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Inquiry/Complaint Form

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PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE - Complainant Information.):

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Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes _____ No X

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PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE - Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR - Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my allegations are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE - Acknowledge Oath and Signature.):



YOU MUST PLACE YOUR MARK IN THE BOX ACKNOWLEDGING THE OATH AND YOU MUST SIGN YOUR FULL NAME BELOW.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.

JEFFREY L. LOWE
Print Name

Jeffrey L. Lowe
Signature

9/23/22
Date

Bar Review,

My name is Jeff Lowe; I was a prominent character on the Netflix series Tiger King in 2020, along with a man commonly referred to as “Joe Exotic” although Joe has several surnames, for simplicity sake I will refer to him as Joe Exotic in this complaint.

I was instrumental in assisting Federal agents in the investigation that ultimately saw Joe Exotic indicted, arrested and convicted of several serious crimes to which he was sentenced to 22 years in Federal prison.

Part of my cooperation with the FBI and Federal Fish and Wildlife, entailed recording private conversations between Joe and myself to help reveal details they sought. In an abundance of caution, and unbeknownst to the Federal authorities, I also recorded all the conversations that I had with them.

John M Phillips, a Jacksonville Florida attorney contacted me to inform me he’s Joe Exotic’s new lawyer and would like to discuss the recordings he discovered were in my possession.

I had recently been the target of a civil suit by the USDA on allegations of violations of the animal welfare act. I needed representation, and viewed Phillips as an opportunity for a free attorney as he was licenced in Oklahoma. John Phillips flew to Dallas and drove two hours to meet me at the Winstar Casino for drinks and discussion.

Phillips was insistent I share the recordings that I had, trying to convince me how corrupt the Government is and my only revenge was to “blow the lid on their dirty tactics”.

My recordings did show questionable behavior by the Feds in the Joe Exotic investigation. I was looking at serious allegations by the USDA that would require an expensive attorney to defend me. So I offered to barter his representation for my recordings.

Phillips at first said that he couldn’t represent me without a waiver of conflict signed by Joe Exotic. I told Phillips to talk his client and see how bad they wanted the material I had. Obviously I had no other reason to help Joe Exotic except to help myself. Within days, Joe Exotic agrees to sign off on the conflict and agreed to let Phillips represent me in the UDSA case.

Phillips agreed to help us in exchange for the massive amount of recordings and text messages I had. He emailed me a representation agreement that my wife and I signed (included in this complaint) and returned. I was also asked to sign a waiver of conflict, which we did, and he

kept without providing us a copy. He said the Joe Exotic would sign his conflict waiver on Phillip's next jailhouse meeting.

Phillips arranged for my wife, my child and I to fly to Florida with all the hard drives and phones that contained all the evidence needed to help Joe Exotic. Phillips purchased our flights, put us up in a hotel in Jax and provided us with his personal car to use. We entered Phillips office with 7 hard drives and 5 smart phones to be copied. I asked Phillips to ensure that he was the ONLY person that would view the contents of my personal phones and computers because they had extremely personal recordings, photos and videos of my wife.

Phillips told us that he would lock this material in his office safe and he was the only person who knows the combination to that safe. He went on to tell us both that if at any time, we became uneasy with him possessing our content, that all we need to do is ask him to destroy it all, and he would do so without hesitation. Upon those conditions and those conditions only, we agreed to let him make copies of everything we delivered to him. He had a large conference table and two computer techs in his office that spent all day backing up our devices. He asked me to sign an affidavit allowing him to access my cell phone records and I signed that as well.

Phillips asked me if I would agree to a telephone call with Joe Exotic in prison to try to mend the relationship to show my public support for Joe. I was hesitant because I believe with all my heart that Joe is where he belongs and I was only cooperating with Phillips in exchange for the representation he promised us. But in light of his representation offer, we agreed to talk to Joe. Phillips took us to his private office where video cameras were set up to record the phone conversation with Joe.

Phillips explained to us that prisoners can't speak to anyone that's not already on the approved list of the BOP, which I was not. We assumed that Phillips would make a call as Joe's lawyer and then insert us into the conversation.

We asked Phillips why he would record a crime in progress?, to which he replied that we could sell this recording to the producers of Tiger King for huge money. Phillips then revealed Joe would be calling us from a contraband cell phone because Phillips didn't trust that his "lawyer calls" weren't also being monitored by BOP staff.

Sure enough, right on schedule Phillip's office rings and it's Joe Exotic. He had other inmates watching for guards while he talked to us. The call lasted 45 minutes.

Phillips sold this call to Tiger King 2 producers for almost \$20,000 of which

I never saw a dime. **At the very least**, if Phillips didn't sneak Joe a contraband cell phone into prison, he knowingly assisted his client in breaking Federal law, by facilitating this contraband cell phone call.

Joe Exotic was discovered to have the cell phone and remanded to SHU for several months. While Phillips profited from the footage he filmed to TK producers. He also uploaded a much edited version to his YouTube channel that whitewashed his knowledge of the contraband cell phone. I guess he forgot that we recorded the call also.

You can see the call in TK2 and you can see the call on Phillips YouTube channel, Tiger Tales. "Tiger Tails"

Several months had passed and Phillips and I exchanged thousands of text messages on a daily basis. He was also texting my wife. He spoke as our lawyer constantly providing legal advice in many matters I was dealing with. He recorded a promotional video using me as his stooge, declaring that I was his "secret weapon". I have his email negotiations with the DOJ/USDA on my behalf, I have video of him telling an FYI store employee that he was suing them on my behalf of my company for Trademark infringement.

In every possible way, Phillips acted as our lawyer. One must tackle the question; If I wasn't represented by Phillips, where on Earth would I have gotten a copy of his representation agreement? Phillips also started sending me confidential communications and evidence of many of the other cases that he was litigating, and usually followed it up with "you didn't see this". Certainly a breach of privilege to those clients he represented. Including his case against Donald Trump and Steve-O from the Jackass series. (I have the texts that can be provided to you)

There came a point when Phillips wanted my wife and I to sign affidavits and we were asked to return to Jacksonville to do just that. My son was in from Denver with his girlfriend so I told Phillips if he would fly them with us, we would all come for the weekend. He agreed and purchased 5 airline tickets. Phillips paid for my family to travel to Florida, put us up in 5 star hotel rooms and provided a vehicle to take a Disney trip, in exchange for affidavits that would at least dispute original witness testimony against Joe Exotic. Phillips had pre-prepared affidavits that he said would dull the damning court testimony against Joe, and magnify the appearance of deception on behalf of the Gov.

I initially declined to sign the affidavits he had produced because they were chocked full of inaccuracies. It took several edits before my wife and I finally agreed to sign. This pattern would continue as Phillips was coercing a completely illiterate witness, Alan Glover (hitman) to sign an affidavit that

completely perjures his original spoken testimony. Exposing Mr. Glover, a man with a third grade education who cannot read, nor write, to prison time for perjury on behalf of his client Joe Exotic. James Garretson, the confidential informant claims that his affidavit was pre notarized prior to his visit to Phillip's office because it was the weekend and the notary had left for the day. So he was signing an illegal affidavit.

Phillips indicated he was having a rooftop office party and he would like to show us off to his partners. And he asked me to throw out the first pitch of a minor league baseball team he sponsored. I agreed to that as well.

The office party was attended by his law assistants, law clerks, social media team and his magazine editors and writers, along with his law partner. It was fairly uneventful, he showed us off to everyone and many pictures were taken of us. Just before the party was winding down, I was approached by one of Phillips staff and offered cocaine. He said that he asked Phillips permission prior to offering it to us and Phillips approved. I was the only one in our group of five to accept his offer. I was taken into Phillips office to do a line of coke on his desk. We have 4 additional witnesses to this distribution of cocaine.

The night ended and we returned to the hotel room. The ball game was the following night. My wife and I arrived at the game and were seated near the player's bench and Phillips presented us with team jerseys. My jersey read "FREE JOE EXOTIC" on the back. An obvious attempt to exploit me on behalf of his other client Joe Exotic. I did what I was asked and threw the pitch.

It's far too late to make a long story short, but I'm winding down. Somehow, Joe Exotic was accessing social media on a daily basis. He started talking trash once again against my wife and I. (Meanwhile the DOJ/USDA had dropped all accusations for lack of evidence and dismissed their lawsuit).

Joe Exotic realizes that this is not good for him at all, and he protests profusely on social media that he went to prison and Jeff's charges are dismissed. After weeks of slanderous allegations by Joe Exotic on social media, I instructed Phillips that I was done assisting Joe, I was done assisting Phillips for allowing Joe to continue running his mouth. In two separate text messages, both my wife and I demanded that everything we gave him must be deleted. I have the text with his acknowledgment. My wife also demanded from her cell phone that Phillips destroy everything he obtained from her.

Not only did he NOT delete the data, he was now furious. He continued to use the data found on my computers to hack into my email, my iCloud, my

wife's iCloud and stole additional materials afterwards. An Oklahoma attorney has in fact filed a complaint against John Phillips for the act of computer hacking, a Federal offense.

Phillips told us early on that he will do anything it takes to free Joe Exotic. He declared that his legal reputation depended on getting Joe free'd.. Without a doubt, Phillips has stepped over the line of ethical behavior here. Two prominent Oklahoma City attorneys that reviewed our situation said he has breached every ethical oath of client representation.

Phillips not only denied us the representation that was promised, but took the outrageous act of releasing the contents of the recordings to YouTube and other public outlets, that had absolutely nothing to do with Joe Exotic's case. After we bailed from Joe Exotic's defenders, Phillips set out a full blown attack to smear us publicly. He then uploaded pornographic videos of my wife having sex to Pornhub and others adult websites. Why? To discredit her testimony in the original trial and tarnish her testimony in a subsequent retrial should Joe Exotic win his appeal. Phillips and his office staff were the ONLY persons to have copies of that material besides us. Once again he breached attorney client privilege. This is "revenge porn on a whole new level.

Phillips continues to this day, his claims that he was never my attorney. He even bragged on social media that "Jeff made the mistake of thinking he (Phillips) was his friend". However the 2000 text messages I possess, the signed retention agreement we have between us tell a very different story. It's nearly impossible to provide the voluminous amount of materials we have supporting my version in this complaint. But if asked to produce this evidence and testify against Phillips, we would certainly do so.

The most egregious act committed (besides uploading sex videos of my wife) was the editing of assorted personal recordings from my wife's cell phone to fabricate (create a phony) conversation he felt would publicly destroy us and cost us endorsement opportunities. A forensic examination of this particular recording would prove that it was assembled from several different recordings. He made extensive edits of stolen recordings and then published them online and used his social media influence to perpetuate a total lie. He also included this fabricated recording into his motion of appeal of Joe Exotic to a Federal Judge, simply to have it on public record for the World to see and to make it a relevant line of questioning in any upcoming legal proceedings.

Then he posted a story questioning if I had killed my own mother, who died of a brain infection and lung cancer in a hospital! This is the act of a child, not an attorney. He should never be allowed to practice law in your State.