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Via Email (<u>wgiampietro@giampietrolaw.com</u>) Confirmation by U.S. Mail

Mr. Wayne B. Giampietro Poltrock & Giampietro 123 W. Madison Street, Suite 1300 Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Response to August 27, 2019 Letter on behalf of Mr. Burgess and Dr. Prause

Dear Mr. Giampietro:

We acknowledge that we received your August 27, 2019 letter sent on behalf of your clients, Mr. Burgess and Dr. Prause and provide the following in response on behalf of Mr. Wilson (doing business as Your Brain On Porn). We respond first to the false and libelous statements that you made in your August 27, 2019, letter. We then address the actions recently taken by a website and social media that appears to be under the control of your clients, which impugns Mr. Wilson's reputation.

August 27, 2019 letter

The false statements that you made about our client in your August 27, 2019 letter include the second and third sentences of that letter. You falsely stated:

- 1. That Mr. Wilson illegally interfered with your client's [Mr. Burgess'] website;
- 2. That Mr. Wilson illegally altered the archives of your client's [Mr. Burgess'] website, www.realyourbrainonporn.com;
- 3. That Mr. Wilson provided public instructions for others to alter illegally the archives of your client's [Mr. Burgess'] website.

You and your client also published these false statements via Twitter within a half hour of your firm emailing us your August 27, 2019, letter. Your and your client's statements listed above are false and actionable. Mr. Wilson assures us that he has never "interfered with" the content of the website www.realyourbrainonporn.com or the archives for that website. Nor has he claimed that Mr. Burgess or Dr. Prause inserted pornographic material "on his website." You do not offer evidence to support either claim.

In his August online communications, Mr. Wilson demonstrated how false archive entries can be attributed to an existing archive. This was done to counteract the false archive listings someone created for Mr. Wilson's website. These false, nonexistent URL addresses (with no underlying

content) could be inserted into the list of archived URL addresses captured in the Wayback archive. This can apparently be accomplished for any website's page in the archive, and can thus be employed maliciously to smear anyone whose website pages have been archived.

The fake archives were designed to fraudulently make it appear that Mr. Wilson had engaged with Mormon porn subject matter. In response to your clients' vocal, public campaign falsely insisting that Mr. Wilson inadvertently created hundreds of URL addresses on his site by viewing porn, Mr. Wilson demonstrated the following:

- He tweeted a screenshot showing that it is easy to create and insert false URL addresses on the archive for his YourBrainOnPorn.com site on the Wayback archive.
- He tweeted a screenshot showing that someone else had subsequently created at least two
 false URL addresses on the RealYourBrainOnPorn.com Wayback archive page.
- He revealed the "//" coding ruse in the false "porn" URL addresses, which ensured that the offensive, fake URL addresses all rose to the top of the 100,000-page collection of URL addresses in the Wayback archive related to YourBrainOnPorn.com.

None of his actions could possibly constitute interference in *your client's* website. They were done only to demonstrate the malice of whoever inserted the false URL addresses into the Wayback archive page for www.yourbrainonporn.com, which false materials were promoted solely and extensively via your clients' social media. Nor was Mr. Wilson responsible for the sample fake URL-address insertions on the RealYourBrainOnPorn archive page, which he shared on Twitter. He merely publicized their existence after learning of them, in order to undermine your client's ongoing campaign to impugn his reputation on your client's social media account by insisting that fake URLs couldn't be posted to the Wayback archive.

Email and "Brain On Porn" Twitter campaign

As you know, when Mr. Wilson filed his UDRP complaint, WIPO revealed that Mr. Burgess has been holding the domain name registration for and the URL www.realyourbrainonporn.com since at least April, 2019. Mr. Burgess apparently controls the existing website with Dr. Prause, as you mentioned this fact in your August 27, 2019 letter, despite previously misrepresenting to us that she was not involved in the site.

We presume that Mr. Burgess also controls both the website's email function, which uses an alias based on the other name of Mr. Burgess' website www.sciencearousal.com (before he switched to the www.realyourbrainonporn.com address), and all of the social media accounts that use the name "Real Your Brain On Porn" and derivations thereof. That email account and corresponding social media participated in the campaign to impugn Mr. Wilson's character.

Email – Amid the aforementioned social media campaign to persuade people that Mr. Wilson is a reckless porn user with unsavory porn tastes, your clients sent the following email, which they knew was untrue, on August 22, 2019, using Mr. Burgess' domain. The recipient forwarded it to Mr. Wilson:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Real Your Brain On Porn < sciencearousal@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 1:02 PM

Subject: NCOSE speaker posts "mormon" p*rn

To: < PUBLIC@ncose.com>

One of you frequent speakers, Gary Wilson, has a public collection of "mormon porn texts" on his website yourbrainonporn.com

You can view the content using this search: web.archive.org/web/*/yourbrainonporn.com/*

Filter/search for "Mormon" to show the pornography content. He has not provided any reason other than he accidentally uploaded his own porn searches to his anti-porn website.

He may have joined the movement to get access to those girls. He has not denied that the text was on his website; he only claims that it is some conspiracy against him. This is what predators do.

These claims of professional and sexual misconduct are without authentic support (as explained above), and are harmful to our client's reputation particularly in his profession.

Social media

While an alleged "Ron Swanson" was the first to publicize the tale about the false URL addresses (screenshot #1 below), Dr. Prause sent tweets containing false information about the false URL addresses (screenshot #2), which was swiftly followed by a Twitter rampage that lasted for days (involving more than 100 tweets), conducted by a Twitter account that we think is controlled by Mr. Burgess or Dr. Prause, https://twitter.com/BrainOnPorn. This Twitter campaign attempted to spread and legitimize the groundless campaign based on false Mormon porn URLs (with no underlying content).

In addition to the character-impugning campaign conducted by the @BrainOnPorn Twitter account, that Twitter account also explicitly accused our client of at least 3 felonies (screenshots attached):

- Stalking women in person
- Making death threats, and
- Hacking into websites.

As your clients know, to falsely, publicly accuse people of sexual/professional misconduct and criminal action in the nature of felonies is actionable in itself. In fact, if a tribunal deems such actions "defamation *per se*," Mr. Wilson need not show any commercial damages in order to recover. Mr. Wilson is separately considering the remedies open to him to seek redress for your clients' actions. Settlement terms as to these facts would need to be addressed separately from the proposed settlement concerning Mr. Wilson's trademark.

This letter is not intended as a complete statement of the facts or of Mr. Wilson's rights, remedies, and causes of action, all of which are expressly reserved.

Sincerely,

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