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# **Request for Admission and Motions**

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Anthony Rinaldi <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Thu, May 19, 2022 at 12:24 PM To: James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com>, Judy Smith <jsmith@bernsteinshur.com>, jfortin@bernsteinshur.com, sanderson@bernsteinshur.com, rkeach@bernsteinshur.com, kdeckelmann@bernsteinshur.com, kmcgintee@bernsteinshur.com, kknox@bernsteinshur.com, hstrait@bernsteinshur.com, mturcotte@bernsteinshur.com, jboehme@bernsteinshur.com, mkramer@bernsteinshur.com, sostrow@bernsteinshur.com

I just wanted to give you a heads up regarding my plan moving forward.

1. I'm preparing a Request for Admission regarding every lie that was told by Matt Dibiase, Andy Lord, Drew Pierce and you. If you evade answering like in previous discovery requests then I will Motion to Compel and force you to admit to your fraudulent conduct.

2. I'm preparing a Motion for Clarification / Articulation regarding my Motion to Vacate 60(b) Fraud.

Justice O'Neil must give me a legal explanation for the denial. The law clerk had it for several weeks and Justice O'Neil only had it for a day so it's extremely odd for it to be denied without explanation.

3. Motion to Reconsider my Motion to Vacate 60(b) Fraud

I spent over 400 hours on that Motion. I'm sure 99% of Motions filed by Pro Se Defendants are done improperly but I'm the 1%. That Motion was a textbook example which proved without question that Fraud occurred and your lawsuit is Frivolous. I deserve the same rights as everyone else and should be taken serious. With all of these "Me Too" movements you would think that I wouldn't be discriminated against. It feels like I have no voice right now and that is wrong on so many levels.

Everyone in my household cried when we got the Denial letter and I literally didn't get out of bed for three days. The mental anguish this has caused by your malicious conduct has been horrible but rest assured I will get Justice.

I'm not sure why you wound continue to fight this when you don't have one single piece of evidence to support your case and have the most "unclean hands".

Could you imagine working on a case for almost a year and not getting paid. I not only worked on that house for almost a year but I slept in my van and made major sacrifices to get it finished. Your attempting to steal every bit of my profit and on top of that your not playing fair. It's clear as day that you have no guilt regarding the emotion and financial damage you have caused. I could never do this to someone but at least I can hold my head high and know I didn't nothing wrong.

Sincerely, Anthony Rinaldi

**Paul McDonald** cdonald@bernsteinshur.com>
To: "southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com" <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com>

Mon, May 23, 2022 at 3:29 PM

Dear Mr. Rinaldi,

I am Bernstein Shur's General Counsel. Your email below, as well as prior emails you have sent to members of the firm's Board of Directors and Management, was forwarded to me by the firm's Chief Operating Officer. I am replying to those emails on behalf of the firm.

### Gmail - Request for Admission and Motions

I am familiar with the proceedings in the lawsuit involving you and Southern Maine Construction, LLC as Defendants and Drew Pierce and Janice Lariviere as Plaintiffs, including issues surrounding the Order of Attachment, Plaintiffs' Motion to Enlarge, Defendants' Motion to Modify Second Amended Scheduling Order, Defendants' Motion to Vacate Order of Attachment, Order Denying Defendants' Motion to Vacate Order of Attachment, and Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendant's Motion to Modify Second Amended Scheduling Order.

While I appreciate that you are disappointed and frustrated by the process and outcome of these Motions and Orders, your allegations that James Monteleone or this firm is guilty of some legal and/or ethical wrongdoing in those matters are entirely without merit and we reject them completely.

Moreover, your sending emails to lawyers and staff in the firm who have no connection whatsoever to the matter is inappropriate, harassing and, to some of them, threatening. Therefore, I demand that you cease further communication regarding this matter with anyone at the firm except Mr. Monteleone and others who are working with him on the matter; *e.g.*, his Legal Assistant. If you have *valid* legal or ethical complaints concerning Mr. Monteleone's conduct—of which to date there are none—please direct them to Mr. Monteleone and/or to me only. If you do not honor this request, we will block delivery of your emails to lawyers and staff who have no connection to the matter and/or take other appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Paul McDonald

## Paul McDonald Shareholder General Counsel

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From: Julie Watson Boehme <jboehme@bernsteinshur.com> Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 12:26 PM To: Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com> Subject: FW: Request for Admission and Motions

# **Julie Watson Boehme**

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# **Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus**

17 messages

**Southern Maine Construction** <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> To: governor@maine.gov Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 8:01 AM

Dear Governor, I've reached out to your office over (20) times and haven't gotten a single response. At this point I'd like you to acknowledge your complacency while the Worst Abuse of the Legal System in Maine History makes its way through the court system. If there was ever a reason to help a constituent then this would be it and yet I can't even get a response.

Emergency Writ of Mandamus.pdf

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I don't wish this experience on anyone and can't believe this type of behavior can happen in this day and age.

Nonetheless, I hope the Supreme Court follows the same procedure that it did in all the previous Writs and doesn't Deprive me of Due Process more than I already have been. If you look at the document below it tells a clear picture of how much Due Process I've received so far!!!!!!! (EMPHASIS ADDED)

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James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com> To: Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Cc: Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com> Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 8:54 AM

Mr. Rinaldi:

### Gmail - Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus

Maine courts abolished the writ of mandamus in the 1960s, as stated in Rule 81(c) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. What you've filed is a third interlocutory appeal of the same issues that have already been heard and rejected by the court – yet another cause for delay from you.

Where do we stand on mediation scheduling?

Regards,

James Monteleone Attorney 207 228-7198 direct 207 774-1200 main 207 774-1127 fax LinkedIn <sup>|</sup> Twitter BERNSTEINSHUR Portland, ME | Manchester, NH | Augusta, ME | bernsteinshur.com

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Cc: Paul McDonald cdonald@bernsteinshur.com>, jfortin@bernsteinshur.com, David Farmer <dfarmer@bernsteinshur.com>

Yes you're correct, that Maine abolished Writs in 1967 but if you see pg 27 of my Petition, "Those changes did not "alter the substantive law pertaining to the writs or make any change in the kinds of relief available in situations where they have been appropriate." SEE BELOW

Nonetheless, I have indeed filed a Motion to Recuse, Motion to Reconsider Recusal, Interlocutory Appeal, Motion to Reconsider Interlocutory Appeal and 2nd Interlocutory Appeal. This Petition is brought due to the fact that the court system has failed me on a monumental scale and has deprived me of Due Process. You and I both know that your lawsuit is Frivolous and if this Petition isn't taken serious then I will continue to fight until Justice is served. <u>I busted my Butt on that</u> <u>house, slept in my van and did nothing wrong so all of you should be ashamed of yourself for</u> <u>taking advantage of a honest small business owner.</u> Gmail - Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus

As to mediation, I have reached out and asked if they had time available in November but haven't heard back.

Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, together with the repeal of various statutes in Title 14 in 1967, abolished those writs as "separate procedural devices," those changes did not "alter the substantive law pertaining to the writs or make any change in the kinds of relief available in situations where they have been appropriate." M.R. Civ. P. 81 advisory committee's notes to 1967 amend., Dec. 31, 1967. Thus, while the Legislature repealed the various statutes setting forth procedures for obtaining writs of mandamus, prohibition, etc., it left § 5301 intact, amended to reflect that the Supreme Judicial Court's jurisdiction was now over "proceedings" to obtain these forms of relief rather than "writs." P.L. 1967, ch. 441, § 6.

Second, the Court has jurisdiction to determine this action under 4 M.R.S. § 7. That statute gives the Court jurisdiction to, among other things, "issue all writs and processes, not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Superior Court, necessary for the furtherance of justice or the execution of the laws." 4 M.R.S.A. § 7 The 1841 version of the statute read "They [the members of the SJC] shall have power to issue writs of error, certiorari, mandamus, prohibition, quo warranto, and all other processes and writs, to courts of inferior jurisdiction, to corporations and individuals, which may be necessary for the furtherance of justice to protect the interests of justice and the execution of the laws. However, the situation now presented to this Court, in which the Inferior Courts refuse to follow the rule of law meets the exacting requirements for issuance of a writ under § 7.

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Joel Biron <lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov> Reply-To: Joel Biron <lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov> To: southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 4:30 PM

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Thank you, Joel

Joel Biron Deputy Clerk Maine Supreme Judicial Court 205 Newbury St Rm 139 Portland ME 04101 (207) 822-4146 [Quoted text hidden] Maine Supreme Judicial Court powered by Freshdesk

Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 8:08 AM To: Joel Biron <lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov>, James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com>, jfortin@bernsteinshur.com, Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>, David Farmer <dfarmer@bernsteinshur.com>, Diane Cavanaugh <diane.c.cavanaugh@courts.maine.gov>, Mark Caldwell <mark.caldwell@courts.maine.gov>, Jeff Peterson <jpeterson@sbgtv.com>, sggrindley@sbgtv.com, governor@maine.gov

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SJC-213 permits assignments of a single Justice **"in particular cases as deemed advisable by Chief Justice"** After this order which was issued on May 31, 2022 the majority of orders issued by the Supreme Court are done by a panel. Furthermore, my Petition is regarding one of the seven Justices so clearly there is a conflict of interest. I'm submitting a letter to Chief Justice Stanfill today requesting a full panel. On top of this BernsteinShur Attorney Casey McCullen was a law clerk for Justice Wayne Douglas and works in the same office and field as Attorney Monteleone. This was brought up during my Motion to Recuse. Can you direct me to the original order SJC-213 which was issued May 31, 2022.

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#### Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 19, 2023 at 10:02 PM To: Joel Biron <lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov>, Diane Cavanaugh <diane.c.cavanaugh@courts.maine.gov>, Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>, James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com>, jfortin@bernsteinshur.com, David Farmer

Deputy Clerk Biron,

I yesterday and today to pull records and drop my letter off addressed to Chief Justice regarding SJC-213, Maine Civil Procedure Title 14 §1103 and due to the circumstances around my Writ of Mandamus as well as my Motion to Amend Writ of Mandamus.

<dfarmer@bernsteinshur.com>, Mark Caldwell <mark.caldwell@courts.maine.gov>, governor@maine.gov

You told me that you do things different with Petitions regarding docketing them so you don't have a docket sheet. If that's accurate then can you send me proof that my Petition for Mandamus was assigned to a Justice and that Chief Justice Stanfill gets the correspondence I submitted as well as my Motion to Amend.

Also, can you send me the statue or order that allows you to not create a record when something is properly filed like my Writ of Mandamus.

We discussed that both of my Notice of Appeals were dismissed without the Law Court knowing why I filed either one or what they were about. I asked who brought the Notice to the Justices attention and because it's not normal for Appeals to get denied prior to briefing when their Notice of Appeal was properly filed and they paid the \$175 (\$350 total)

You said that you determined if Interlocutory appeals are proper or not and bring them to a Justices attention if you determine they aren't but your not a Justice and I don't see anything other than the docket sheet that was pulled so I don't get how you can determine it's not proper based on a docket sheet and why your able to pick and choose who gets to file an appeal and who doesn't.

My Motion to Reconsider claimed this was the WORST ABUSE OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN MAINE HISTORY and provided evidence proving it and yet it was dismissed anyways and without good cause shown. On top of that I filed a 2nd Notice of Appeal Regarding the Denial of (23) Motions and it was submitted 2 Days early plus I submitted a four page statement of issue stating this is the WORST ABUSE OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN MAINE HISTORY and more than enough details to warrant an appeal. I did this so that the Law Court wouldn't dismiss my Notice of Appeal without allowing me to properly file a brief but it was dismissed anyways.

Lastly, my Petition for Mandamus is due to how my two Notice of Appeals were handled and how my Motion to Reconsider was handled which you had direct involvement with so it's concerning to me that my Petition doesn't have a docket sheet and I have no proof that my correspondence is getting through to Chief Justice Stanfill.

Sent from my iPhone

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With all due respect, I feel like I'm in the twilight zone right now. How does this happen in this day and age. The <u>PLAINTIFFS HAVE ADMITTED THEIR ENTIRE ORIGINAL</u> <u>LAWSUIT IS ALL FALSE</u> so what is even happening right now! Let me repeat that, the <u>PLAINTIFFS HAVE ADMITTED</u> <u>THEIR ENTIRE ORIGINAL LAWSUIT IS ALL FALSE. They also</u> <u>don't have any evidence, witnesses and have no</u> <u>explanation for their egregious conduct.</u> Gmail - Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus

I've reviewed many Writ of Mandamus and other extraordinary writs decided in this state and a panel of Justices rule on the Writ every time so <u>why wouldn't I be</u> <u>treated like all the other Petitioners. Furthermore, THIS</u> <u>PETITION IS REGARDING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE</u> <u>ANDREW HORTON SO THERE IS A CLEAR CONFLICT OF</u> <u>INTEREST AND GIVEN THE GRAVITY OF THIS SITUATION I</u> <u>THINK ITS OBVIOUS THAT A PANEL OF JUSTICES IS THE</u> <u>ONLY FAIR OPTION.</u>

The fact that you said "appeal" is really concerning to me. This isn't just a 3<sup>rd</sup> Interlocutory appeal or a Petition that lacks merit this is the **WORST ABUSE OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN MAINE HISTORY**. Can you point me to the code or statue where it says it goes to a Single Justice or anything of the like. It's established case law that a Petition is to be read and ruled on the merits by a panel regardless if it gets approved or not.

Sent from my iPhone

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Thank you for your email. The email is not signed, but I understand from the sending email address and the context that I am now writing to Mr. Rinaldi.

To clarify the procedure, petitions for extraordinary writs are assigned to a single Justice of the Court. The Justice will review the submitted material and will determine if any additional process is necessary. A final order of a single Justice may be appealed to the entire Law Court.

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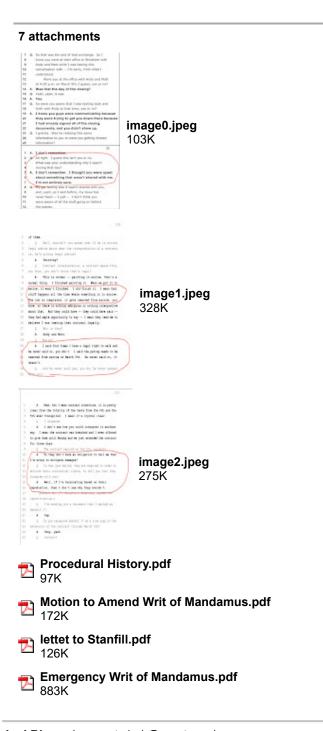
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Dear Mr. Rinaldi:

This email is confirmation that your petition for a writ of mandamus was received on October 11, 2023, and is proceeding in the usual course under Supreme Judicial Court docket number SJC-23-4. This Office also received your letter to the Chief Justice and motion to amend your petition on October 19, 2023.

#### Gmail - Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus

The Court has not yet taken any action on your filings in this matter. Once any action is taken, or I need any further information from you, I will let you know.

The Court will determine how this matter is docketed. Once that occurs, I can provide you a copy of the docket record.

If you have further requests of the Court, you must file those requests in writing. If you have further legal questions, you may contact a Maine Law Library or an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Maine.

Thank you, Joel Biron

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From: Joel Biron <lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov> Date: October 20, 2023 at 4:57:34 PM EDT To: southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com Subject: Re: Re: Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus Reply-To: Joel Biron <lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov>

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**Southern Maine Construction** <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> To: governor@maine.gov Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 8:21 PM

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Date: October 20, 2023 at 7:34:16 PM EDT To: mainelyboudoir@gmail.com Subject: Fwd: Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus

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Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 12:36 PM

Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 7:34 PM

To: Barbara Cardone <barbara.cardone@courts.maine.gov>, governor@maine.gov

This can't be normal??

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Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 9:43 AM To: Joel Biron <lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov>, Diane Cavanaugh <diane.c.cavanaugh@courts.maine.gov>, James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com>, Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>, David Farmer <dfarmer@bernsteinshur.com>, Joan Fortin <jfortin@bernsteinshur.com>, Maine Journal News <mainejournalnews@gmail.com>, tips@wgme.com, governor@maine.gov

Clerk Biron,

I apologize for writing and will drop off a hard copy of this letter but I'm really upset. I called your office yesterday to get an update and I was told that Chief Justice Stanfill denied my request for a panel to look at my Petition and that my Petition is assigned to Catherine Connors. I'm trying my best to not get upset but this has gone too far. Why isn't my Petition with Justice Wayne Douglas like you told me and if Douglas isn't available then I don't mind waiting or give it to a Justice that doesn't have direct ties to all the Respondents. Attorney Monteleone, Paul McDonald and Justice O'Neil have recently claimed my position is without merit but 99% of my arguments are supported by facts so it's unconscionable to even imply such. I asked Attorney Monteleone and McDonald to send me a single piece of evidence supporting their position and they were unable to. Nonetheless, it's crystal clear that this can't be explained and fraud has occurred.

Nonetheless, you assured me that my Writ is proceeding in its normal course and provided me with a document showing Wayne Douglas is assigned to Cumberland County so why does Catherine Connors have my Petition. Out of all of the Justices on the Supreme Court she should be the last one chosen due to the following.

1. Attorney James Monteleone and Justice Catherine Connors are both Graduates of Northwestern University

- 2. Justice Catherine Connor's is Justice John O'Neils neighbor.
- 3. Justice Catherine Connor was sworn into the Supreme Court with Justice Andrew Horton
- 4. Justice Catherine Connors and Andrew Horton shared Law Clerk Taylor Engdahl
- 5. Justice Catherine Connors has only been a Justice for 3 years and has only ruled over (27) Decisions.

6. It appears that Justice Catherine Connors has never deal with a single Justice assignment. (This may be wrong but appears true)

7. Justice Catherine Connors has never served on the District or Superior Court and is currently the most inexperienced Justice on the Supreme Court by far.

8. Justice Catherine Connor was a Partner for Pierce Atwood and they have very close ties with BernsteinShur.

9. BernsteinShur, Pierce Atwood and UMaine Law are all teaming up for the D1L Maine Diversity Summer program.

10. BernsteinShur Attorneys Mary Costigan, Christine Dulac, Katherine Knox, Ron Schneider, Shiloh Theberge, Tara Walker are all adjunct Professors at UMaine Law.

11. Justice Andrew Horton is an adjunct Professor at UMaine Law

12. BernsteinShur and Pierce Atwood both contributed large amounts to the Mills compain.

13. BernsteinShur Shareholder Richard Prentice was previously a partner at Pierce Atwood

14. Pierce Atwood Partner Sarah Tracy was previously a Shareholder at BernsteinShur

15. Pierce Atwood Partner Peter Hale was previously a Shareholder at BernsteinShur

Mar 3, 2021, 7:53 AM

Matt Dibiase



Mikey please find the info for buyers to close on Thursday

Mar 4, 2021, 3:04

Just so we are all on the same page. The buyers are refusing to honor the contract. Asphalt is considered the top coat and gravel is the aggregate base coat. The paint was done at temperatures above the required amount and given supplemental dry air to make sure it adheres properly.

Regardless if I got a quote it doesn't change the language of the contract. I got a quote because I was told to just like I finished the garage when I actually didn't need

Matt Dibiase

# Sorry it didn't work out

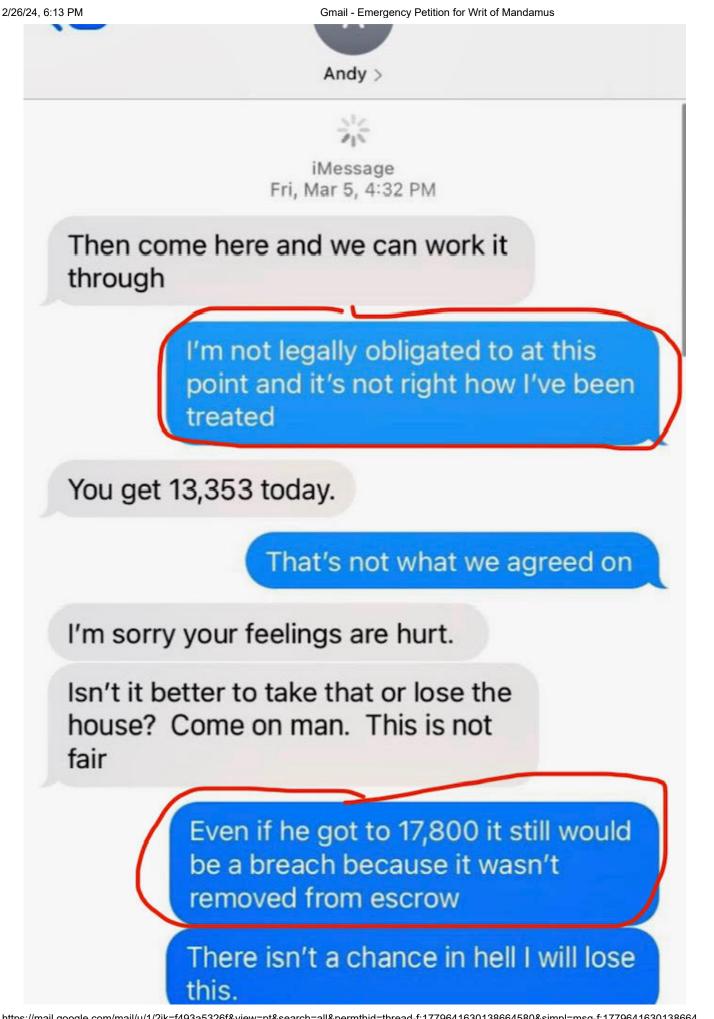
Again the buyer was willing to accept the house as-is

# I agree. If Drew wants to get there things let me know so we can make arrangements.

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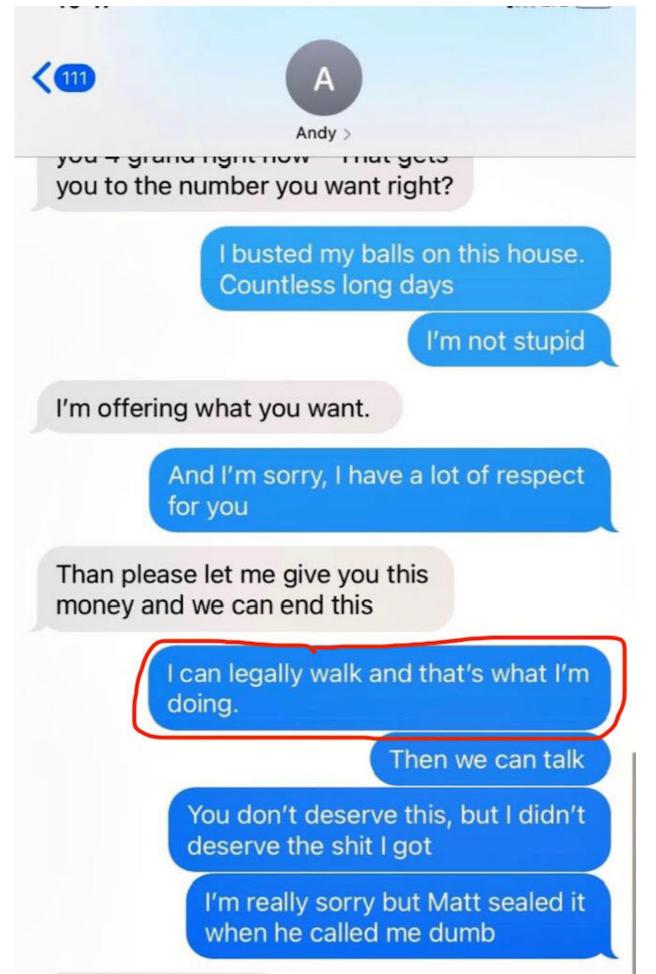






I'm taking back the power and then will decide what I want to do.z

The deal is off Monday. I will give you 4 grand right now That gets you to the number you want right?



# It's not about Matt

It's about Drew and Susie and they have been very patient. It's not fair to them for you to do this

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iMessage

Matt Dibiase



Contract is extended until tomorrow legally

No it's now null and void because they are refusing to honor it

A clear breach of contract

I've had a long as couple days and I'm not in the mood to deal with him

I'm about two seconds away from calling the Sheriffs Department

Mar 5, 2021, 5:21 PM

I am not sure why all of you are heading to my house. None of you have a right to be there and there's nothing you can do to change my mind. I have the legal right to walk.

I said I will call Andy on Monday so we can talk but after everything that's happened I'm not rushing

# into anything.

Matt Dibiase

# Buyer has legal right to get his stuff out of the house per contract I'll attract a copy

MD

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Gmail - Offer



Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com>

# Offer

### 5 messages

Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 5:59 PM To: Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>, Joan Fortin <jfortin@bernsteinshur.com>, James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com>, David Farmer <dfarmer@bernsteinshur.com>

Dear Paul and Joan,

I have an offer for you that can end this nightmare for everyone and we can all walk away. I also think it's very fair and a no brainer. If you want to hear it then let me know if not no worries.

Sincerely, Anthony Rinaldi

Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com> To: Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 9:49 AM

Mr. Rinaldi,

What are the terms of the offer?

Paul McDonald

# Paul McDonald Shareholder **Litigation Practice Group Leader & General Counsel** 207 228-7260 direct 207 774-1200 main 207 807-8682 mobile 207 774-1127 fax My Bio | LinkedIn | Twitter

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Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com>

To: Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>

Hey Paul,

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PM

Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 12:30

### 2/26/24, 6:19 PM

### Gmail - Offer

I'd like to meet with you and Joan only and off the record if that makes you more comfortable. I'm not expecting either of you to say anything but I would like you both to hear me out before I tell you what I'm offering and why I'm offering it. Im a kind person and was raised properly so I will be professional and I can't imagine it will take any longer than an hour. I can leave my cell phone outside so you don't have to worry about me recording or we can record the meeting if you want to document it.

Nonetheless, I'm attempting to give your firm a viable option to end this without any further damage to reputation and I honestly have good intentions.

I have my work van packed up and Im getting ready to head to Deering Oaks to put my banner up but I will hold off if you can meet me today.

Sincerely, Anthony Rinaldi

Sent from my iPhone

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Mr. Rinaldi,

Respectfully, we decline your invitation to meet.

We know full well your positions and, frankly, given your past actions and threat of further harassment and disparagement, I doubt that your offer will be a serious one. Nevertheless, if you make an offer in writing, we will respond to it. If it is indeed a serious offer, a subsequent meeting may be appropriate.

Paul

Paul McDonald BERNSTEINSHUR - Shareholder Litigation Practice Group Leader & General Counsel 207 228-7260 direct 207 807-8682 mobile My Bio | Portland, ME

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**EXTERNAL EMAIL** 

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Let me know if you change your mind.

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# PLEASE READ Important Text from Feb 25th and March 3rd

1 message

Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 8:52 PM To: James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com>, Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>, Joan Fortin

Dear James and Paul,

We've never discussed this but I wanted to point out an extremely important fact. Prior to the paving and painting being discussed on March 4th <u>Andy, Matt and Drew were all trying to get me additional funds.</u> If those funds weren't for paving and painting then what were they for?

Look at these text from February 25th and March 3rd, (both of which were prior to the painting and paving)

Feb 25, 2021

"We're trying to figure out your payouts"

"Closing is getting pushed till Tuesday lenders decision, so you can work over the weekend and <u>make back the escrows</u> that would need to be held back"

### March 3rd, 2021

"I'm trying to get that number back up for you"

"Andy is calling the bank and I just spoke with Ryan"

"We are gonna <u>crunch numbers</u> first thing tomorrow morning with <u>rms and Lincoln</u> and figure how to get you more money"

"It's fine I understand let's close this tomorrow make you some money"

"We can talk tomorow and see how we can try to get some money"

On March 4th Matt told me that the Buyers were reducing their rate lock, he was giving me \$2,500 of his commission and he was going to pay the plumbing bill which totaled \$8,200. I then demanded the painting and paving being removed from escrow which the buyers refused and then I terminated the contract because of their anticipatory repudiation.

Anyways, the reason I point this out is because those funds which were part of the March 5th Hud CLEARLY WEREN'T being offered to compensate for the paving or painting like you've been arguing for 3 years.

Also, why is my own Realtor paying a \$3k bill out of pocket and the Plaintiffs reducing their rate lock? Clearly they were attempting to compensate me for all the missing money and for the unpaid upgrades.

It's clear from the text that I was owed something from them. Why else would they say, "Andy is calling the bank and I just spoke with Ryan" (Lincoln Capital) and "Figure how to get you more money" and "See how we can try to get some money" and "We are gonna crunch numbers first thing tomorrow morning with rms and Lincoln"

The only logical conclusion is that they are compensating me for the unpaid upgrades and embezzled money. Clearly, the \$8,200 wasn't adequate enough because it was clearly still very upset with them. \$5,500 was from Matt and \$2,767 was from Drew but the following Day Lincoln increased my loan payout as an illegal escrow for the Plaintiffs of \$3,400. (See March 5th Transcript) So on March 3rd the buyers were contacting RMS to compensate me for something (upgrades) but ended up increasing the escrow funds to them by roughly \$650.

Furthermore, why was my Realtor discussing my payouts with my bank and meeting them with the buyers Realtor Andy Lord without my consent or knowledge.

In the March 5th Meeting Transcript, I discuss Andy directing me to finish the garage when I wasn't required too and there are text from Plaintiff Drew Pierce requesting changes to the basement.

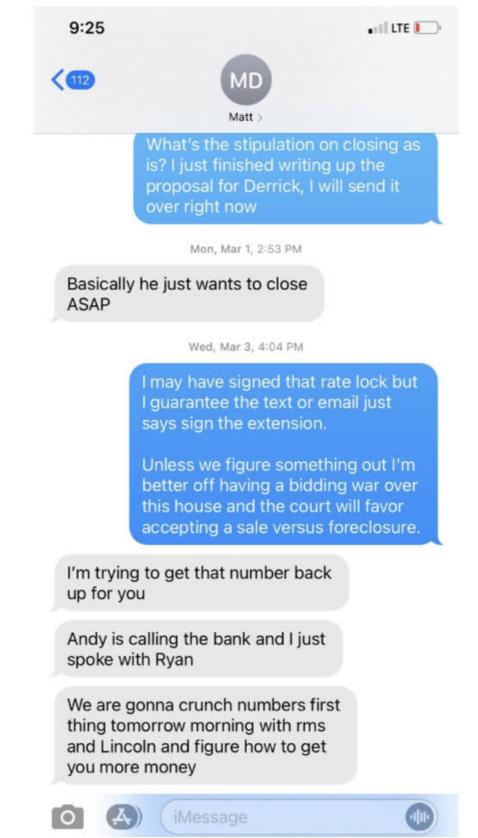
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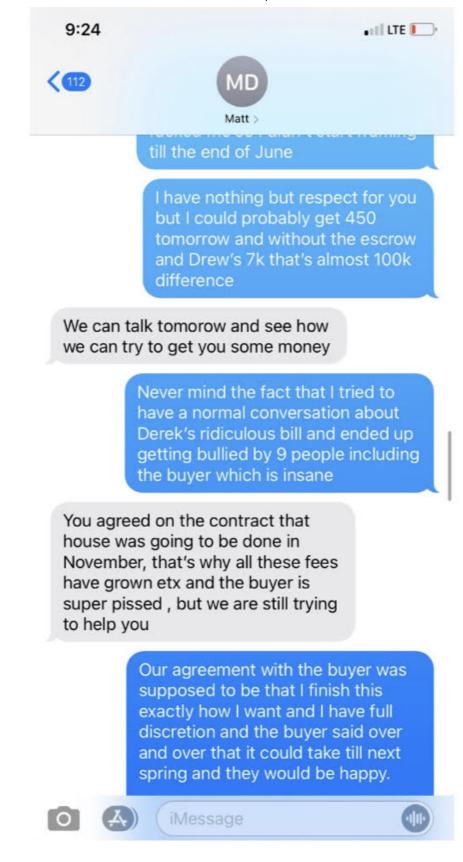
So the house I was contracted to build is much smaller and not nearly as nice, I have proof of some upgrades like Andy directing me to finish the garage and Drew requesting upgrades to the basement via text. Couple all that with the fact that they were attempting to free up money for me makes it's clear as day that they agreed to pay for the upgrades and never did so to act like the the additional funds on March 5th was all for the Paving is insane. Plus on March 5th Matt increased my payout \$11,550 (14,550 - 3,000) and Drew reduced my payout by approximately \$650 (\$2,767 - \$3,400)

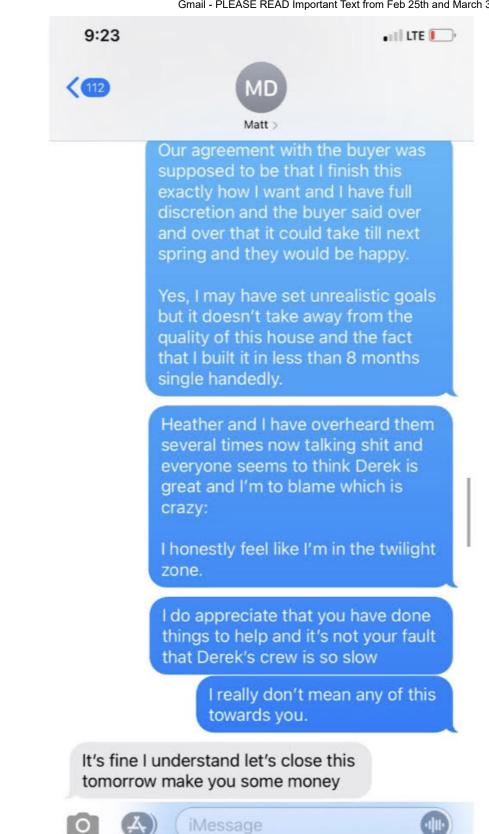
So these text prove that on March 3rd the Plaintiffs were attempting to free up funds for a reason that's unclear through text *Andy is calling the bank" "We are gonna <u>crunch numbers</u> first thing tomorrow morning with <u>rms and Lincoln"</u> (unpaid upgrades and embezzled money) and then on March 4th it became clear that they also were responsible for the Painting and paving but on March 5th an additional \$3,400 was escrowed for the Plaintiffs so the amount due to me decrease roughly \$650 dollars even though they clearly owed me for (3) separate things (Painting, Paving and Upgrades)* 

Anthony Rinaldi Southern Maine Construction 207-347-1692

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Yup		









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## Pierce et al v. Rinaldi et al. CV-21-138

4 messages

**Robin Learned** <rlearned@bernsteinshur.com> To: Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Cc: James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com> Thu, Feb 1, 2024 at 3:52 PM

Good afternoon –

On behalf of Attorney Monteleone, attached please find a letter that has been mailed to the Court today.

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I look forward to seeing you in court and further exposing this corruption. Also, I filed a Request for OPEGA Audit and will be responding to this frivolous letter so feel free to add that to the list. Your letter proves nothing and now you want to deny me my 1st Amendment rights. When I saw this letter I assumed you were dropping this fraudulent lawsuit but instead you slandered my name once again.

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I forgot to mention that you delayed for 8 months and then you delayed Summary Judgement multiple times so the only party that has delayed is you. Furthermore, Justice Billings isn't allowed to ruled on your baseless letter because Jurisdiction has been questioned therefore it must be addressed first. Clearly, you are aware how bad you look and understand that this letter is unlikely to change the severity of your punishment and unlikely to further hurt you so basically a Hail Mary. The sad thing is that you have forever tarnished BernsteinShur name and instead of gracefully dropping this case you chose to further slander my name.

Lastly, can you please give me specifics of my misconduct so that I can rectify the situation if valid. I know that I've done nothing wrong but an honest attorney would never attack someone without specific examples of misconduct.

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James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com> To: Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Cc: Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com> Fri, Feb 2, 2024 at 11:54 AM

Mr. Rinaldi,

I disagree with your characterizations of my conduct, just as I have rejected your prior mischaracterizations of me.

The denied motions and appeals you've filed over the past year speak for themselves on their merits. As to the specifics you requested, I refer you back to the contents of my letter for a summary.

Regards,

James Monteleone BERNSTEINSHUR - Attorney 207 228-7198 direct

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Subject: Re: Pierce et al v. Rinaldi et al. CV-21-138

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Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com>

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Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Sun, Feb 4, 2024 at 9:50 AM To: James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com>, Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>, Joan Fortin <jfortin@bernsteinshur.com>, David Farmer <dfarmer@bernsteinshur.com>, cshankman@bernsteinshur.com, governor@maine.gov, Craig.Hickman@legislature.maine.gov, Peter.schleck@legislature.maine.gov, Sabrina.Carey@legislature.maine.gov, Robin Learned <rlearned@bernsteinshur.com>

Hey James and Paul,

I'm not sure how I didn't noticed this email till now but Ryan Cyr from Lincoln Capital wrote me on 3/8/22 and said the following,

### "You see me calling, we can't just bury our heads in the sand here. Let's get this resolved. <u>Todd is working on getting the escrow part fixed so you can get more money at closing</u> but you need to get in contact with us."

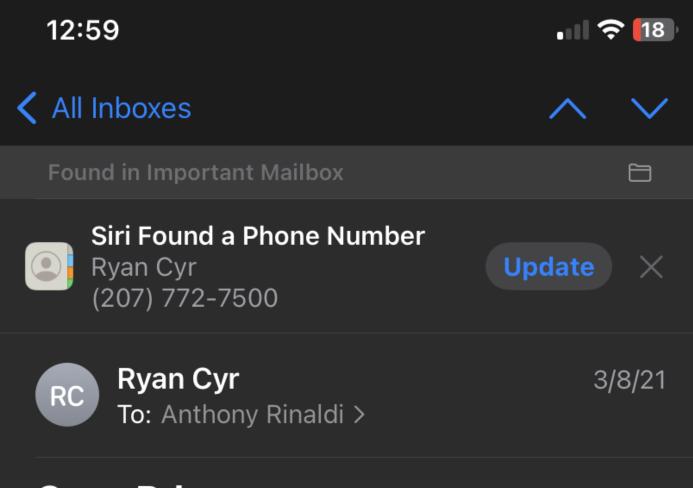
### \*\*See Below

This email implies that Todd is talking to Landing and the Plaintiffs and getting the paving removed so the Defendant could get more money at closing. This was sent 3 days after the closing fell through. <u>So</u> obviously the Plaintiffs breached the contract.

Another thing I noticed was the Plaintiff admitted that Derek Ray Referred the Plaintiffs to BernsteinShur (See Below) and then Derek's Bernstein Attorney Conor Shankman filed a Fraudulent Mechanics Lien and the Plaintiffs filed their fraudulent Ex Parte at essentially the same time. Derek Ray agreed to accept payment at closing so he had no justification for filing a lien because the closing hadn't happened. It's clear that his lien was part of BernsteinShur's strategy to put pressure on me. Also, Derek and I didn't have a contract and as you can see in the text Lincoln Capital Hired him so why was a lien placed against me if I didn't refuse to pay, had no contract and he was hired by Lincoln Capital? Also, Maine Law doesn't allow Attorney fees to be added to the lien and his lien clearly states that his lien includes Attorney fees. Also, Derek was only owed \$14,000 (per his calculations not mine) so why was his lien for \$19,660? Based on my calculations Derek hours far exceeded what he charged me for and a large portion of the work had to be redone so Derek should have been compensating me not charging me. Anyways, as you can see the Mechanic Lien was fraudulent just like the Ex Parte Verified Complaint.

I also noticed that the perjurious 1/28/22 filing submitted the day Discovery ended was actually signed by Derek's lawyer Conor Shankman not James. So obviously Landing Real Estate, BernsteinShur and

the Plaintiffs all manipulated and lied in an attempt to defraud the me.



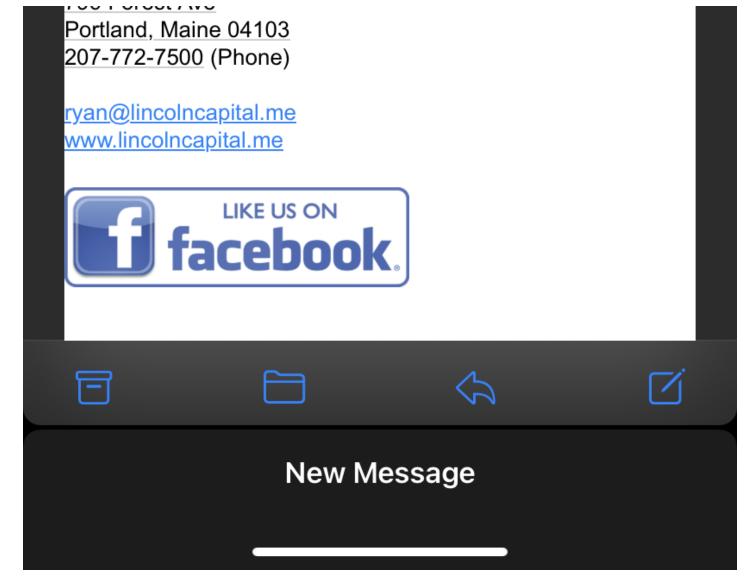
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the above-captioned action, please find Plaintiffs' Motion r.

Very truly yours,

Conor Shonkman

James G. Monteleone

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occasion, sometime after the scheduled closing, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Ray discussed referrals for legal representation.

Plaintiffs occasionally communicated with representatives of Residential Mortgage Services, Inc. ("RMS"), including Craig Mathieson and Sarah MacDonald, regarding the property between August 2020 and March 2021. Communications were by email and telephone. Plaintiffs do not recall the specific date, time or details of any particular communication other than those set forth in email communications previously produced. Plaintiffs' communications with RMS representatives regarding the property entailed discussions about the appraisal, discussions about the property's construction progress, and discussions about closing schedule.

Plaintiffs routinely communicated with their real estate agent Andy Lord regarding the property between August 2020 and May 2021. Communications were frequent and included telephone calls, text messages, and in-person meetings. Plaintiffs do not recall the specific date, time or details of any particular communication. Communications with Mr. Lord generally included discussions about Property's construction options, progress and completion status, and discussions about closing schedules, deadlines and obligations. Plaintiffs do not possess any records detailing their phone or text communications with Mr. Lord.

Plaintiffs have communicated with Mr. Pierce's fiancée, Susanna Joly, regarding the property hundreds of times since August 2020. Communications with Ms. Joly were inperson, via telephone, text and email. Communications with Ms. Joly were too innumerable to recall any particular date, time or details of any particular communications, and generally involved all matters known to Mr. Pierce regarding the property.

Drew Pierce

State of Massachusetts

County of Barnstable

November 14, 2022

Now appeared before me the above-named Drew Pierce, who was placed under oath and affirmed the truth of the foregoing statements to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.







Mikey we all liked you and are trying to help you so you don't lose this place and the buyers. I don't know if you know how being a GC works (clearly not) but normally I would bid a job up charge my materials, my subs and then I would get paid for my time for organizing all parties and doing all that IN THE **RIGHT ORDER**, to maximize time and money. I did time in materials on your job for a couple different reasons. One your job site was a mess and done in the complete wrong order to maximize effectiveness and two because we were having to work backwards and fix and finish things that were not done or done incorrectly. As far as defrauding you, I was asked by the bank to step in and bring guy in to help and speed up the processes they knew exactly what I charged per man and ok'd it, so if you have an issue with the billing you need to talk to them not me. Furthermore, I didn't charge you yet for my time of

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charged materials that I put on my account YET, I've paid your guys who have been hired by you and saved you by pulling in favors from the town and excavators so you

Text Message

Anthony Rinaldi Southern Maine Construction 207-347-1692



Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 1:24

PM

### PLEASE RESPOND?????

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Dear Joan and Paul,

I've written multiple times and your firm continues to ignore me. Your 2/1/24 letter to the court claimed that I continue to file frivolous motions so why in the world wouldn't you respond to one of my alleged frivolous motions.

If my Motion to Dismiss 12(b)1 is frivolous like you say then wouldn't you want to respond to it and wouldn't it support your request for a Spickler Order??

The burden is on you to prove Jurisdiction not me so the court doesn't have the authority to rule on your Motions if you're unable to prove jurisdiction. Your firm clearly knows this and knows that your claims are frivolous so can someone please tell me if you're filing a 7th Motion to Enlarge so I have time to file an Emergency Request today.

I've been professional and patient and have stopped protesting and everything but if you file a 7th Motion to Enlarge when you know how many legislators and the like are watching then it's sending a clear message that BernsteinShur management is Corrupt. As CEO and General Counsel you should be appalled at James behavior and should be righting this wrong not aiding James. The record is clear and the evidence is overwhelming so can someone please explain themselves????

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 Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>
 Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 9:18 AM

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Mr. Rinaldi,

These issues relate to the pending litigation and will be properly resolved by the Court. Our clients' positions have been and will continue to be stated in our written filings in and proceedings before the Court. Accordingly, we will not engage in extrajudicial debate with you about the relative merits of the parties' positions. As I have stated to you on multiple occasions, we fully support Mr. Monteleone's conduct in the litigation and reject your unending (and false) claims that he has acted unprofessionally or unethically. Once again, I request that you cease your continuing barrage of threatening and harassing emails to my colleagues and me.

Paul McDonald

Paul McDonald Shareholder Litigation Practice Group Leader & General Counsel 207 228-7260 direct 207 774-1200 main 207 807-8682 mobile 207 774-1127 fax My Bio | LinkedIn | Twitter BERNSTEINSHUR 100 Middle Street PO Box 9729 Portland, ME 04104-5029 | Manchester, NH | Augusta, ME | bernsteinshur.com **Confidentiality notice:** This message is intended only for the person to whom addressed in the text above and may contain privileged or confidential information. If you are not that person, any use of this message is prohibited. We request that you notify us by reply to this message, and then delete all copies of this message including any contained in your reply. Thank you. -----Original Message-----From: Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, February 19, 2024 1:24 PM To: Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com>; Joan Fortin <jfortin@bernsteinshur.com>; David Farmer <dfarmer@bernsteinshur.com>; Robin Learned <rlearned@bernsteinshur.com> Subject: PLEASE RESPOND?????

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**Southern Maine Construction** <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> To: mainelyboudoir@gmail.com Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 2:37 PM

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From: Paul McDonald <pmcdonald@bernsteinshur.com> Date: February 20, 2024 at 9:19:02 AM EST To: Southern Maine Construction <southernmaineconstruction@gmail.com> Cc: Joan Fortin <jfortin@bernsteinshur.com>, David Farmer <dfarmer@bernsteinshur.com>, Robin Learned <rlearned@bernsteinshur.com>, James Monteleone <jmonteleone@bernsteinshur.com> Subject: RE: PLEASE RESPOND????

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I've reviewed your record and you represent the biggest law firm in the state so acting like you don't have a duty of candor is unacceptable considering you are well aware that your violating the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct. I've attached a pdf below explaining your duty to an opposing counsel.

Nonetheless, James admitted that he didn't do any research prior to filing the original complaint and only reviewed an incomplete series of text messages (See Opposition to Vacate) The text that were missing from the only messages he reviewed are,

"Out of respect for you I will talk on Monday <u>but you guys treated me like I was stupid and tried to squeeze me for every</u> <u>penny. Unless that HUD has the escrow adjusted I'm not closing today</u>. I'm taking back the power and then will decide what I want to do."

"I can legally walk and that's what I'm doing" "I promise I will call you Monday so we can try and figure this out" (Exhibit A at 23)

So to recap, James only reviewed a serious of text that don't help his argument and then after filing he is made aware that several texts were missing and those texts imply the Plaintiffs breached so why wouldn't he immediately drop this lawsuit?

Since that time he has received a mountain of evidence proving his clients breached not the Defendant and he hasn't received any evidence to support his original theory **so what am I missing here.**