

Canadian Businessman Files Lawsuit in U.S District Court; Plaintiff Claims Damages Exceeding US \$500 Million

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Seattle, Washington ([PRWeb](#)) April 18, 2007 - In a seventy-eight page Complaint which was filed February 2nd, 2007 in Seattle's Western District of Washington Court (Case no. CV7 00177CMP), Mr. Erwin Singh Braich, 51, a well-known industrialist and philanthropist, has alleged various wrongdoing by a group of professionals and government officials. The Defendants include the world's largest accounting firm, KPMG International, Vancouver law firm Mclean & Armstrong, and individuals from a host of Canadian and American government agencies. A trial by jury is being sought and Judge John Coughenour is slated to preside over the proceedings (more info on Judge Coughenour:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003166531_coughenour01m.html).

Canadian born Braich is the eldest son of pioneer Sikh lumber baron, the late Herman Singh Braich (1911-1976), who immigrated to Canada, from Punjab, India, in 1927. (more info re: Herman Singh Braich available at: <http://www.missionarchives.com/missioncity/citizens/citizens.html#herman>)

Erwin Singh Braich is no stranger to expensive litigation as thirteen years ago he was involved in a high profile divorce trial that was initiated in the County of San Diego Superior Court on April 15th, 1994 (Case no. D378198).

In the early 1990's Braich, after retiring from active business, was residing part time in seaside La Jolla, California, with his wife and two children. It was during this time that a divorce and child custody litigation was commenced by his former wife. Court records indicate that ex-wife Kulbinder Braich was seeking a lump sum of approximately US \$26 million and in addition was seeking monthly support payments for her and their two children of approximately US \$24 thousand.

The protracted litigation was eventually ordered to British Columbia Supreme Court by San Diego Superior Court Judge Christine Pate. The ensuing lawsuit is noted for setting many records and testing a variety of precedent setting decisions under Canadian law. The final resolution of this complex legal battle was delayed by the Canadian House of Parliament's adoption of the new Family Maintenance Enforcement Act in 1997.

In the lawsuit filed in Seattle on February 2nd, 2007, allegations made by attorney Mr. Hugh Berry, acting for Braich, include unlawful dissemination of business documents and files by the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions. "This private and personal business correspondence was allegedly obtained illegally from one of my hotel rooms in Bellingham, Washington while I was traveling overseas" said Braich. He further added "It has been expensive and time consuming to gather and index the evidence to properly support the allegations which are detailed in the lawsuit. Our legal team has spent quite some time preparing this litigation".

The Complaint details various alleged abuses and violations suffered by Braich, for which he is seeking monetary, declaratory and injunctive relief. It is being asserted by the Plaintiff that many of his rights under the United States Constitution and Washington State Laws were violated by the acts of the Defendants.

A central issue in this case is the Plaintiff's Right to Property which was allegedly taken and held, Right to Privacy which was allegedly invaded, Right to Equal Protection, Right to Procedural Due Process of Law and other alleged violations. The alleged malicious conspiracy occurred prior to February 5th, 2004 and continued thereafter.

"I have suffered specific injury not only by way of the loss of potential profits; which loss has been caused by the detention of certain key documents, data and other material relating to business activity on different continents. In addition important items have still not been returned. At the trial we intend to have reputable experts meticulously detail these losses" said Braich. "Other pain and suffering is going to be difficult to quantify in terms of absolute dollars" added Braich.

Braich suggested that in addition to this lawsuit which spells out the factual basis for at least twenty-three Causes of Action there will likely be further legal proceedings commenced which will seek relief and remedies for alleged slander and alleged libel against various parties in appropriate jurisdictions.

"My advisers and I have been waiting for this opportunity to clearly illuminate the true fact pattern of some of the very significant twists and turns in my affairs over recent years. I am confident that interested parties will be shocked at the alleged unlawful conduct of individuals which has caused much unnecessary harm and distress to innocent people. I have suffered indignities at the hands of over zealous parties".

In the filed Court documents under the section dealing with Background Facts it is asserted that Braich's offshore holdings, once established for his children, were valued at over US\$250 million. The residual interest of his deceased father's Estate is further quantified separately (more info re: some of the real property in his late father's Estate please visit: <http://www.abbotsfordtimes.com/issues06/101206/news/101206nn4.html> and <http://www.mission.ca/Page753.aspx>).

"It is extremely sad that individuals acting under the color of law and the guise of statutes, and acting as agents for governments could inflict such egregious emotional and financial harm in a civil society" poignantly stated the Plaintiff. "Through the due legal process afforded by America's founding fathers, we intend to prove beyond doubt all of the allegations in the prosecution of this action" commented Braich.

Braich was named Business Person of the Year by the International Punjabi Chamber of Commerce in 1999 (see attached files). He was also named Citizen of the Year in 1996 by his hometown of Mission, British Columbia (see attached files).

For more info re: Erwin Braich please see attached files.

For an update on this litigation please visit:

<http://www.emediawire.com/releases/2007/8/emw541360.htm>

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