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13 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
14 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

15 In re:

Case No.: BK-S-15-14956-abl
Chapter 11

16 MARC JOHN RANDAZZA,

17 Debtor.

18 MARC JOHN RANDAZZA, an individual,

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

Adv. No. 16-1111

21 CRYSTAL L. COX, an individual,

22 Defendant.

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

23 Plaintiff, Marc John Randazza, as debtor and debtor in possession (“Mr. Randazza”), by
24 and through his attorneys, Larson & Zirzow, hereby complains, objects, and alleges against
25 Defendant, Crystal L. Cox, an individual (“Ms. Cox”), as follows:
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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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2 1. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider and determine this adversary
3 proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and Local Rule 1001(b)(1).

4 2. The bases for relief herein are 11 U.S.C. §§ 502(b)(1) and 523, and Fed. R. Bankr.
5 P. 3007, 4007(a) and (c), and 7001(1), (4), (6) and (9).

6 3. This adversary proceeding is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
7 § 157(b)(2)(A)-(C), and (I).

8 4. Pursuant to Local Rule 7008.1, Mr. Randazza consents to the entry of final orders
9 and judgments by the bankruptcy judge in this matter.

10 5. Venue of Mr. Randazza’s bankruptcy case is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
11 1408(1), and venue of this adversary proceeding is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409(a).

THE PARTIES

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13 6. Plaintiff, Mr. Randazza, is an individual residing in Las Vegas, Clark County,
14 Nevada. On August 28, 2015 (the “Petition Date”), Mr. Randazza filed his voluntary petition for
15 relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United
16 States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada thereby commencing his bankruptcy case (the
17 “Chapter 11 Case”). Mr. Randazza is authorized to operate his businesses and manage his property
18 as a debtor in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No
19 official committees have been appointed in the Chapter 11 Case.

20 7. Mr. Randazza is the manager of Randazza Legal Group and an attorney licensed to
21 practice law in Arizona, California, Florida, Massachusetts, and Nevada. He focuses his legal
22 practice on litigating First Amendment, trademark and copyright infringement, defamation, free
23 speech, intellectual property and similar litigation. Mr. Randazza also has experience in a variety
24 of similar transactional responsibilities including providing advice to clients on First Amendment,
25 copyright, trademark, domain name law, internet law, and entertainment law, including the
26 negotiation and drafting of various associated agreements. He has also taught courses at the law
27 school level regarding the foregoing topics, having published numerous law review, bar journal,
28 and other articles regarding those topics, and having numerous speaking engagements regarding

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1 those topics.

2 8. Mr. Randazza is also the editor of The Legal Satyricon, which is well-known blog
3 on law, liberty, technology and politics, which has recently been rated in the Top 100 Legal Blogs
4 by the American Bar Association (the “ABA”).

5 9. Defendant, Ms. Cox, is an individual residing in the State of Washington who has
6 a last known mailing address of P.O. Box 931, Friday Harbor, Washington 98250 and who may
7 be served via e-mail at savvybroker@yahoo.com.

8 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

9 **A. Ms. Cox’s Well-Documented History as an Extortionist.**

10 10. In Obsidian Finance Group LLC v. Cox, No. cv-11-57-HZ (D. Or.) (the “Obsidian
11 Case”), Ms. Cox was a defendant in a defamation lawsuit brought by Obsidian Finance Group
12 (“Obsidian”) and Kevin Padrick (“Mr. Padrick”), Obsidian’s principal, in connection with a
13 publication by her that Mr. Padrick committed tax fraud in the course of his service as a bankruptcy
14 trustee. After obsessively posting defamatory information about these targets online, attacking
15 them relentlessly with an interlinked network of websites calculated to attack her targets’
16 reputation, Ms. Cox then sought a financial advantage from them in exchange for cleaning up the
17 very reputational damage she caused by offering to cease her attacks and to remediate the harm as
18 long as the target hired her to do so.

19 11. On November 30, 2011, a jury returned a \$2.5 million verdict against Ms. Cox in
20 the Obsidian Case for defamation, which verdict received substantial nationwide media coverage
21 as illustrated by the articles referenced hereinafter.

22 12. On December 7, 2011, Forbes journalist Kashmir Hill wrote the article “Why an
23 Investment Firm was Awarded \$2.5 Million After Being Defamed by Blogger” describing the
24 Obsidian Case, which involved allegations of fraud made by Ms. Cox against Obsidian on her blog
25 and questions as to whether she enjoyed certain legal protections as journalists.

26 13. Forbes also noted an unusual tactic, which Ms. Hill described in a subsequent article
27 for Forbes on April 2, 2012, “Ugly New Reputation-Smearing Tactic: Going After a Toddler’s
28 Internet Footprint.” This article was principally about Ms. Cox attacking Mr. Randazza’s then

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1 three-year-old daughter, N.R., in her extortion scheme, after attacks on Mr. Randazza personally,
2 and then his wife, failed to result in the desired extortion payments to Ms. Cox.

3 14. As was reported in Forbes, “[a]fter Obsidian sued Cox, she contacted them offering
4 her ‘reputation services;’ for \$2,500 a month she could ‘fix’ the firm’s reputation and help promote
5 its business. (In some circles we call that ‘extortion’).”

6 15. On December 8, 2011, Mark Bennett wrote the article “The Sky is Definitely Not
7 Falling,” observing that “[a] non-journalist like Cox is not allowed to defame a person. But – and
8 this is crucial to an understanding of this case – a journalist is *also* not allowed to defame a person.”

9 16. On December 10, 2011, New York Times journalist David Carr wrote “When Truth
10 Survives Free Speech,” noting “[w]hen [Cox] gets in a fight with someone, she frequently responds
11 by creating a domain with that person’s name, some allegation of corruption, or both [and] an
12 unsuitable offer to holster her gun in exchange for a payoff.”

13 17. On March 29, 2012, Forbes journalist David Coursey wrote the article “Are
14 Bloggers Really Journalists? Not if they Ask for Money,” commenting on the extortionate
15 “reputation services” offered by Ms. Cox.

16 18. On July 5, 2013, the State of Montana Board of Realty Regulation (the “Montana
17 Realty Board”) also found that Ms. Cox had engaged in extortionate behavior, thereby violating
18 multiple rules of professional and ethical conduct. Specifically, the Montana Realty Board found
19 that Ms. Cox violated the confidences of a client, Martin Cain, by registering the domain name
20 <martincain.com> and using it to post various false statements about him, including an accusation
21 that Mr. Cain hired a hit man to kill Ms. Cox. The Board further found that Ms. Cox then contacted
22 Mr. Cain and offered him the <martincain.com> website for \$500,000.

23 19. Subsequently, in its decision in Ms. Cox’s appeal in the Obsidian case, the Ninth
24 Circuit observed that “[Ms.] Cox apparently has a history of making similar allegations and
25 seeking payoffs in exchange for retraction.” Obsidian Fin. Group, LLC v. Cox, 740 F.3d 1284,
26 1287 (9th Cir. 2014).

27 20. As all of the foregoing well illustrates that Ms. Cox is a serial extortionist.
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1 **B. Ms. Cox’s Extortionate Conduct Against Mr. Randazza.**

2 21. In December 2011, Michael Spreadbury (“Mr. Spreadbury”) approached
3 Mr. Randazza, an attorney, asking him to consider representing Ms. Cox. On December 10, 2011,
4 Mr. Randazza participated in a non-privileged conference call with Ms. Cox and Mr. Spreadbury,
5 regarding potentially representing her in an appeal in the Obsidian Case, advising her that he would
6 look into the case. Mr. Randazza told Ms. Cox and Mr. Spreadbury that he would speak with
7 Obsidian’s counsel in order to help in making that decision – namely, to explore Obsidian’s
8 appetite for a negotiated solution.

9 22. On December 10 and 12, 2011, Mr. Randazza spoke with Obsidian’s counsel to
10 gather information about the case in order to determine whether to pursue an appeal, and to
11 determine Obsidian’s settlement posture, but ensured that it was for exploratory purposes only and
12 clearly communicated that he was not acting on behalf of or otherwise representing Ms. Cox.

13 23. After that call, in which Mr. Randazza determined that Obsidian and its counsel
14 were willing to be reasonable, on December 14, 2011, Mr. Randazza stated that he would be
15 willing to take her case, after certain formalities were executed. On December 16, 2011, Ms. Cox
16 declined the offer of representation, and specifically and unequivocally stated that “Marc Randazza
17 does NOT represent me in ANY way.” At no time was an attorney-client relationship formed
18 between Mr. Randazza and Ms. Cox, and Ms. Cox was well aware of that fact.

19 24. Ms. Cox apparently decided that Mr. Randazza would be a good target for her
20 extortion scheme. Shortly after informing Mr. Randazza that she retained other counsel for her
21 appeal in the Obsidian Case, she also informed him that she had set up the exact same extortion
22 scheme that she visited upon Obsidian Finance. Ms. Cox registered <marcrandazza.com> and
23 offered her same “reputation management” services to him that she had offered to Obsidian.
24 Ms. Cox had learned, through the Obsidian case, that she needed to be less obvious in her extortion
25 demands, but she still made it clear. The message in Ms. Cox’s communication, especially in the
26 context of her well-documented behavior up until that date, was clear – pay me or you get to meet
27 the same fate as Mr. Padrick and Obsidian – the plaintiffs in the Obsidian Case.

28 25. Mr. Randazza declined to submit to Ms. Cox’s extortionate demand. On March 12,

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1 2012, Ms. Cox sought to increase the extortionate pressure by attacking Mr. Randazza’s wife by
2 registering <jenniferrandazza.com>. When that did not have the desired effect, Ms. Cox then went
3 after Mr. Randazza’s then **three-year-old daughter**, N.R., by registering a domain name that was
4 only the three-year-old girl’s name. Ms. Cox’s tactic of going after Mr. Randazza’s minor daughter
5 was also reported in an article by Kashmir Hill entitled “Ugly New Reputation-Smearing Tactic:
6 Going After a Toddler’s Internet Footprint,” which was printed in Forbes on April 2, 2012.

7 26. Ms. Cox admitted publicly that her motivation included committing the crime of
8 witness intimidation. Specifically, in a video response to the April 2, 2012 Forbes article, Ms. Cox
9 admitted that she purchased the domain names to prevent Mr. Randazza from providing any
10 testimony against her at a deposition to be taken by Obsidian, and stated therein as follows:

11 I did this and it worked. Okay. It was March 23 is when Marc
12 Randazza was scheduled for his deposition in Portland, Oregon. ...
13 I got all these domain names, including his wife and his daughter,
14 and I never publicized the daughter one, in order to saturate the
15 search with my story as fast as I could. And guess what? It worked.
16 He didn’t give that deposition on March 23. He backed down in
17 coming for me because of what I did. And part of that was all of
18 these names I think I’ll go without coffee or food or something
19 at least one day a week so I can buy another dot com with Marc
20 Randazza’s name in it

21 27. On March 30, 2012, Mr. Randazza wrote on his law blog, The Legal Satyricon
22 “Judge Rules Again that Blogger Crystal Cox is Not a Journalist. You Know Why? Because She
23 isn’t a Journalist,” describing the outcome of the Obsidian Case, her registration of
24 <marcrandazza.com> and domains named for his family, and her extortionate behavior. His
25 motivation for this was that he had observed that he was not Cox’s only victim – and that he had
26 the ability to help prevent extortion against other parties by casting a light on Cox’s activities.

27 28. In the ensuing months, at least seven (7) additional articles from noted legal blogs
28 also commented on Ms. Cox’s extortionate conduct toward Mr. Randazza, including but not
limited to the following:

(a) On December 9, 2011, Carlos Miller, “Blogger Must Act Like Journalist To
Be Treated Like One,” Photography Is Not A Crime (available at

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1 <https://photographyisnotacrime.com/2011/12/blogger-must-act-like-journalist-to-be-treated-like-one/>).

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3 (b) On March 30, 2012, Jordan Rushie, “Crystal Cox - Investigative Blogger? No More Like A Scammer and Extortionist,” Philly Law Blog (available at <http://phillylawblog.wordpress.com/2012/03/30/crystal-cox-investigative-blogger-no-more-like-a-scammer-and-extortionist/>).

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7 (c) On March 30, 2012, Scott Greenfield, “A Blogger Not Like Us,” Simple Justice (available at <http://blog.simplejustice.us/2012/03/30/a-blogger-not-like-us-update/>).

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10 (d) On January 19, 2014, Ken White, “Protecting the Free Speech of Censors: The Crystal Cox Saga,” Popehat (available at <http://www.popehat.com/2014/01/19/protecting-the-free-speech-of-censors-the-crystal-cox-saga/>).

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13 (e) On April 2, 2012, Eric Turkewitz, “Blawg Review is Back! (With some incredible, but true, stories),” The New York Personal Injury Law Blog (available at <http://www.newyorkpersonalinjuryattorneyblog.com/2012/04/blawg-review-is-back-with-a-couple-incredible-stories.html>).

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16 (f) March 31, 2012, Mark Bennett, “Crystal Cox,” Defending People (available at <http://blog.bennettandbennett.com/2012/03/crystal-cox.html>).

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18 (g) In April 2012, Janine Robben, “The Poster Child: How Oregon’s Blogging Defamation Case Attracted National Attention,” Oregon State Bar Bulletin (available at <http://www.osbar.org/publications/bulletin/12apr/posterchild.html>).

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20 29. On September 19, 2012, Ms. Cox offered to sell the Plaintiff’s domain name by a blog posted thereon for \$5,000,000 with the title of her post taunting “Here Kitty Kitty...”

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22 30. On November 19, 2012, Ms. Cox threatened that her campaign of harassment would expand to Mr. Randazza’s sister.

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24 31. On March 30, 2012, Mr. Randazza wrote on his law blog, The Legal Satyricon “Judge Rules Again that Blogger Crystal Cox is Not a Journalist. You Know Why? Because She

1 isn't a Journalist," describing the outcome of the Obsidian Case, her registration of
2 <marcrandazza.com> and domains named for his family, and her extortionate behavior.

3 32. To date, Ms. Cox has obsessively registered dozens of domain names containing
4 the Randazza family's names or surnames in an effort to extort and harass them and capitalize
5 upon and damage the goodwill that Mr. Randazza has in his name. Specifically, Ms. Cox
6 registered more than thirty infringing domain names (collectively, the "Infringing Domain
7 Names"), some of which were listed under a proxy, Eliot Bernstein ("Mr. Bernstein"), as follows:

8 <marcrandazza.me>, <marcjrandazza.com>, <marcjohrandazza.com>,
9 <marcrandazzaisalyingasshole.com>, <marcrandazza.info>, <marcrandazzaparody.com>,
10 <randazzalegalgroupsucks.com>, <hypocritemarcrandazza.com>,
11 <marcjohrandazza.blogspot.com>, <markrandazza.blogspot.com>,
12 <jenniferrandazza.blogspot.com>, <marcrandazzaegomaniac.blogspot.com>, <marc-
13 randazza.blogspot.com>, <marcrandazza-asshole.blogspot.com>, <marcrandazza.com>,
14 <fuckmarcrandazza.com>, <marcrandazzasucks.com>, <marcrandazza.biz>,
15 <marcrandazza.mobi>, <exposemarcrandazza.com>, <trollmarcrandazza.com>,
16 <crystalcoxmarcrandazza.com>, <randazzalegalgroup.blogspot.com>,
17 <marcrandazza.blogspot.com>, <marcrandazzafreespeech.blogspot.com>, <marcjrandazza-
18 lawyer.blogspot.com>, <marcrandazzatips.blogspot.com>,
19 <marcrandazzaabovethelaw.blogspot.com>, <marcrandazzaliedaboutcrystalcox.blogspot.com>,
20 <marcrandazzaviolatedmylegalrights.blogspot.com>,
21 <marcrandazzawomensrights.blogspot.com>.

22 33. Ms. Cox registered the Infringing Domain Names with the intent to capitalize on
23 the use of Mr. Randazza's personal name, extort money from the Randazzas, and engage in witness
24 intimidation. In fact, the profit in Ms. Cox's endeavor flows directly from her extortion scheme.

25 34. If Ms. Cox's targets refuse her extortion, she continues her campaign to ruin their
26 reputations online, not only by posting defamatory rants about them, but by then repeating the
27 defamatory rants on site after site, often on domain names that wholly include their legal names or
28 trademarks, and interlinking all of her many sites in order to artificially inflate the Google rankings

1 on each site. Ms. Cox claims to be “very good” at getting her websites to appear at the top of
2 search results.

3 35. Ms. Cox admits that she originally registered the Infringing Domain Names in an
4 attempt to harass and extort Mr. Randazza. Specifically, Ms. Cox said she hoped to intimidate
5 Mr. Randazza to keep him from testifying in the matter of Obsidian Case. In addition, Ms. Cox
6 has asked Mr. Randazza to pay her to maintain his online reputation, which she herself has sought
7 to destroy through search engine optimization and link spamming techniques.

8 **C. The WIPO Case.**

9 36. On July 27, 2012, Mr. Randazza filed a dispute with the World Intellectual Property
10 Organization (“WIPO”) to recover several of the domain names, which he was awarded on
11 November 30, 2012. These domains are not the subject of the injunction in the 2040 Case (as
12 hereinafter defined), as they were awarded to Mr. Randazza in the WIPO case, and Ms. Cox failed
13 to file an action within the requisite period to appeal the WIPO decision. In its decision dated
14 November 30, 2012, the WIPO observed the following:

15 Furthermore, the Respondent’s [Ms. Cox’s] actions in registering
16 and using the disputed domain names may appear, at a first glance,
17 to simply be a vehicle through which she provides advertising
18 through pay-per-click sites, but on slightly closer examination are
19 actually components of an artifice intended to extort funds from the
20 Complainant and thus a pretext for a rather egregious variant of
21 cybersquatting. As such, none of those actions can or will serve as
22 a predicate upon which the Respondent can lawfully develop any
23 rights or legitimate interests in any of the disputed domain names.

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25 In any event, for purposes of the Policy the Panel finds the
26 Respondent’s intention, as reflected by the record, was never to
27 solely provide, through her websites, speech critical of the
28 Complainant. Rather, her objective in both registering and using the
disputed names was apparently to engage in a rather sinister and
tenacious scheme to extort money from the Complainant.
Specifically, the Respondent first posted negative and false
commentary on her websites that was intentionally calculated to
injure the Complainant’s on-line reputation and disrupt the
Complainant’s business conducted through his law firm. Thereafter,
the Respondent used those sites in a manner that apparently
optimized their ranking on the Google search engine in order to
increase their visibility and prominence on search results yielded

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through a Google search of the Complainant, thus likely exacerbating the injury caused to the Complainant. Once all this occurred, the Respondent then offered her reputational management services to the Complainant through which, for a considerable fee, she would remediate the Complainant’s on-line reputation by eliminating all the negative and false commentary of her own making and presumably also ceasing her use of the disputed domain names. Basically, for a price, she would undo the injury to the Complainant for which she was responsible for having created in the first place. This egregious conduct clearly constitutes bad faith under the Policy.

37. The WIPO panel further found that:

Respondent has previously registered domain names that solely include her target’s full names and uses link-bombing methods in an effort to increase the prominence of her search results on search engines. The Respondent then offers to provide “reputation management” services to her target in return for a fee. Such websites are not “criticism sites” but merely a pretext for the Respondent’s bad faith extortionate use.

38. If Ms. Cox’s targets refuse her extortion, she continues her campaign to ruin their reputations online, not only by posting defamatory rants about them, but by then repeating the defamatory rants on site after site, often on domain names that wholly include their legal names or trademarks, and interlinking all of her many sites in order to artificially inflate the Google rankings on each site. Ms. Cox claims to be “very good” at getting her websites to appear at the top of search results.

D. The Initial Stages of the 2040 Case.

39. On November 28, 2012, Mr. Randazza, as well as his wife, on behalf of themselves and their minor daughter (collectively, the “Randazzas”), filed a *Complaint* (the “2040 Complaint”), against Ms. Cox and Mr. Bernstein in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada (the “District Court”), thereby commencing Case No. 2:12-cv-2040-JAD-PAL (the “2040 Case”).

40. The 2040 Complaint arose out of Ms. Cox and Mr. Bernstein’s registration and use of the Infringing Domain Names. As previously noted, these domains were not made the subject of the WIPO proceedings, but were registered by Ms. Cox in the same course of conduct as the ones adjudicated in the WIPO dispute. The Randazzas’ 2040 Complaint alleged the following

1 claims for relief: (a) violation of individual cyberpiracy protections - 15 U.S.C. § 8131;
2 (b) cybersquatting - 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d); (c) right of publicity - NRS 597.810; (d) common law
3 right of publicity; (e) common law right of intrusion upon seclusion; and (f) civil conspiracy.

4 41. Shortly after commencing the 2040 Case, the Randazzas filed a motion for
5 temporary restraining order, thereby seeking to freeze the Infringing Domain Names pending the
6 outcome of the 2040 Case. After this matter was briefed by the parties, the District Court, the Hon.
7 Gloria M. Navarro, issued a temporary restraining order in the Randazzas' favor. Specifically, she
8 found in a decision dated as of December 14, 2012 that Ms. Cox and Mr. Bernstein "have embarked
9 on a campaign of cyber-extortion" against Mr. Randazza.

10 42. Additional pleadings were filed by the Randazzas and Ms. Cox in furtherance of a
11 preliminary injunction. Following a hearing, Judge Navarro issued a preliminary injunction,
12 thereby transferring the Infringing Domain Names to Mr. Randazza's control upon the posting of
13 a bond, which he did post. This preliminary injunction remains in place, which Ms. Cox continues
14 to violate.

15 43. In the 2040 Case, the District Court recognized that Ms. Cox's conduct amounts to
16 extortion. Specifically, the District Court found that "[Ms. Cox's] actions leading up to the filing
17 of the Complaint, as well as [her] past behavior, as represented in Plaintiffs' reply briefing, clearly
18 seems to indicate cyber-extortion," and that "[Ms. Cox] has been shown, to have engaged in a
19 pattern of cybersquatting and cyber-extortion").

20 44. On January 3, 2013, Ms. Cox filed a purported counterclaim against almost seventy
21 (70) parties, including against not only Mr. Randazza, but also Apple, National Public Radio, and
22 Judge Navarro, among many others, including the authors of the above-referenced articles, their
23 employers, and the WIPO. The Randazzas filed a motion to strike or, alternatively, to dismiss and
24 Ms. Cox responded.

25 45. Thereafter, Ms. Cox filed a 166 page purported amended counterclaim similar to
26 her original one, thereby rendering her original counterclaim and the Randazzas' motion moot.
27 The Randazzas again moved to strike the amended counterclaim, which was also briefed by the
28 parties.

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1 46. While these motions were pending, Ms. Cox moved for summary judgment on her
2 amended counterclaim. Ms. Cox's motion became moot, however, when on February 22, 2013,
3 Judge Navarro granted the Randazzas' motion to strike the amended counterclaim for violation of
4 Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2) and 14(a). Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the District Court did
5 allow Ms. Cox to refile her allegations as a separate complaint in another case as hereinafter set
6 forth.

7 47. Due to Ms. Cox's series of frivolous filings, the District Court revoked her CM/ECF
8 privileges. The docket is strewn with at least a dozen of Ms. Cox's improper and indeed absurdly
9 framed motions. All or nearly all of the foregoing were stricken by the District Court.

10 **E. The 297 Case.**

11 48. Ms. Cox did, in fact, initiate a separate complaint per Judge Navarro's order on
12 February 24, 2013 (the "297 Complaint"), which was docketed in the District Court as Cox v.
13 Randazza, et al., Case No. 2:13-cv-00297-MMD-VCF (the "297 Case"). The 297 Complaint
14 contained the same claims she makes in the 2040 Case (as hereinafter described), and in the 938
15 Case (as hereinafter defined).

16 49. Specifically, in the 297 Complaint, Ms. Cox alleged a slew of claims and what
17 appear to be affirmative defenses against Mr. Randazza including civil conspiracy, defamation,
18 harassment, antitrust and fair competition, constitutional rights, due process, violation of the Hate
19 Crime Prevention Act, abuse of process, tortious interference, interference with business
20 advantage, violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"),
21 malpractice and negligence, retraction law, shield law, witness tampering, whistleblowing under
22 the False Claims Act, and violation of a consumer protection act. Ms. Cox's alleges that her claims
23 all arose in connection with above-referenced communications between Ms. Cox and
24 Mr. Randazza in and after December 2011 regarding the Obsidian Case and his potential
25 representation of her therein, and Mr. Randazza's accusation of extortion when Ms. Cox purchased
26 the numerous Infringing Domain Names and thereafter sought to be paid for "reputation
27 management services" to ameliorate the very harm she caused.

28 50. Ms. Cox had moved to proceed in *forma pauperis* in the 297 Case and, on

1 November 27, 2013, the District Court dismissed many of her claims without prejudice and
2 ordered her to file an amended complaint. Specifically, the District Court's November 27, 2013
3 Order adopted the Magistrate's report and recommendation in its entirety, which found, *inter alia*,
4 that Ms. Cox's defamation claim was merely conclusory and that the scattered factual assertions
5 in her 297 Complaint did not meet the pleading requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 to support a
6 claim of legal malpractice. Ms. Cox did not file an amended complaint in accordance with this
7 order, however, and thus on May 14, 2014, the District Court dismissed the 297 Case with
8 prejudice.

9 **F. The 938 Case.**

10 51. Notwithstanding the pendency of the 297 Case, on May 14, 2013, Ms. Cox filed
11 Case No. 1:13-cv-03257 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
12 against Mr. Randazza and others, which was subsequently transferred to the District of Nevada as
13 Cox v. Carr, et al., Case No. 2:13-cv-00938-APG-GWF (the "938 Case"). Ms. Cox's complaint
14 in the 938 Case (the "938 Complaint") raises many of the identical claims against Mr. Randazza
15 and arises from the same underlying facts and transactions as those in the 2040 Case and the 297
16 Case. The 938 Case was the fifth of *nine (9) nearly identical cases* Ms. Cox filed throughout the
17 country in or about May 2013 against Mr. Randazza, among numerous others, the remainder of
18 which are discussed below.

19 52. On June 12, 2014, Magistrate Judge Foley recommended dismissal under claim
20 preclusion of Ms. Cox's 938 Complaint due to the dismissal of the 297 Case. Magistrate Foley
21 noted that the other complaints Ms. Cox had filed in May 2013 had all been dismissed. On January
22 20, 2015, the Hon. Andrew P. Gordon adopted the Magistrate's recommendation and dismissed
23 the 938 Case with prejudice.

24 53. In addition to the 297 Case and the 938 Case, both of which were dismissed with
25 prejudice, in May 2013 Ms. Cox also instituted the following eight (8) other cases against
26 Mr. Randazza, all of which named him as a member of slates of defendants, all arising from the
27 same underlying facts and transactions as the 2040 Case, the 297 Case, and the 938 Case.

28 54. First, in Cox v. Hill, et al., Case No. 4:13-cv-02046-DMR (N.D. Cal. May 2, 2013)

1 [hereinafter, "Hill"], Ms. Cox sued Mr. Randazza, and alleged defamation, section 1983, RICO
2 violation, negligence, professional negligence, witness tampering, and tortious interference. This
3 case was dismissed without prejudice for improper venue on July 15, 2013.

4 55. Second, in Cox v. Parsons, et al., Case No. 2:13-cv-00962-MEA (D. Ariz. May 8,
5 2013) [hereinafter, "Parsons"], Ms. Cox sued Mr. Randazza initially alleging defamation, section
6 1983, civil conspiracy, RICO violation, negligence, professional negligence, witness tampering,
7 tortious interference, constitutional violations, violation of international laws, and violation of
8 intellectual property laws. It was initially dismissed without prejudice on May 16, 2013, with
9 leave to file an amended complaint. Ms. Cox did so and, in her amended complaint made
10 allegations against Mr. Randazza of malpractice, defamation, civil conspiracy, negligence, witness
11 tampering, section 1983, and RICO violation. The Magistrate Judge recommended the *in forma*
12 *pauperis* claim be dismissed as frivolous under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 on June 18, 2013. Thereafter,
13 the District Judge dismissed the entire action with prejudice for failure to state a claim on
14 September 19, 2013.

15 56. Third, in Cox v. Michaelson, et al., Case No. 3:13-cv-03136-AED-DEA (D.N.J.
16 May 9, 2013) [hereinafter, "Michaelson"], Ms. Cox sued Mr. Randazza alleging defamation,
17 section 1983, civil conspiracy, RICO violation, negligence/professional negligence, tortious
18 interference, constitutional violations, violation of international law, and violation of intellectual
19 property laws. This matter was dismissed on September 27, 2013 without prejudice under 28
20 U.S.C. § 1915 for failure to be pleaded properly under Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a), with permission to
21 refile. Ms. Cox abandoned the case and did not refile.

22 57. Fourth, in Cox v. Coenen, et al., Case No. 2:13-cv-00534-AEG (E.D. Wis. May 13,
23 2013) [hereinafter, "Coenen I"], Ms. Cox sued Mr. Randazza alleging defamation, section 1983,
24 civil conspiracy, RICO violation, negligence/professional negligence, and tortious interference.
25 On May 28, 2013, the matter was dismissed without prejudice in favor of the 297 Case, as the
26 Court found it was improper of Ms. Cox to file multiple suits against the same defendants for the
27 same reasons in multiple courts. As noted, the 297 Case was subsequently dismissed with
28 prejudice.

1 58. Fifth, in Cox v. Coenen, et al., Case No. 1:13-cv-03633 (N.D. Ill. May 14, 2013)
2 [hereinafter “Coenen II”], Ms. Cox sued Mr. Randazza therein making made identical allegations
3 as in Coenen I filed the day before. On June 7, 2013, the Court dismissed it as being legally
4 frivolous under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e).

5 59. Sixth, in Cox v. Rushie, et al., Case No. 1:13-cv-11308-PBS (D. Mass. May 30,
6 2013) [hereinafter, “Rushie I”], Ms. Cox sued Mr. Randazza alleging defamation, legal
7 malpractice, civil conspiracy, negligence, witness tampering, tortious interference, and RICO
8 violation. The matter was dismissed on June 18, 2013, for improper venue and was not transferred
9 due to the pendency of the 297 Case, the 938 Case, Hill, Parsons, and Coenen I & Coenen II.

10 60. Seventh, in Cox v. Rushie, et al., Case No. 2:13-cv-03028-JHS (E.D. Penn. May
11 30, 2013) [hereinafter, “Rushie II”], Ms. Cox sued Mr. Randazza alleging defamation, malpractice,
12 conspiracy, witness tampering, tortious interference, and RICO violation. The matter was
13 dismissed on June 6, 2013 for failure to conform to Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). Although leave to refile
14 was granted, she was specifically prohibited from raising any of the claims filed in any of the other
15 cases in any amended complaint. Ms. Cox abandoned the matter.

16 61. Eighth, in Cox v. Randazza Legal Group, et al., Case No. 1:13-cv-21924-DLG
17 (S.D. Fla. May 31, 2013) [hereinafter, “RLG Case”], Ms. Cox sued Mr. Randazza alleging
18 defamation, malpractice, conspiracy, witness tampering, tortious interference, and RICO violation.
19 On June 25, 2013, the matter was dismissed as frivolous and baseless under 28 U.S.C.
20 § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i). Although Ms. Cox was given leave to file an amended complaint, she
21 abandoned the matter and the case was ordered closed on July 18, 2013.

22 62. The 297 Case, the 938 Case, Hill, Parsons, Michaelson, Coenen I, Coenen II,
23 Rushie I, Rushie II, and the RLG Case are all hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Dismissed
24 Cases.”

25 **G. Returning Back to the 2040 Case.**

26 63. While the 297 Case was pending, on April 25, 2013, Ms. Cox also filed a non-
27 specific motion for reconsideration regarding the striking of her counterclaim in the 2040 Case.
28 Ms. Cox’s reconsideration motion acknowledged that she had filed the 297 Case. This motion

1 was thereafter fully briefed.

2 64. On February 14, 2014, after reassignment of the 2040 Case to the Hon. Jennifer A.
3 Dorsey, the District Court granted in part Ms. Cox's motion for reconsideration, thereby permitting
4 Ms. Cox to "file a proper counterclaim against Plaintiff Marc Randazza."

5 65. On February 24, 2014, Ms. Cox filed a new counterclaim against Mr. Randazza in
6 the 2040 Case.

7 66. On March 12, 2014, Mr. Randazza moved to dismiss and to strike Ms. Cox's new
8 counterclaim, which matter was fully briefed by the parties.

9 67. The Randazzas also moved for summary judgment on their claims in the 2040
10 Complaint, to which Ms. Cox responded. On April 10, 2014, the District Court, Judge Dorsey,
11 denied the Randazzas' motion, but without prejudice, and dismissed the Randazzas' claims under
12 the common law right of publicity, while leaving their other five (5) other claims for relief intact.

13 68. On May 21, 2014, one week after Ms. Cox's identical claims were dismissed with
14 prejudice in the 297 Case, Judge Dorsey denied the Randazzas' motion to strike and only granted
15 their motion to dismiss Ms. Cox's counterclaims in part. The District Court also granted leave for
16 Ms. Cox to again attempt amendment of her counterclaims against Mr. Randazza.

17 69. On June 2, 2014, Ms. Cox again sought leave to amend her counterclaim, which
18 matter was fully briefed by the parties. On July 8, 2014, the District Court denied Ms. Cox's
19 motion and dismissed her abuse of process counterclaim, but permitted her claims for defamation
20 and legal malpractice against Mr. Randazza to proceed.

21 70. Judge Dorsey's order of July 8, 2014 as well as her earlier orders did not consider
22 the prior dismissals of the 297 Case and the Parsons case with prejudice, or of the prior findings
23 of frivolity in Coenen II and the RLG Case all four (4) of which cases terminated and finally
24 adjudicated identical claims of defamation and legal malpractice as pled by Ms. Cox in the 2040
25 Case. Therefore, *four times over* Ms. Cox's claims had been dismissed on their merits.

26 71. As a result of all of the foregoing, Ms. Cox's only counterclaims remaining in the
27 2040 Case against Mr. Randazza were for legal malpractice as plead in her February 21, 2014
28 counterclaim, and her claim for defamation as pled in the same, but as modified and edited by the

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1 Court's May 21, 2014 Order. Ms. Cox's remaining counterclaims are hereinafter referred to as
2 the "2040 Counterclaim."

3 72. On August 15, 2014, Mr. Randazza answered Ms. Cox's 2040 Counterclaim. Upon
4 answering, Mr. Randazza also filed a special motion to dismiss under the Nevada Anti-SLAPP
5 law, NRS 41.635, *et seq.* (the "Anti-SLAPP Motion"). Among other matters, Mr. Randazza argued
6 in his Anti-SLAPP Motion that that Ms. Cox could never prevail on the merits of her claims
7 because neither defamation nor legal malpractice occurred, and these claims were barred by claim
8 preclusion and *res judicata*. The Anti-SLAPP Motion was fully brief by the parties.

9 73. On March 23, 2015, Judge Dorsey denied Mr. Randazza's Anti-SLAPP Motion as
10 untimely pursuant to NRS § 41.660. The foregoing denial was on timeliness grounds only and did
11 not reach the merits of the Anti-SLAPP Motion itself.

12 74. On March 30, 2015, Mr. Randazza filed an interlocutory appeal from the District
13 Court's denial of his Anti-SLAPP Motion to United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
14 (the "Ninth Circuit"), where the matter remains pending as Appeal No. 15-15610 (the "Appeal").

15 75. Subsequently, the Ninth Circuit has held in another matter that state anti-SLAPP
16 statute deadlines do not apply in Federal Court. See Sarver v. Chartier, 813 F.3d 891 (9th Cir.
17 2016). As such, but for the imposition of the automatic stay as a result of Mr. Randazza's Chapter
18 11 Case, the Ninth Circuit would, consistent with Sarver, reverse the District Court's denial of
19 Mr. Randazza's Anti-SLAPP Motion, and on remand, the Anti-SLAPP Motion would be decided
20 on its merits.

21 76. On April 8, 2015, the District Court issued a stay of the underlying 2040 Case
22 pending the outcome of the Appeal before the Ninth Circuit. The District Court also denied a
23 flurry of Ms. Cox's motions in this same order as well.

24 77. Due to an erroneous dismissal of the Appeal by the Ninth Circuit, which was
25 corrected and reversed, the stay was lifted. On June 16, 2015, Mr. Randazza filed a motion to
26 reinstate the stay pending the resolution of the Appeal. The District Court, through the Magistrate,
27 allowed that motion and again stayed the 2040 Case on July 20, 2015 pending an outcome of the
28 Appeal. Judge Dorsey reaffirmed the foregoing stay ten days later and such stay pending the

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1 Appeal remains in effect at present.

2 **H. Mr. Randazza’s Chapter 11 Case and the Relevant Filings Therein.**

3 78. On September 8, 2015, Mr. Randazza gave notice of his Chapter 11 Case to both
4 the District Court in the 2040 Case, and also to the Ninth Circuit in the Appeal.

5 79. The Ninth Circuit again erroneously dismissed Mr. Randazza’s Appeal in the 2040
6 Case for lack of prosecution, however, the Appeal was again reinstated in light of the automatic
7 stay in Mr. Randazza’s Chapter 11 Case. Upon reinstatement of the Appeal, the stay was also
8 necessarily reinstating as well.

9 80. On September 29, 2015, Ms. Cox filed what she called an *Objection to Discharge*
10 *Debt* (the “Discharge Objection”) in Mr. Randazza’s Chapter 11 Case. In her Discharge Objection,
11 Ms. Cox raises the same defamation and malpractice claims asserted before the District Court in
12 the 2040 Case, and as previously attempted to be asserted or that could have been asserted in the
13 now dismissed 297 Case, the 938 Case, and the eight (8) other Dismissed Cases. Ms. Cox did not
14 file the Discharge Objection as a complaint and commence a separate adversary proceeding, and
15 she also did not seek or obtain and serve a summons upon Mr. Randazza to answer the Discharge
16 Objection.

17 81. Also on September 29, 2015, Ms. Cox filed a *Proof of Claim* (the “Proof of Claim”),
18 being Claim No. 4-1, in Mr. Randazza’s Chapter 11 Case in the amount of \$10,000,000.00. On
19 its face, Ms. Cox’s claim is by far the largest claim asserted in Mr. Randazza’s Chapter 11 Case to
20 a significant degree. Ms. Cox attached no supporting documentation to her Proof of Claim, and
21 no calculation as to how she arrived at her extraordinarily large alleged claim figure. Moreover,
22 the only description Ms. Cox provided regarding her alleged claims was a general citation to the
23 2040 Case pending before the District Court. In essence, Ms. Cox brings as her claim the same
24 defamation and malpractice claims asserted before the District Court in the 2040 Case, and as
25 previously attempted to be asserted, or as could have been asserted, in the now dismissed 297
26 Case, the 938 Case, and the eight other Dismissed Cases. A true and correct copy of Ms. Cox’s
27 Proof of Claim is attached hereto as **Exhibit “1.”**

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FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Objection to Ms. Cox’s Proof of Claim, Claim No. 4-1)

82. Mr. Randazza repeats, realleges, and fully incorporates the allegations plead above.

83. Ms. Cox’s Proof of Claim fails to include any particulars or supporting documentation, and thus is not entitled to even *prima facie* validity.

84. Ms. Cox’s Proof of Claim fails to state claims upon which relief can be granted and Mr. Randazza is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

85. Ms. Cox’s claims in her Proof of Claim are barred by the doctrines of *res judicata* and claim preclusion because the dismissals of the 297 Case and the 938 Case were final adjudications within the meaning of Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b), and thus further proceeding on such claims is barred.

86. Ms. Cox’s claims in her Proof of Claim are barred by the doctrines of *res judicata* and claim preclusion because the dismissal of the Parsons case for failure to state a claim, and the determinations that the claims in Coenen II and the RLG Case were frivolous, were final adjudications on the merits, and thus further proceeding on such claims is barred.

87. Mr. Randazza is not liable for defamation to Ms. Cox because his statements that Ms. Cox is an extortionist are true.

88. Mr. Randazza is not liable for defamation to Ms. Cox because his statements that Ms. Cox is an extortionist is his protected opinion.

89. Mr. Randazza is not liable for defamation to Ms. Cox because even if his statements that Ms. Cox is an extortionist were not true, they would be privileged from liability, and even if provably not true, Mr. Randazza’s statements would be protected by the Fair Reporting Privilege and/or the Reply Privilege.

90. Mr. Randazza is not liable for defamation to Ms. Cox because even if his statements that Ms. Cox is an extortionist were not true, and were not privileged, Ms. Cox cannot demonstrate fault amounting to at least negligence, much less the required “actual malice” standard because Ms. Cox is a public figure.

91. Mr. Randazza is not liable for defamation to Ms. Cox because she is a “libel-proof”

1 claimant with such a far-reaching negative reputation that Mr. Randazza's statements could not
2 have added any additional harm to her.

3 92. Mr. Randazza is not liable for defamation to Ms. Cox because his statements did
4 not proximately cause actual damages.

5 93. Mr. Randazza is not liable for defamation to Ms. Cox because such a claim is time
6 barred by the applicable Nevada statute of limitations.

7 94. Mr. Randazza is not liable to Ms. Cox for defamation because his communications
8 are protected under Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute, NRS § 41.660.

9 95. Mr. Randazza is not liable to Ms. Cox for legal malpractice because his
10 communications are protected under Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute, NRS § 41.660.

11 96. Mr. Randazza is not liable to Ms. Cox for legal malpractice because an attorney-
12 client relationship never existed between them, nor was there unauthorized representation by
13 Mr. Randazza of her.

14 97. Mr. Randazza is not liable to Ms. Cox for legal malpractice because he never
15 breached a duty of care, if any existed, to Ms. Cox.

16 98. Mr. Randazza is not liable to Ms. Cox for legal malpractice because, if he breached
17 a duty of care, if any existed, to Ms. Cox, she did not proximately suffer harm thereby.

18 99. Mr. Randazza is not liable to Ms. Cox for legal malpractice because such a claim
19 is time barred by the applicable Nevada statute of limitations.

20 100. Ms. Cox's claims in her Proof of Claim are frivolous and sanctionable conduct
21 because they are being presented for improper purposes, including to harass, cause delays, and
22 needless increase the costs of litigation; Ms. Cox's claims are not warranted by existing law, or a
23 nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law or the
24 establishment of new law; and Ms. Cox's allegations lack any evidentiary support.

25 101. As a proximate result of Ms. Cox's frivolous and sanctionable conduct,
26 Mr. Randazza was forced to incur and expend fees and costs to litigate the Proof of Claim, and is
27 entitled to recover those fees and expenses.
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SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Declaratory Relief as to Dischargeability and Discharge Objection)

102. Mr. Randazza repeats, realleges, and fully incorporates the allegations plead above.

103. An actual and justiciable controversy exists between the Mr. Randazza and Ms. Cox as to whether the claims pled by her in her Proof of Claim and Discharge Objection are nondischargeable.

104. The interests between Mr. Randazza and Ms. Cox are adverse and Mr. Randazza has a legally protectable interest in the controversy, including but not limited to determining his liability, if any, to Ms. Cox, and whether such alleged debt is nondischargeable in his Chapter 11 Case.

105. The disputes herein are ripe for a judicial declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 2201, and 2202, that the claims as pled by Ms. Cox are not owing and are dischargeable in Mr. Randazza's Chapter 11 Case.

106. The Discharge Objection must be dismissed as a matter of law because Mr. Randazza has no underlying liability to Ms. Cox to except from discharge.

107. The Discharge Objection must be dismissed because Ms. Cox did not file the required complaint, did not appropriately or timely serve it, and did not obtain or timely serve a summons with it, and the time therefor has expired pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4007(c), 7004, and 7012(b)/Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b).

108. The Discharge Objection must be dismissed to the extent it pleads a claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A) because Mr. Randazza did not receive money, property, services, or an extension, renewal, or refinancing of credit, obtained by false pretenses, a false representation, or actual fraud.

109. The Discharge Objection must be dismissed to the extent it pleads a claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(6) because Mr. Randazza does not have a debt to Ms. Cox for a willful and malicious injury by him to Ms. Cox or her property.

110. The Discharge Objection must be dismissed must be dismissed to the extent it pleads a claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(6) because legal malpractice is not an intentional

1 tort as required by that subsection, and Mr. Randazza never took or mishandled any trust funds
2 from Ms. Cox as required under that provision.

3 111. The Discharge Objection must be dismissed pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7009 and
4 Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b) for failure to plead fraud with particularity.

5 112. Ms. Cox's claims in her Discharge Objection are frivolous and sanctionable
6 conduct because they are being presented for improper purposes, including to harass, cause delays,
7 and needless increase the costs of litigation; Ms. Cox's claims are not warranted by existing law,
8 or a nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law or the
9 establishment of new law; and Ms. Cox's allegations lack any evidentiary support.

10 113. As a proximate result of Ms. Cox's frivolous and sanctionable conduct in her
11 Discharge Objection, Mr. Randazza was forced to incur and expend fees and costs to litigate the
12 matter, and is entitled to recover such fees and expenses.

13 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

14 **(Abuse of Process)**

15 114. Mr. Randazza repeats, realleges, and fully incorporates the allegations plead above.

16 115. Coenen II was dismissed as legally frivolous on June 7, 2013, the RLG Case was
17 dismissed as legally frivolous on July 18, 2013, Parsons was dismissed with prejudice on
18 September 19, 2013, the 297 Case was dismissed with prejudice on May 14, 2014, and the 938
19 Case was dismissed with prejudice on January 20, 2015. On or after each of those dismissals, Ms.
20 Cox knew or should have known that she could not sustain, as a matter of law, any of her putative
21 counterclaims in the 2040 Case, and thus at the time she filed her counterclaim in the 2040 Case
22 on February 24, 2014, those claims had already thrice been dismissed, at least once as explicitly
23 stated with prejudice.

24 116. In opposing Mr. Randazza's summary judgment and opposing his Anti-SLAPP
25 Motion, as well as filing spurious motions in the 2040 Case, Ms. Cox committed improper, willful
26 acts in the use of the legal process, purporting to sustain legally unsustainable claims barred, at a
27 minimum, by claim preclusion.

28 117. At all relevant times herein, Ms. Cox did not seek to resolve a legal dispute against

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1 Mr. Randazza, but rather sought to punish him for refusing to bend to her extortionate whim and
2 to delay his claims in chief against her.

3 118. Ms. Cox, therefore, committed an abuse of process against Mr. Randazza.

4 119. As a proximate result of Ms. Cox’s abuse of process, Mr. Randazza was forced to
5 incur and expend fees and costs to litigate the counterclaims in the 2040 Case, and suffered a delay
6 in the resolution of his claims against Ms. Cox.

7 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

8 **(Civil Extortion)**

9 120. Mr. Randazza repeats, realleges, and fully incorporates the allegations plead above.

10 121. Ms. Cox engaged in a scheme to defame and harass Mr. Randazza and his family,
11 and thereafter solicited Mr. Randazza to pay her to remove the very defamatory and harassing
12 content which she created and spread across the Internet.

13 122. Ms. Cox engaged in this scheme for the improper purpose of coercing
14 Mr. Randazza to pay her money.

15 123. Ms. Cox attempted to induce Mr. Randazza to give her property in which she had
16 no legitimate interest by the wrongful threat that she would engage in an online defamation
17 campaign against Mr. Randazza, thereby harming his reputation and business.

18 124. Ms. Cox threatened to connive at publishing a series of defamatory statements
19 about Mr. Randazza with the intent to extort money from Mr. Randazza and to interfere with a
20 legal proceeding against Ms. Cox.

21 125. Ms. Cox’s scheme and subsequent demand for payment from Mr. Randazza was
22 inappropriate, unlawful, and harassing, and constituted an attempt to extort Mr. Randazza.

23 126. As a proximate result of Ms. Cox’s extortionate scheme, Mr. Randazza was forced
24 to incur and expend fees and costs to litigate the matter, and is entitled to recover such fees and
25 expenses.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Mr. Randazza prays for the following relief:

1. Disallowing Ms. Cox’s Proof of Claim in its entirety;
2. Dismissing Ms. Cox’s Discharge Objection with prejudice;
3. Entering a declaratory judgment that Mr. Randazza has no liability to Ms. Cox and/or that any alleged debt to Ms. Cox is subject to being discharged, and thus not excepted from discharge pursuant to any provision in 11 U.S.C. § 523(a) in Mr. Randazza’s Chapter 11 Case;
4. Awarding judgment in favor of Mr. Randazza and against Ms. Cox for his attorneys’ fees, costs and expenses as a result of Ms. Cox’s filing a frivolous Proof of Claim and a frivolous Discharge Objection;
5. Granting him an award of his reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs incurred in the 2040 Case, and the Proof of Claim and Discharge Objection in this adversary proceeding, as well as an award of \$10,000.00, all pursuant to the Nevada anti-SLAPP statute, NRS 41.670(1)(a), (b);
6. Awarding judgment in favor of Mr. Randazza and against Ms. Cox for compensatory damages for abuse of process and civil extortion; and
7. Granting Mr. Randazza such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: October 16, 2016.

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EXHIBIT “1”

B10 (Official Form 10) (04/13)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT		PROOF OF CLAIM
Name of Debtor: Marc John Randazza		Case Number: 15-14956-abl
NOTE: Do not use this form to make a claim for an administrative expense that arises after the bankruptcy filing. You may file a request for payment of an administrative expense according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.		RECEIVED AND FILED SEP 29 2015
Name of Creditor (the person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): Crystal L. Cox (Creditor Number 13)		U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT MARY A. SCHOTT, CLERK <small>COURT USE ONLY</small>
Name and address where notices should be sent: Crystal L. Cox PO Box 2027 Port Townsend, WA 98368		<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this claim amends a previously filed claim. Court Claim Number: _____ (If known) Filed on: _____
Telephone number: (406) 624-9510 email: SavvyBroker@yahoo.com		
Name and address where payment should be sent (if different from above): Crystal L. Cox PO Box 2027 Port Townsend, WA 98368		<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to this claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.
Telephone number: _____ email: _____		
1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed: \$ <u>10,000,000.00</u>		
If all or part of the claim is secured, complete item 4.		
If all or part of the claim is entitled to priority, complete item 5.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach a statement that itemizes interest or charges.		
2. Basis for Claim: <u>Randazza v. Cox District of Nevada, 2:12-cv-02040-JAD-PAL</u> (See instruction #2)		
3. Last four digits of any number by which creditor identifies debtor: <u>6 7 6 2</u>	3a. Debtor may have scheduled account as: _____ (See instruction #3a)	3b. Uniform Claim Identifier (optional): _____ (See instruction #3b)
4. Secured Claim (See instruction #4) Check the appropriate box if the claim is secured by a lien on property or a right of setoff, attach required redacted documents, and provide the requested information.		Amount of arrearage and other charges, as of the time case was filed, included in secured claim, if any: \$ _____
Nature of property or right of setoff: <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Describe: _____		Basis for perfection: _____
Value of Property: \$ _____		Amount of Secured Claim: \$ _____
Annual Interest Rate _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed or <input type="checkbox"/> Variable (when case was filed)		Amount Unsecured: \$ _____
5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a). If any part of the claim falls into one of the following categories, check the box specifying the priority and state the amount.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$12,475*) earned within 180 days before the case was filed or the debtor's business ceased, whichever is earlier – 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(4).	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan – 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(5). Amount entitled to priority: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$2,775* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use – 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(7).	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units – 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(8).	<input type="checkbox"/> Other – Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(____).
*Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/16 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.		
6. Credits. The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited for the purpose of making this proof of claim. (See instruction #6)		

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7. Documents: Attached are redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, security agreements, or, in the case of a claim based on an open-end or revolving consumer credit agreement, a statement providing the information required by FRBP 3001(c)(3)(A). If the claim is secured, box 4 has been completed, and redacted copies of documents providing evidence of perfection of a security interest are attached. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, the Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment is being filed with this claim. (See instruction #7, and the definition of "redacted".)

DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. ATTACHED DOCUMENTS MAY BE DESTROYED AFTER SCANNING.

If the documents are not available, please explain:

8. Signature: (See instruction #8)

Check the appropriate box.

- I am the creditor. I am the creditor's authorized agent. I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. I am a guarantor, surety, indorser, or other codebtor. (See Bankruptcy Rule 3005.) (See Bankruptcy Rule 3004.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this claim is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and reasonable belief.

Print Name: Crystal L. Cox Title: Company: Address and telephone number (if different from notice address above):

(Signature) (Date)

Telephone number: 406-624-9510 email: Savvy Broker@yahoo.com

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases not filed voluntarily by the debtor, exceptions to these general rules may apply.

Items to be completed in Proof of Claim form

Court, Name of Debtor, and Case Number: Fill in the federal judicial district in which the bankruptcy case was filed... Creditor's Name and Address: Fill in the name of the person or entity asserting a claim... 1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed: State the total amount owed to the creditor on the date of the bankruptcy filing... 2. Basis for Claim: State the type of debt or how it was incurred... 3. Last Four Digits of Any Number by Which Creditor Identifies Debtor: State only the last four digits of the debtor's account... 3a. Debtor May Have Scheduled Account As: Report a change in the creditor's name... 3b. Uniform Claim Identifier: If you use a uniform claim identifier, you may report it here... 4. Secured Claim: Check whether the claim is fully or partially secured.

claim is entirely unsecured. (See Definitions.) If the claim is secured, check the box for the nature and value of property that secures the claim... 5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a). If any portion of the claim falls into any category shown, check the appropriate box(es) and state the amount entitled to priority... 6. Credits: An authorized signature on this proof of claim serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt... 7. Documents: Attach redacted copies of any documents that show the debt exists and a lien secures the debt... 8. Date and Signature: The individual completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011. If the claim is filed electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what constitutes a signature.

DEFINITIONS *CP*

INFORMATION

Debtor

A debtor is the person, corporation, or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case.

Creditor

A creditor is a person, corporation, or other entity to whom debtor owes a debt that was incurred before the date of the bankruptcy filing. See 11 U.S.C. §101 (10).

Claim

A claim is the creditor's right to receive payment for a debt owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. See 11 U.S.C. §101 (5). A claim may be secured or unsecured.

Proof of Claim

A proof of claim is a form used by the creditor to indicate the amount of the debt owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. The creditor must file the form with the clerk of the same bankruptcy court in which the bankruptcy case was filed.

Secured Claim Under 11 U.S.C. § 506 (a)

A secured claim is one backed by a lien on property of the debtor. The claim is secured so long as the creditor has the right to be paid from the property prior to other creditors. The amount of the secured claim cannot exceed the value of the property. Any amount owed to the creditor in excess of the value of the property is an unsecured claim. Examples of liens on property include a mortgage on real estate or a security interest in a car. A lien may be voluntarily granted by a debtor or may be obtained through a court proceeding. In some states, a court judgment is a lien.

A claim also may be secured if the creditor owes the debtor money (has a right to setoff).

Unsecured Claim

An unsecured claim is one that does not meet the requirements of a secured claim. A claim may be partly unsecured if the amount of the claim exceeds the value of the property on which the creditor has a lien.

Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)

Priority claims are certain categories of unsecured claims that are paid from the available money or property in a bankruptcy case before other unsecured claims.

Redacted

A document has been redacted when the person filing it has masked, edited out, or otherwise deleted, certain information. A creditor must show only the last four digits of any social-security, individual's tax-identification, or financial-account number, only the initials of a minor's name, and only the year of any person's date of birth. If the claim is based on the delivery of health care goods or services, limit the disclosure of the goods or services so as to avoid embarrassment or the disclosure of confidential health care information.

Evidence of Perfection

Evidence of perfection may include a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document showing that the lien has been filed or recorded.

Acknowledgment of Filing of Claim

To receive acknowledgment of your filing, you may either enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and a copy of this proof of claim or you may access the court's PACER system (www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov) for a small fee to view your filed proof of claim.

Offers to Purchase a Claim

Certain entities are in the business of purchasing claims for an amount less than the face value of the claims. One or more of these entities may contact the creditor and offer to purchase the claim. Some of the written communications from these entities may easily be confused with official court documentation or communications from the debtor. These entities do not represent the bankruptcy court or the debtor. The creditor has no obligation to sell its claim. However, if the creditor decides to sell its claim, any transfer of such claim is subject to FRBP 3001(e), any applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*), and any applicable orders of the bankruptcy court.