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Re: www.mesothelioma-lawyerblog.com

To Whom It May Concern:

My firm represents the Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust (the “Manville Trust”). I write to bring to your attention a website, registered by Justia Inc. (“Justia”), that has posted a series of defamatory, harassing, and abusive articles that appear to violate Justia’s terms of service. The website, located at <http://www.mesothelioma-lawyerblog.com> (the “Website”), is published by a California attorney named Michael Mandelbrot, whose legal practice includes representing individuals in asbestos personal injury claims asserted against various asbestos personal injury settlement trusts (the “Trusts”), including the Manville Trust.

For your reference, attached are copies of representative postings from the Website. As reflected in these examples, the Website’s postings contain false, unsubstantiated, and vituperative allegations directed at employees of the Trusts, attorneys who have represented the Trusts in matters adverse to Mr. Mandelbrot, and others—accusing them, among other things, of theft and other criminal conduct.

Mr. Mandelbrot’s defamatory postings have targeted the Trusts’ representatives and employees collectively. For example, the Website attacks:

- A group of attorneys for the Trusts as the “Asbestos Trust Mafia,” and accuses them of fraud, theft, and other criminal conduct (*see* Exhibit A (attached));
- A group of female attorneys for and employees of the Trusts as “The Corrupt WOMEN [*sic*] of Asbestos Trust Litigation—Bad Lawyers/Bad People,” and characterizes them as “a pack of low-esteemed, dishonest, poor quality lawyers, who have conspired . . . to funnel ‘billions of trust dollars’ back to the Superiors/Fiduciaries while harming the true Beneficiaries/Victims of the Trusts” (*see* Exhibit B (attached));

The Website also singles out individual attorneys by name for defamation, abuse, and harassment. For example, the Website attacks:

- One attorney as “[l]azy,” and “a liar,” accusing her of accepting a bribe “solely to conspire with corrupt lawyers and harm asbestos victims” (*see* Exhibit C (attached));
- Another lawyer as the “the face of fraud,” accusing him of dishonesty and misappropriation of funds (*see* Exhibit D (attached)); and
- The undersigned as “A Fraud, A Liar, A Tyrannist” and “a “Bad Person. Bad Jew. Bad Lawyer. Thief” who engages in “sham billing”; and the General Counsel of the Manville Trust as a “Fraudster[]” and the “face of Asbestos Trust Fraud”; and it accuses both of us of “giv[ing] all Jews a bad reputation by perpetuating negative Jewish stereotypes (‘money-grubbing Jews’)” (*see* Exhibit E attached)).

The Website also accuses a sitting federal judge of bias and corruption—again, without citing any evidence for these charges (*see* Exhibit F (attached)).

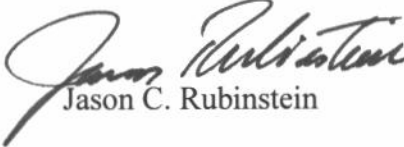
Finally, the Website frequently accompanies its personal attacks on individuals with copies of copyrighted images taken from their firm websites or linkedin.com profiles, even though Mr. Mandelbrot is not licensed to use such copyrighted materials. And, in a menacing gesture, the Website publishes the contact information of some of Mr. Mandelbrot’s targets.

The Website’s malicious accusations are devoid of any basis in fact or law, are demonstrably false, and its postings (including its unlicensed use of copyrighted materials) are legally actionable. As we are confident you would agree, Mr. Mandelbrot’s use of the Website registered by Justia as a platform to harass and defame others is highly inappropriate and a clear violation of the Justia Inc. Terms of Service, including without limitation Section 6, which bars Justia customers from using Justia’s services to post “any unlawful, infringing, harmful, threatening, abusive, inappropriate, harassing, tortious, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, indecent, defamatory, libelous, invasive of another’s privacy, profane, hateful, or racially, ethnically or otherwise objectionable Content.”

Accordingly, we request that Justia immediately terminate any website hosting, domain registration, or other applicable services it provides to Mr. Mandelbrot, particularly its support for www.mesothelioma-lawyerblog.com, and bar him from using Justia’s services to post defamatory and harassing content in the future.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments