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**Eric C. Taylor, Presiding Judge**

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Attn: Honorable Eric C. Taylor, Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court

RE: Complaint against Judge Michael R. Powell and request for immediate investigation into his FRAUD ON THE COURT and rulings that are void on their face for complete lack of jurisdiction. Case number: 17STFL01450

I, the undersigned, am writing to you today as a member of the Family Court Anti-Corruption Coalition (FCACC), a network of advocates dedicated to investigating and ensuring the integrity of family court judges and their conduct where fundamental liberty interests are at stake.

We are contacting your office because we are deeply concerned about a single mother and two special needs children whose civil rights have been violated by Judge Michael Powell for over 3 years. They are currently homeless and penniless and after investigating we can't seem to find a rhyme or reason for why Judge Powell has acted in such a cruel and inhumane way towards this Jewish/Afro/Latina family. This is just speculation, but we believe Judge Powell is a racist, misogynist, bigot who should be removed from the bench immediately.

Here is a short list of the actions that Judge Powell has taken that shock the conscience:

1. Judge Powell issued two fake writs of possession in the above-entitled family court action. This constitutes fraud on the court because Judge Powell is making material MISREPRESENTATIONS of material facts to interfere with the judicial machinery and make it impossible to have fair court proceedings.
2. Both writs of possession have the same case number as the family law court action. This is illegal because Unlawful Detainer is not under the Family Code. Unlawful Detainer is under the Civil Code and there is an entire Department dedicated to Unlawful Detainers.
3. Judge Powell is prohibited from issuing TRO's because he is in Department 22 based upon General Order RE: Family Law Master Calendar Trial Courts CENTRAL DISTRICT that was filed on May 9, 2012 and which is attached as Exhibit A. This General Order states that family law judges are prohibited from issuing Domestic Violence Restraining Orders. Here too, there is an entirely separate Department for Restraining Orders.
4. Judge Michael R. Powell also acted in complete absence of authority and committed fraud on



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the court when he set aside the default that was entered against the Respondent. Once again, please refer to Exhibit A where it clearly states that family law judges are prohibited from hearing Defaults. Defaults can only be heard in Department 2 by the Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division.

5. Judge Powell issued a fake writ of possession that Respondent Herbert Pryor and his attorney, Marvin E. Vallejo, used to remove Petitioner and her two special needs children and family dog from their home.

6. Judge Powell ignored a prior ruling by Judge Lawrence P. Riff which stated that Petitioner Tracy Gamble Pryor had a factual basis to claim Putative Spouse status. Even though the house was purchased after their second child was born and is subject to quasi-community property claims, Judge Powell acted complicitly with Respondent attorney Vallejo to issue and use the fake writ of possession, which is nowhere to be found in the court record to again act in complete absence of lawful authority by pretending that the fake writ of possession was issued by an unlawful detainer court judge. Initially, the fake writ of possession listed Petitioner Tracy Gamble Pryor as the Petitioner. However, it was quickly changed to list the Respondent as the petitioner and was then deceptively used by Respondent's counsel to change the locks and take possession of the home.

7. There are at least 10 witnesses that watched live as the incident was streamed live on Facebook. Petitioner Tracy Gamble Pryor and her 2 children were not permitted to enter the home and get any of their belongings. The children were crying and in shock but Ms. Pryor remained calm as she asked to get a copy of the paperwork that was given to LAPD officers who stood there watching and unwilling to do anything more to prevent this travesty of justice. Our Coalition has the recording of the entire incident.

8. Mr. Pryor's attorney, Marvin Vallejo, told police that the orders were valid, and to gain the favor of LAPD officers on scene Mr. Pryor flashed his old police badge to the police while a locksmith changed the locks to the home and an ADT security technician ultimately removed Ms. Pryor from her ADT Security account.

9. Ms. Pryor and her children are homeless and forced to sleep in shelters and motels every night with none of their belongings. Since May 2, 2022, they are not permitted inside the family residence that they have lived in since 2006.

10. Judge Powell told Ms. Gamble Pryor that he is issuing a new restraining order against her because "you didn't get out of the house when I told you to" and "even my 12-year-old could figure out that you and Mr. Pryor are not married, and the property is his sole property". When Judge Powell was asked why the restraining order he renewed for Ms. Gamble Pryor still listed the family home address where she had been living with the children as the residence she was



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now prohibited from coming anywhere near, and why in the face of her restraining order her abuser was not prohibited from but actually permitted to throw her out on the street, Judge Powell said “he didn’t care.” When she told Powell that she and the two special needs children are now homeless, Judge Powell again said “I don’t care”, “that’s not my problem.”

11. Judge Powell does not have the authority to put Ms. Gamble Pryor and her two special needs children out on the street, ignore unlawful detainer laws and proceedings, and ignore the collateral estoppel effect of orders from Judge Riff that state that Ms. Gamble Pryor has presented a justiciable putative spouse claim. Judge Powell is bound by collateral estoppel and he knows it.

12. The case is reaching the 5-year mark where it must be dismissed, without prejudice, because the case has not gone to trial! On his own motion, Judge Powell has ordered the 5-year statute extended to preserve his prejudice, power, and control over the claims Ms. Gamble Pryor

13. Judge Powell knows this and he has dragged the case out for years allowing nothing to progress., no property division to be made, and no spousal support to be issued despite the long-term marriage of 18 years and relationship of 21 years.

14. Judge Powell is deliberately playing the system and has never allowed Petitioner to get the effect of the entry of default against Respondent despite the fact Respondent never filed a response and never completed his disclosures. Even though Respondent has been in default since November 2018, on Powell’s own motion and without jurisdiction or law authority Powell set aside Respondent’s default in clear violation of statutory and case law. For 3.5 years now Judge Powell has acted like there is no merit to the case before him.

15. This tactic is commonly used by Powell and other judges at the Stanley Mosk courthouse.

16. Powell basically has manipulated the circumstances so there are no restraining orders even though the parties have been told they are both restrained from each other.

17. Net result: Petitioner and her children are left penniless and destitute with only the clothes on their backs.

18. Our Team in California is working with Ms. Gamble Pryor to gather up all her evidence, transcripts, that we will send to your office.

19. As the presiding judge we are asking you to vacate the void orders issued by Powell and asking you to investigate Powell for deprivation of Ms. Gamble Pryor rights under color of law and for his abuse of authority and abuse of his office. The man belongs in federal prison for what he is doing to victims of domestic violence. He is acting under color of law and, for all intents and purposes, is fixing cases and accepting bribes to do it.



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20. Our organization is demanding a federal criminal investigation into this matter and the immediate intervention in this case so that this mother and her children can return home and be protected and compensated as victims of violent crime. Judge Powell deprives litigants and their families of their federally protected rights under color of law, and he must be prosecuted for these crimes. There are far too many judges who are engaging in unlawful activity such as this and it must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law to deter this type of criminal activity. Judge Powell is committing **fraud on the court** by making material misrepresentations of material facts by claiming he has authority to set aside defaults; authority to issue writs of possession and throw a woman and two children with special needs out of their sole family residence; authority to issue DVTRO's and overrule a prior judge's finding that a mother who has two children with a man she believed she was married to for almost 18 years may properly be deemed a putative spouse; willful and persistent failure to perform his duties required in Cannon Two with conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute; in Cannon Three with having a disability that seriously interferes with the performance of his duties and is, or is likely to become, permanent; and in Cannon Four with willful misconduct in office.

Ms. Tracy Gamble Pryor and her two children deserve justice, now.

Thank you,

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## 1. PENAL CODE - PEN

### PART 1. OF CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS [25 - 680.4]

( Part 1 enacted 1872. )

### TITLE 7. OF CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE [92 - 186.36]

( Title 7 enacted 1872. )

#### CHAPTER 4. Forging, Stealing, Mutilating, and Falsifying Judicial and Public Records and Documents [112 - 117]

( Chapter 4 enacted 1872. )

115.

Every person who knowingly procures or offers any false or forged instrument to be filed, registered, or recorded in any public office within this state, which instrument, if genuine, might be filed, registered, or recorded under any law of this state or of the United States, is guilty of a felony.

Each instrument which is procured or offered to be filed, registered, or recorded in violation of subdivision (a) shall constitute a separate violation of this section.

willfully states as true any material matter which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of perjury. This subdivision is applicable whether the statement, or the testimony, declaration, deposition, or certification is made or subscribed within or without the State of California.

(b) No person shall be convicted of perjury where proof of falsity rests solely upon contradiction by testimony of a single person other than the defendant. Proof of falsity may be established by direct or indirect evidence.

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#### CHAPTER 5. Perjury and Subornation of Perjury [118 - 131]

( *Chapter 5 enacted 1872.* )

118.

(a) Every person who, having taken an oath that he or she will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly before any competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any of the cases in which the oath may by law of the State of California be administered, willfully and contrary to the oath, states as true any material matter which he or she knows to be false, and every person who testifies, declares, deposes, or certifies under penalty of perjury in any of the cases in which the testimony, declarations, depositions, or certification is permitted by law of the State of California under penalty of perjury and willfully states as true any material matter which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of perjury.

This subdivision is applicable whether the statement, or the testimony, declaration, deposition, or certification is made or subscribed within or without the State of California.

(b) No person shall be convicted of perjury where proof of falsity rests solely upon contradiction by testimony of a single person other than the defendant. Proof of falsity may be established by



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direct or indirect evidence.

(Amended by Stats. 1990, Ch. 950, Sec. 2.)

118.1.

(a) Every peace officer who, in their capacity as a peace officer, knowingly and intentionally makes, or causes to be made, any material statement in a peace officer report, or to another peace officer and the statement is included in a peace officer report, regarding the commission or investigation of any crime, knowing the statement to be false, is guilty of filing a false report, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, or in the state prison for one, two, or three years.

(b) This section does not apply to a peace officer writing or making a peace officer report, with regard to a false statement that the peace officer included in the report that is attributed to any other person, unless the peace officer writing or making the report knows the statement to be false and is including the statement to present the statement as being true.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 267, Sec. 2. (AB 750) Effective January 1, 2022.)

118a.

Any person who, in any affidavit taken before any person authorized to administer oaths, swears, affirms, declares, deposes, or certifies that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify before any competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case then pending or thereafter to be instituted, in any particular manner, or to any particular fact, and in such affidavit willfully and contrary to such oath states as true any material matter which he knows to be false, is guilty of perjury. In any prosecution under this section, the subsequent testimony of such person, in any action involving the matters in such affidavit contained, which is contrary to any of the matters in such affidavit contained, shall be prima facie evidence that the matters in such affidavit were false.

(Added by Stats. 1905, Ch. 485.)

### 3. PENAL CODE - PEN

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(Part 1 enacted 1872. )

#### TITLE 7. OF CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE [92 - 186.36]

(Title 7 enacted 1872. )

#### CHAPTER 6. Falsifying Evidence, and Bribing, Influencing, Intimidating or Threatening Witnesses [132 - 141]

(Heading of Chapter 6 amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 962, Sec. 2. )

132.

Every person who upon any trial, proceeding, inquiry, or investigation whatever, authorized or permitted by law, offers in evidence, as genuine or true, any book, paper, document, record, or other instrument in writing, knowing the same to have been forged or fraudulently altered or ante-dated, is guilty of felony.

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134.

Every person guilty of preparing any false or ante-dated book, paper, record, instrument in writing, or other matter or thing, with intent to produce it, or allow it to be produced for any fraudulent or deceitful purpose, as genuine or true, upon any trial, proceeding, or inquiry whatever, authorized by law, is guilty of felony.

(*Enacted 1872.*)