <u>Extreme & Outrageous Conduct</u>: It's a loathsome thing—to post another person's divorce paperwork online. It takes a malignant heart to stoop so low. But here, it's even worse because the ones doing the posting are legal professionals—who should know

better—because they practice family law! (This is extreme and outrageous!)

VII. CONTINUOUS AND ONGOING LIBELS—

(80) Ever More Libelous Statements: On or about Nov. 5, 2020, Defendant DICIERO, at the NCW page, made the following comment about Plaintiff—

"He's been dubbed a Unabomber because <u>he threatened to blow up his kid's</u> <u>school</u> and now wonders why Ochoa [the judge] thinks it's not in the child's <u>best interest to be around him.</u> Typical VIPI victim mentality spewed by a mentally ill litigant."

[Defendant MARK DICIERO'S post at NCW Facebook page; (emphasis added)]

(81) And Still More Libelous Statements: On or about Dec. 4, 2020, Defendant DICIERO made a post concerning Plaintiff. The post, in relevant part, reads—

"TMP (a man who lost custody of his child after acts of domestic violence upon his wife and terroristic threats upon his child's school) ..."

[Defendant MARK DICIERO'S post at NCW Facebook page; (emphasis added)]

(82) Plaintiff's Proposed Assembly Bill: Plaintiff is the author of NRS § 294A.450—titled "Remove or Retain"—a proposed Nevada assembly bill to curb family court corruption. Naturally, JENNIFER V. ABRAMS opposes this bill, which means that SCHOEN and DICIERO also oppose the bill. Under the proposed bill, where family court incumbents seek reelection and run unopposed, the People shall have the ultimate power to "remove" or "retain" the incumbent. But DICIERO, never discusses the merits of the proposed bill—he just jokes about bomb threats—to reveal his true "state-of-mind"—

"Yo, Tiny: There would be no reason for 294A.450, [Plaintiff's proposed bill], if you had simply paid attention to 202.840, [statute proscribing bomb threats]. But, you keep writing those new laws and liking your own posts, tho.

NRS 202.840 **Bomb threats prohibited**; penalties. A person who through the use of the mail, written note, telephone, telegraph, radio broadcast or other means of communication, willfully makes any threat, or maliciously conveys false information knowing it to be false, concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made, or to be made, to kill, injure or intimidate any person or unlawfully to

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damage or destroy any building, vehicle, aircraft or other real or personal property by means of any explosive, bomb, spring trap or mechanism known or commonly thought to be dangerous to human life, limb or safety is guilty of a category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000."

[Defendant MARK DICIERO'S post at NCW Facebook page; (emphases added)]

- (83) The Defamation Continues: Even at the time of this writing, the defamation condinues. On Jan. 30, 3021, DICIERO posted at the NCW page—*i.e.*, that Plaintiff supposedly *threatened to "shoot-up"* and/or "*blow-up" his son's school*.
- (84) <u>District Court Judges</u>: Some members of *Nevada Court Watchers* are legal professionals whom the page bombards with false rhetoric calculated to make them believe Plaintiff is a criminal. This defeats the 14th Amendment right to a fair judiciary. Some NCW members are judges "in-hiding"; but some judges are "in plain sight," such as Mary Perry, who recently won Dept. "P" judgeship. (Mary Perry hates Plaintiff because he exposed how she rigged the election with her buddy, attorney Fred C. Page, who ran against Perry, but lost on purpose to ensure her victory.)
- (85) <u>Legal Summary</u>: Plaintiff here provides the following legal summary—
 - SCHOEN and DICIERO are liable for defamation *per se*;
 - THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C. is liable for its employees' defamations;
 - JENNIFER V. ABRAMS is liable for failure to supervise employees, (Rule 5.3);
 - Nevada law presumes general damages for libel *per se* because the false assertions impugn Plaintiff in his profession (lawyering), and the false assertions impute criminality unto Plaintiff.
- (86) <u>Conclusion</u>: In order to win, Plaintiff need prove only negligence. Once he proves the truth, via the police report, [see Exhibit "1"], Plaintiff automatically prevails. Legally speaking, Defendants have no leg to stand-on.

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EPILOGUE—"CEASE 'N DESIST"

- Cease 'n Desist Email: At their Facebook page, Defendants publish salacious (87)tidbits from Plaintiff's sealed divorce case. Plaintiff argues there is no utilitarian value in posting divorce cases online; (it invades his privacy and holds him in a false light). But Defendants routinely post divorce cases online!—and they do this to vex, annoy and harass—which demonstrates "actual malice."
- (88)8:25: a.m.—Feb. 6, 2021: Plaintiff sends to ABRAMS a "Cease 'n Desist" email. Plaintiff tells ABRAMS "You are to cease and desist posting pleadings from sealed family law cases. You have actual knowledge that your employees are posting pleadings from sealed family law cases."
- 10:40 a.m.—Feb. 6, 2021: SCHOEN posts NRS 125.110 at the NCW Facebook (89)page—explaining that "none of the orders from TNT's case, [Plaintiff's nickname], that Mark [DICIERO] has been posting are sealed." SCHOEN then writes: #CeaseAndDesistDeezNuts, (in other words, SCHOEN refuses to "cease and desist").
- (90)10:41 a.m.—Feb. 6, 2021: ABRAMS responds to Plaintiff's email. She feigns ignorance. ABRAMS writes, "Please provide the case name and please identify the pleadings that were posted so I can look into this further."
- (91) <u>10:44 a.m.—Feb. 6, 2021</u>: DICIERO posts more snippets from Plaintiff's divorce case at the NCW Facebook page. DICIERO rhetorically asks why Plaintiff, "needs to hide behind a cease and desist."
- Authorizes / Ratifies: Obviously, SCHOEN'S and DICIERO'S use of the term "cease and desist" is *not* coincidental; rather, it proves they had just spoken to ABRAMS, which demonstrates that ABRAMS "authorizes" or "ratifies" her employees' Facebook posts—which makes the case for punitive damages, [see NRS § 42.007(1)(b)].
- 10:53 a.m.—Feb. 6, 2021: The fake account, "Debra Oliver," (ABRAMS?), then (93)posts even more snippets of Plaintiff's divorce case. She explains that she found the documents "online thru the court system." Also in the debate is SCHOEN'S dutiful wife, Julie Schoen, another ABRAM'S employee on-call on a Saturday morning...

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cs CAUSE of ACTION No. ONE so

- <u>Defamation (Libel Per Se)</u>: Cause-of-Action No. 1, for defamation (*libel per se*), is brought against: (i) Defendant, JENNIFER V. ABRAMS, (ii) Defendant, THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., (iii) Defendant MARK DICIERO, and (iv) Defendant DAVE SCHOEN. Plaintiff incorporates all numbered paragraphs.
- Vicarious Liability: SCHOEN'S and DICIERO'S false and defamatory statements (95)expose Plaintiff to hatred, shame, contempt, scorn, and ridicule—and Defendant, JENNIFER V. BRAMS is vicariously liable—because she is SCHOEN'S and DICIERO'S "supervising attorney"; and Defendant, THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., is also vicariously liable—because it is SCHOEN'S and DICIERO'S "employer."
- Elements of a Defamation Claim: Plaintiff must prove the following elements— (96)
 - a false and defamatory statement of and concerning the plaintiff; (a)
 - an unprivileged publication to a third party; (b)
 - fault amounting, at least, to negligence on the part of the publisher; and (c)
 - general damages and/or special damages. (d)
 - [See, e.g., People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals v. Bobby Berosini, Ltd., 895 P.2d 1269, 1272 (1995)]
- Defendants' False Statements: Plaintiff brings Cause-of-Action No. 1 based on (97)Defendants' false assertions that Plaintiff threatened to shoot-up his son's school and blow-up his kid's school with a bomb. Plaintiff can prove the following—
 - Plaintiff is a "private" person, (i.e., not a "public figure"); therefore, (i) he need prove only ordinary negligence. And, even if the Court deems Plaintiff a "limited-purpose public figure," his burden remains the same, (ordinary negligence), because the nature of the defamatory statement, "shooting-up a school," has nothing to do with "why" Plaintiff is deemed a "limited-purpose public figure." Plaintiff is famous (if at all) for being an ardent supporter of family court reform—not for shooing-up schools, [see Gertz v. Robert Welch Inc., 418 U.S. 323 (1974)].

- (ii) Defendants' statements are objectively verifiable—*i.e.*, they can be proven false—with the police report, [Exhibit No. "1"], which is public record;
- (iii) Defendants' false statements are declarative "facts" that cannot, in any circumstance, be construed as "opinion";
- (iv) Defendants publish their false statements in a public forum, (Facebook);
- (v) Defendants' false statements injure Plaintiff in his profession, (civil rights lawyer), which presumes damages upon proof that the statements are false, (*i.e.*, *libel per se*);
- (vi) Defendant's false statements impute criminality unto Plaintiff, which presumes damages upon proof that the statements are false, (i.e., libel per se).
- (vii) Defendants' false statements about Plaintiff caused him to suffer damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this court;
- (viii) Defendants' false statements about Plaintiff show "actual malice," (*i.e.*, knowledge of the falsehood or reckless disregard for the truth), which warrants punitive damages;
- (ix) In addition to "actual malice," Defendants' false statements also show "fraud" (intent to deceive), as well as "oppression" (intent to cause injury), which warrants punitive damages;
- (x) Punitive damages are fitting because Plaintiff is unable to effectively refute the defamations; after all, Plaintiff and his ex-wife are bridled by a court order that limits their ability to publicly comment on the divorce.
- (98) The Fair Report Privilege—Inapplicable: The Fair Report Privilege protects statements referring to judicial proceedings—but only where such statements are "fair, accurate, and impartial," [Sahara Gaming v. Culinary Workers Union, 984 P.2d 164 (1999)]. Yes, Nevada citizens have a right to kibitz about what transpires in legal proceedings, but here, Defendants' statements are not "fair, accurate, and impartial." On the contrary! Defendants tell malicious lies! That's their job!

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- (104) False Light in the Public Eye (Invasion of Privacy): Cause-of-Action No. 2, for false light (invasion of privacy), is brought against: (i) Defendant, JENNIFER V. ABRAMS,
- (ii) Defendant, THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., (iii) Defendant MARK DICIERO, and
- (iv) Defendant DAVE SCHOEN. Plaintiff incorporates all numbered paragraphs.
- (105) False Light vs. Defamation: Defamation actions protect a plaintiff's reputation or character, while false light actions protect a plaintiff's emotions or feelings. Defamation actions challenge the *actual veracity* of defendant's statements, while false light actions challenge the *general impression* that defendant's statements create.
- (106) False Light (Invasion of Privacy): "The false light privacy action differs from a defamation action in that the injury in privacy actions is mental distress from having been exposed to public view, while the injury in defamation actions is damage to reputation." [P.E.T.A. v. Berosini, Ltd., 111 Nev. 615, 895 P.2d 1269, 1274 n. 4 (1995)]
- (107) Elements of False Light Claims: To succeed on a claim for false light in the public eye, plaintiffs must prove the following elements
 - that the defendant publicized misleading facts about the plaintiff; (a)
- that the defendant's misleading publicity created false impressions of and (b) concerning plaintiff;
- (c) that the misleading publicity would be highly offensive or embarrassing to reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities;
 - (d) that the defendant publicized the misleading facts with actual malice, (knowledge of the falsehood or reckless disregard for the truth).
- (108) <u>Defendants Create False Impressions</u>: Defendants publicize misleading facts about Plaintiff—alleging that he threatened to shoot-up his kid's school or blow-up his kid's school with a bomb. These are facts false, [see Exhibit No. "1"]. Defendants' tall tales morphed from shooting-up schools—to blowing-up schools! Defendants' words create false impressions, i.e., that Plaintiff threatened school children, and (saddest of all) that these (supposed) threats are the reason why Plaintiff lost custody of his son.

(s) CAUSE of ACTION No. THREE so

- (115) <u>Itentional Infliction of Emotional Distress</u>: Cause-of-Action No. 3, for intentional infliction of emotional distress, ("IIED"), is brought against: (i) Defendant, JENNIFER V. ABRAMS, (ii) Defendant, THE ABRAMS LAW FIRM, L.L.C., (iii) Defendant MARK DICIERO, and (iv) Defendant DAVE SCHOEN. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs.

 (116) <u>Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress ("IIED")</u>: To succeed on intentional infliction of emotional distress, ("IIED"), plaintiffs must prove—
 - (a) that the defendant engaged in extreme and outrageous conduct, (outside the bounds of decency and utterly intolerable in civilized society);
 - (b) that the plaintiff suffered extreme emotional distress;
 - (c) that defendant acted with intent to cause emotional distress, or with reckless disregard for whether their actions would cause emotional distress); and
 - (d) that defendant's conduct is a proximate cause of the emotional distress.
- (117) Extreme and Outrageous Conduct: Where, as here, legal professionals post other people's divorce paperwork online—with intent to embarrass—it constitutes extreme and outrageous conduct. Defendants know parents are fragile during divorce, especially when custody is at-issue. Defendants' "doxxing" practice shocks the conscience.
- (118) <u>Doxxing Causes Emotional Emotional Distress</u>: As a direct result of Defendants' immoral doxxing campaign, Plaintiff suffers extreme emotional distress and severe mental anguish. Indeed, the malicious public posting of salacious tidbits—from hotly-contested divorce cases—of private persons—is a surefire recipe for emotional distress—because nobody wants their divorce case posted online!
- (119) <u>Undue Prejudice</u>: Defendants' negative trial publicity came at a time when there were pending custody hearings in Plaintiff's family law case. Plaintiff believes that Defendants' negative trial publicity caused undue prejudice in his family law case.
- (120) <u>Minor Child</u>: Defendants' negative trial publicity may adversely affect Plaintiff's minor child. Niether Plaintiff nor his ex-wife may publicly disparage the other—for the minor child's sake; what right do Defendants have to publicly disparage?

October 1st would mark the one-year anniversary of the Mandalay Bay conspiracy.

os <u>AFFIDAVIT of T. MATTHEW PHILLIPS, Esq.</u> so

My name is T. MATTHEW PHILLIPS, ESQ. I am the Plaintiff herein. I authored the instant *First Amended Complaint*. All the within allegations are true and correct of my own personal knowledge. If called upon to testify, I could and would give competent and truthful evidence.

- (1) Attached as Exhibit No. "1" is a true and correct copy of a police report, (Sept. 26, 2018), from Las Vegas Metro Police Dept, ("LVMPD").
- (2) This LVMPD police report, [Exhibit No. "1"], contains several "blackouts," *i.e.*, privacy redactions made by LVMPD. In addition, this report contains underlines in the color *red*, which I added, to highlight the passages that objectively prove the falsity of Defendants' statements—*i.e.*, that I *supposedly threatened to shoot-up my son's school* and/or *blow-up my son's school with a bomb*.
- (3) This LVMPD police report, [Exhibit No. "1"], is a public record—at all times available to sleuths such as Defendants. The police report objectively verifies that Defendant's statements—*i.e.*, that I *supposedly threatened to shoot-up my son's school* and/or *blow-up my son's school with a bomb*—are flatly false and misleading.
- (4) Back in 2018, I phoned the LVMPD Sergeant in charge of investigating the the school's 911 phone call (of Sept. 26, 2018); according to the Sergeant, who at all times was very polite and professional, the enire incident was "bullshit."

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada the foregoing is both true and correct.

Dated: Feb. 19, 2021

T. Matthew Phillips, Esq.

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Declarant.

Exhibit No. "1"

Las Vegas Metro Police Report (Sept. 26, 2018)

LVMPD - COMMUNICATION CENTER EVENT SEARCH

EVT : LLV180926002211	TYPE:	439	PRI :	2	
LOC : CORAL ACADEMY	BLDG:	439	APT :	2	
ADDR: 7951 W DEER SPRI		6801 ROSINWOOD ST	CITY:	T. 7.7	
				100 100 100	
CADD:		PRINC SERDAR YUKSEKA	CPHONE:		
MAP : 0151756	S/B :			B207	
P/U : 2X56TV	OFF1:	17023	OFF2 :	6536	
DATE: 2018/09/26	INIT:	13:20:12	AREA :	NW	
911 : NO	CLSE:	15:43:49	DISP :	K	
13:20:12 EU	INITIATED BY FRM-	TO-LV7868		87	LV7868
13:20:12 CM	Original Location : CORAL A	ACADEMY		87	LV7868
13:20:12 CM	PR REQ EXTRA PATROL REI	THREATS MADE BY PARENT: TODD M	MATHEWS	87	LV7868
13:20:12 CM	PHILIPS/ WMA/ LATE 40'S/ ME	ED BLD/ LITE BLND SHORT HAIR	DRIVES	87	LV7868
13:20:12 CM	GREEN FORD EXPLORER UNK PLA	ATES PARENT HAS BEEN CALLING AI	L 6	87	LV7868
13:20:12 CM	CAMPUSES MAKING THREATS TO	SHOOT SCHOOL POSS USING 446	(UNK)	87	LV7868
13:20:12 CM	Primary Event: MAIN Opened:	18/09/26 13:20		87	LV7868
13:20:12 CM	SON ATTENDS SCHOOL IN 7TH	GRADE & GETS OUT AT 1416 HRS		87	LV7868
13:20:58 CM	87/ STUDENTS MOM FILED FOR	TPO AGAINST MALE WHO IS MAKING THE	REATS / IS	87	LV7868
13:20:58 CM	NOT SUPPOSED TO NEAR SCHO	OOL 1319		87	LV7868
13:22:48 CM	650 ADVD OF DETAILS LL 1322	PHRS		16	LV7275
13:23:01 USAS 2X56TV	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	16	LV7275
13:23:01 EU 2X56TV	PU FRM-	TO-LV/2X56TV		16	LV7275
13:23:18 USER 2X56TV	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	00	LV17023
13:24:38 CM	87/ PR REQ OFFICER CONT	TACT // 1322		87	LV7868
13:30:38 CM	87/ SUBJS FULL NAME IS TO	DD MATTHEW PHILLIPS WIFE IS AM	MBER PHILLIPS	87	LV7868
13:30:38 CM	74 SCHOOL HAS	COPY OF TPO WAS FILED ON 09/	18/18 1328	87	LV7868
13:31:26 CM	87/ TPO #18191733T	OFFICE IS PUTTING SCHOOL ON COL	E YELLOW	87	LV7868
13:31:26 CM	**SOFT LOCK DOWN ***	1329		87	LV7868
13:32:23 USAR 2X56TV	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	00	LV17023
13:32:27 USAR 2X56TV	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	00	LV17023
13:32:48 CM	87/SUPS ADV'D // 1331			87	LV7868
13:33:38 USAS 650	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	16	LV7275
13:34:44 USER 650	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY		139	00	LV9013
13:48:42 USAR 650	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY		139	00	LV9013
14:04:17 CM	650-OFFICERS SPOKE WITH SCH	HOOL AND NO ACTUAL THREATS WERE MAI	E TO THE	00	LV9013
14:04:17 CM	SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTLY. THRE	CATS WERE RECEIVED BY THE FEMALE HA	LF OF THE	00	LV9013
14:04:17 CM	TPO AND SHE ADVISED THE SCH	HOOL. MALE CALLED MULTIPLE SCHOOLS.	TO TRY TO	00	LV9013
14:04:17 CM	CONFIRM HIS SON WAS IN SCHO	DOL.		00	LV9013
14:06:05 CM	THE SCHOOL DID NOT GIVE ANY	INFORMATION TO THE FATHER. SCHOOL	CALLED THE	00	LV9013
14:06:05 CM	MOTHER TO HAVE HER COME PIC	CK UP THE CHILD EARLY TO AVOID ANY	POTENTIAL	00	LV9013
14:06:05 CM	CONFLICTS.			00	LV9013
14:06:36 USCL 650		4	139	16	LV7275
14:08:35 USAR 650	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	16	LV7275
14:08:38 USAR 650	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	00	LV9013
14:12:05 CM	2X56TV IS NEAR THE FRONT EN	TRANCE TO THE SCHOOL AND 650 IS NE	CAR THE REAR	00	LV9013
14:12:05 CM	AND EAST CORNER ENTRANCES.			00	LV9013
14:22:56 USAS 2X2	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	16	LV7275
14:23:04 USER 2X2	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY	4	139	00	LV17066
14:23:11 CM	2X56TV WILL BE OUT WITH MAI	LE 1/2 1423HRS		16	LV7275
14:23:31 CM	2X56TV WILL BE NEG FOR MALE			16	LV7275

LVMPD - COMMUNICATION CENTER EVENT SEARCH

14:26:12	CM		2X56TV C4 OUT WITH JUVS MOM 1426H	RS		16	LV7275
14:29:30	CM		2X56TV MALE DOB 61 DRVS A GR	N 95 FORD EXPLR	. PLT REGIST'D TO FEM	16	LV7275
14:29:30	CM		BUT MALE MAY BE DRVG UNREG 1429HR	S		16	LV7275
14:35:12	USAR	2X2	7951 W DEER SPRINGS WAY		439	00	LV17066
14:36:12	CM		2X2/ ARRIVED W/S 1436HRS			16	LV7016
14:39:02	CM		TPO NOT SERVED **CAUTION SMALL HAN	D GUN , 413A **	* PHILLIPS, TODD 61	16	LV7016
14:39:02	CM					16	LV7016
14:39:13	CM		2X56TV/ C4 1439HRS			16	LV7016
14:39:46	CM		CT SERGEANT CALLED AND MESSAGE LEF	T. 372WC NOTIFI	ED AS WELL.	00	LV9013
14:42:01	EU		PN FRM-	TO-NV-56	6LVL	16	LV7016
14:47:49	CM		2X56TV OTHER UNITS CAN DISREG 14	47HRS		16	LV7275
15:05:33	USTO	2X56TV	NWAC		439	00	LV17023
15:14:12	USTO	2X2	NWAC		439	00	LV17066
15:19:46	CM		NEGATIVE THREATS MADE TO THE SCHOOL	L. THREATS WER	E MADE FROM PHILLIPS,	00	LV17023
15:19:46	CM		TODD DOB 61 DIRECTLY TO PHIL	LIPS, AMBER DOB	774. TPO AGAINST	00	LV17023
15:19:46	CM		TODD HAS NOT YET BEEN SERVED. AMB	ER PICKED UP SO	N PHILLIPS, DONOVAN DOB	00	LV17023
15:19:46	CM		/05 FROM SCHOOL. BOTH AMBER AND DONOVAN WERE C4.		00	LV17023	
15:21:07	CM		PHONE NUMBER FOR TODD: 702-399-092	5 AND 323-314-6	996.	00	LV17023
15:23:56	CM		PD SGT. MARZEC NOTIFIED. NO PD FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED DUE TO TPO NOT YET		00	LV17023	
15:23:56	CM		BEING SERVED AND DUE TO NEGATIVE T	HREATS TOWARDS	SCHOOL.	00	LV17023
15:25:04	CM		PHONE NUMBER FOR AMBER:			00	LV17023
15:26:52	USAO	2X56TV	NWAC		439	16	LV10197
15:27:43	USAO	2X2	NWAC		439	00	LV17066
15:29:31	USCL	2X2			439	00	LV17066
15:33:42	USCL	650			439	00	LV9013
15:43:49	USCL	2X56TV			439	00	LV17023
15:43:49	CM		Route Closed: MAIN K				
15:43:49	CM		Incident Closed: 18/09/26 15:43				
15:43:49	EU	2X56TV	D FRM-	TO-K	MAIN	00	LV17023

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