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19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA, KAREN KENNEDY, CAROLINE MESSENGER

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PETITION FOR DAMAGES FOR DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER

NOW UNTO COURT comes Plaintiff, Robert Edwin Burns, in proper person,

who asserts the following:

1.

That he is a person of the full age of majority and resides in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

2.

Made Defendants in this petition for damages are: -* ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA, a nonprofit corporation 0 headquartered in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana. CERTFED 0 C KAREN KENNEDY, a major resident and domiciliary of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

CAROLINE MESSENGER, a major resident and domiciliary of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana. 4 00 က် 3. 5 Æ

MOR SUGE WRISHLER ERK On Friday, April 8, 2011 at 2:32 p.m., Petitioner received a telephone call မှ from Rev. Freddie Phillips, an LALB Member as well as a graduate of Glen Oaks High School (GoHS), Class of 1983. Evidence of Rev. Phillips' phone call to Petitioner is demonstrated through Petitioner's cell phone records contained in Exhibit P-1, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as well as a sworn affidavit from Rev. Freddie Phillips, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit P-2. Rev. Phillips, who also routinely serves as Bid Assistant for Petitioner's firm, Auction Sells Fast, inquired of Petitioner as to whether he had gotten the opportunity to visit the Board Room located at 5222 Summa Court, Baton Rouge, LA that day in order to film a few brief video clips. Those clips were requested by Rev. Phillips to help promote

Petitioner's 30-Year High School Reunion for the GOHS Class of 1981 and to provide knowledge to classmates of how real estate auctions are conducted. Rev. Phillips was an invited guest to that reunion from the time Petitioner, along with approximately 8-10 other classmates, began planning the reunion on Thursday, April 8, 2010. Rev. Phillips attended the 30-year reunion, and Petitioner and Rev. Phillips conducted a brief charity auction of two (2) \$50 Outback gift cards with proceeds of \$230 obtained benefiting Heritage Ranch, one of many local charities for whom Petitioner has conducted past auctions. Over 100 GOHS alumni from the Class of 1981 have been on the email distribution list regarding reunion planning, and a website has been maintained with videos promoting the reunion, videos of driving directions, classmate interaction at planning meetings, etc. In fact, the website continues to exist today outlining all the fun enjoyed by the class and showing videos of the enjoyable time shared by all. Everything pertaining to the GOHS 30-Year Reunion for the Class of 1981 is available at www.members.cox.net/gohs1981.

4.

Forty-one (41) minutes after receiving Mr. Phillips' telephone request, on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 3:13 p.m., Petitioner telephoned Ms. Karen Kennedy, Executive Director of the Arthritis Association of Louisiana, which was a tenant at the time at the offices located at 5222 Summa Court, Baton Rouge, LA. That phone call is documented through Petitioner's land-line phone records which reflect all calls during the calendar year 2011 made to the Arthritis Association of Louisiana, with those calls being contained in Exhibit P-3, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Petitioner made the phone call to Ms. Kennedy to inquire if it would be permissible for Petitioner to come to that office location and utilize the Board Room, which was shared by all tenants of the building (including the Louisiana Auctioneer's Licensing Board - LALB), to film a few brief videos to promote the Glen Oaks High School 30-Year Reunion for the Class of 1981. This was the third such occasion for Petitioner to have made this request of Ms. Kennedy, with the prior two occasions being April 6, 2011 and another date during mid to late March of 2011. Petitioner had every reason to anticipate favorable responses from Ms. Kennedy given that Petitioner had routinely conducted benefit auctions for the Arthritis Association, including auctions previously posted on prominent display on his

business website for the following dates: August 27, 2010; October 24, 2008; October 19, 2007; and June 19, 2007. The promotion of the charity auctions on the part of Petitioner, which even included a direct link to the Arthritis Association's website for visitors to go see and make a donation if they were so inclined, is demonstrated by a printout of the pages from Petitioner's website and are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit P-4.

5.

Ms. Kennedy indicated that she would be happy to escort Petitioner into the building on Friday, April 8, 2011 (just as she'd done twice before during the past 15-20 days), and she encouraged him to come right on over. Petitioner did so, and he again telephoned Ms. Kennedy at 3:27 p.m. using his cell phone, which is documented through the aforementioned Exhibit P-1, upon arrival at the building in order that she could admit him into the building as the doors for the facility remained locked due to a very low occupancy rate.

6.

Petitioner remained in the building until the time of Ms. Kennedy's departure, which was at approximately 4:50 p.m. In fact, Petitioner informed Rev. Phillips during a phone conversation with him at the time that he would need to disconnect and transfer the video equipment to his vehicle before they could resume the conversation. Ms. Kennedy then politely escorted Petitioner out of the building and relayed that she hoped he enjoyed a nice weekend. Petitioner, upon transporting his video equipment to his vehicle and as evidenced by the aforementioned Exhibit P-1, called Mr. Phillips to resume the phone conversation at 4:53 p.m.

7.

On Monday, April 11, 2011 at approximately 11:30 a.m., Petitioner heard a knock on the door of his residence. When Petitioner opened the door, he was greeted by Corporal Steven Hayward of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

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Corporal Hayward advised, with Petitioner's mother observing, "Look, we've had some complaints over there at, uh, over there at Summa Court. So, look, you're not to be back over there unless you're either invited or you're there to attend a public meeting." Petitioner, though viewing the episode with Corporal Hayward as bizarre, relayed to Corporal Hayward that he would be fine with the stipulations he'd just relayed. Corporal Hayward indicated that would conclude the matter and exited Petitioner's residence within two minutes of his arrival.

9.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at approximately 3:00 p.m., Petitioner heard another knock on the door of his residence. When Petitioner opened the door, he was greeted by two plain-clothes Louisiana State Troopers, one of whom was Detective Bart Morris. Both Detectives are employed within the Division of Louisiana State Police's Investigative Support Division, which according to the Division's website link at <u>www.lsp.org/iss.html</u>, focuses on "terrorism, public disorder, organized crime, money laundering, dignitary protection, and special investigations as dictated by the Superintendent." Detective Morris advised Petitioner, again in the presence of Petitioner's mother, that he and his partner were there to "follow-up" on the "incident" of Friday, April 8, 2011. Detective Morris said, "I know the Sheriff was here yesterday, but we're just here for a follow-up investigation to get your side of the story."

10.

Petitioner stated to Detective Morris what he has demonstrated in these pleadings (i.e. that he'd called Defendant Kennedy about filming a few video clips, etc.) and offered Detective Morris and his partner an invitation to view the videos promoting the reunion. Detective Morris and his partner then viewed the video promotions of the reunion, including a tour of North Park in Denham Springs, the facility at which the GOHS Class of 1981 30-Year Reunion was held on August 6, 2011, all of which was readily available for them to view on the homepage of <u>www.members.cox.net/gohs1981</u>. Detective Morris and his partner then asked Petitioner some follow-up questions to, "ensure you have no intention of doing harm to any State employees or to a State leased building." Upon receiving calm responses that nothing could be further from Petitioner's intents and after a collective 30-40 minutes in Petitioner's home, Detective Morris stated he and his partner would be on their way and this matter would be closed.

As Detective Morris exited Petitioner's residence and was walking through Petitioner's living room toward the front door, Detective Morris asked, "Can you go over for me one more time exactly how you ended up at the building that day?" Petitioner relayed, "Well, as I said earlier, I contacted Ms. Kennedy with the Arthritis Association, and she agreed to let me in to film the videos." Detective Morris then inquired: "Wait a minute! You mean you called over there first and asked for permission to come and film the videos?" Petitioner responded in the affirmative regarding Detective Morris' question. Detective Morris then asked, "Well, how did you get in the building?" When Petitioner responded that Ms. Kennedy unlocked the door for him, Detective Morris then asked, "Well, was she aware you were going to film the videos?" When Petitioner responded, "I'd told her that was my purpose for coming over, and I had the video equipment in my hands while I stood at the door waiting for her to open it," Detective Morris then shook his head in seeming disbelief and stated that he hoped Petitioner and his mother enjoyed the rest of the day.

12.

On or about Wednesday, April 19, 2011, Petitioner obtained a copy of the EBRP Sheriff's Police Report, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit P-5. As indicated on page five (5) of the report, Ms. Sandy Edmonds, Executive Assistant of the LALB, is identified as the **only** complainant in the report notwithstanding the fact Ms. Edmonds was at no time present during any video production on the part of Petitioner.

13.

According to the police report, Ms. Edmonds accused Petitioner of Disturbing the Peace and Wrongful Use of Public Property. In the narrative section on page eight (8) of the report, EBRP Sheriff Corporal Hayward states, "Several employees on the property advised that a [sic] auctioneer was discharged from his position and is now regularly coming on to the property to hold 'fake board meetings' using video equipment, and his behavior has alarmed the employees."

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14.

Petitioner filed a cause of action against Ms. Edmonds on June 27, 2011 for malicious prosecution with that matter presently pending before Judge Wilson Fields. Although Petitioner indicated in his pleadings in that cause of action that he felt any officials with the Arthritis Association of Louisiana were likely coerced into participating in the police report as alleged "victims," as evidenced by the executed sworn affidavit of Defendant Kennedy pertaining to that cause of action, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit P-6, that may not be the case.

15.

In the aforementioned affidavit, Ms. Kennedy states, regarding the April 6, 2011 visit, "there were no other people on the premises at that time other than Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Caroline Messenger, the office manager for the Arthritis Association." This statement is emphatically false! Petitioner observed several individuals who passed by the Boardroom and went to the kitchen area during the brief timeframe at which he occupied the Boardroom on that day.

16.

Ms. Kennedy further states in the affidavit that, "Ms. Kennedy allowed Mr. Burns to enter the building as she was under the impression Mr. Burns was on the premises in an official capacity for the building owner and/or Mr. Beau Box, the owner's real estate agent. Mr. Burns immediately walked to the vacant section of the office building, opposite from the offices occupied by the Arthritis Association. Affiant recalls that she and Caroline Messenger left the premises at or about 4:30 p.m. Mr. Burns remained alone on the premises. There were no board meetings taking place at the time he entered the premises or thereafter. It is unknown how late Mr. Burns remained on the premises after affiant left the building."

17.

All of these statements on the part of Ms. Kennedy are emphatically false! Petitioner never made any representation whatsoever that he was acting in any capacity whatsoever for Beau Box, Steve Winkler, who is the owner of the building, or anyone else aside from himself for the purpose of filming brief video clips to promote the GOHS Class of 1981 reunion and help explain to former classmates the intricacies of real estate auctions. Petitioner's purpose in requesting to use the Boardroom was made abundantly clear to her the first time they discussed the matter on the phone and was reiterated each time Petitioner requested subsequent visits to the Boardroom. Furthermore, Petitioner never went to any other office within the building aside from the Boardroom to which Ms. Kennedy had granted permission that day, as well as on Friday, April 8, 2011 and one other initial date prior to April 1, 2011.

18.

Additionally, as evidenced by Petitioner's phone records, Exhibits P-1 and P-3, Petitioner first telephoned Ms. Kennedy on August 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. from his land line (see exhibit P-3). He then phoned Ms. Kennedy from his cell phone at 4:20 p.m. (see Exhibit P-1). Therefore, if Ms. Kennedy's affidavit is to be taken at face value when she relays she departed at 4:30 p.m., one would have to conclude she let Petitioner in simultaneously with her departure from the building. Such is not the case, and Defendant Kennedy knows that to be the case. Petitioner was only in the building a brief time to film two segments of real estate auctions: who makes a good candidate for auction, and how the traditional approach to real estate sales differs from the auction method.

19.

Ms. Kennedy further states in the affidavit, "Affiant recalls that Mr. Bums returned to the office building on Friday, April 8, 2011 between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. Mr. Bums advised affiant that he was in the neighborhood and needed to do more filming in the building. Within seconds of hanging up with Mr. Bums, Ms. Kennedy heard the front buzzer of the building announcing Mr. Bums' arrival."

20.

This statement is emphatically false and is readily proven to be false through Petitioner's phone records. As evidence by Exhibit P-3, Petitioner's land-line phone records from Vonage, he telephoned Ms. Kennedy at 3:13 p.m. on April 8, 2011 and made the request to come to the office which Defendant Kennedy granted. Next, Petitioner's cell phone records contained in Exhibit P-1 clearly indicate Petitioner phoned Ms. Kennedy at the entrance door at 3:27 p.m. Petitioner lives only minutes from the facility. Ms. Kennedy therefore is blatantly inaccurate when she claims Petitioner informed her he was "in the neighborhood" as he initiated the call for being granted permission to come film the brief clips from his residence! Furthermore, this fact was readily available to both Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Rodney Ramsey, the attorney representing Ms. Edmonds in Petitioner's cause of action against Ms. Edmonds, but apparently they opted not to even make an attempt to "get the story straight" as evidenced by the fact Ms. Kennedy's affidavit would so blatantly contradict irrefutable phone records of Petitioner. Further, contrary to Defendant Kennedy's assertion that Petitioner rang any "front buzzer," Petitioner merely called Ms. Kennedy using his cell phone to announce his arrival. Petitioner never utilized any buzzer as Ms. Kennedy indicates. If he had, what would be the need to have used his cell phone? Petitioner will point out numerous other inaccuracies contained within Defendant Kennedy's affidavit, but this glaring inaccuracy will "get the ball rolling" so to speak. What Defendant Kennedy has chosen to do is "shoot from the hip" on her sworn affidavit in making statements regarding April 8, 2011 as she has done throughout her sworn affidavit which has brought about the present cause of action against her.

21.

Ms. Kennedy further stated in her affidavit, "Affiant walked to the locked front door of the building and spoke with Mr. Bums, who advised he had more filming to do. As on April 6, 2011, Mr. Bums did not explain the nature or purpose behind the filming. Mr. Bums also chose not to disclose on whose authority he was entering the building. Again, Mr. Bums was admitted into the building because affiant knew Mr. Bums when he was a board member and serving on the LALB. Also, she believed Mr. Bums was acting in an official business capacity on behalf of the building owner and/or his real estate agent. The Summa Court office building has been for sale and the remaining tenants have been asked to relocate. Affiant informed Ms. Messenger of Mr. Bums' presence in the building. At approximately 4:00 p.m. on the same date, Caroline Messenger informed affiant that Mr. Bums had entered and occupied Suite 108 of the building, the Board Conference Room. The door was closed and the blinds located on the windows inside of the board room were pulled up by Mr. Bums. Sheets of paper were taped all over the windows, blocking the view into the board room. Ms. Messenger was not allowed in the room, although she attempted to enter the conference room to determine the nature of Mr. Burns' activity and to determine the nature of the documents

spread all over the room. Mr. Burns merely stuck his head out of the conference room and requested that he be left in the building alone to complete his 'work'."

21.

Ms. Kennedy did speak with Petitioner after letting him in the building and, in fact, Petitioner and Ms. Kennedy chatted for about 10 minutes in friendly exchanges before Petitioner made his way to the Boardroom. In fact, Ms. Kennedy sat on the desk with some funny-looking slippers on her feet to which Petitioner and she both laughed as she swung her leg back and forth. Ms. Kennedy also cavalierly informed Petitioner that, "I guess you've heard Steve's got the building under contract again." When Petitioner informed Ms. Kennedy that he was not aware of that fact, Ms. Kennedy responded, "Well, we've been down this road before, so who knows if the sale will happen or not." Now, in her affidavit, Ms. Kennedy would make the absurd contention that Petitioner never told her his purpose in requesting to film brief video clips (a falsehood), that she assumed that he was there in a capacity for Mr. Beau Box, who had the listing of the building and served as property manager and/or for Mr. Steve Winkler, the building owner, yet she knows full well Petitioner informed her he was clueless that Mr. Winkler had the building under contract again. Furthermore, if Ms. Kennedy was "under the assumption that Mr. Burns was in the building in official capacity as a representative of Beau Box or Steve Winkler," since Mr. Winker is the Treasurer of the Arthritis Association and serves on its Board, would it not seem logical that, if Ms. Kennedy was operating "on the assumption" that she could easily call Mr. Winkler and ask if that was the case since he is not only her landlord but serves on the Board of Directors of her employer, The Arthritis Association of Louisiana? Yet, Ms. Kennedy would permit Petitioner into the building not once, not twice, but three times, conduct herself in a jovial manner each time, and never once telephone Mr. Box or Mr. Winkler if she had any question of why Petitioner may be on the premises? Ms. Kennedy did not call Mr. Box or Ms. Winkler because she knew why Petitioner was in the building as he'd stated it clearly the first time he discussed using the Boardroom with her permission, and he reiterated it each time he called her. Furthermore, given that nobody now questions why Petitioner was in the building (not Ms. Edmonds, nor Mr. Ramsey - her attorney nor anyone else) because everyone has seen the videos Petitioner produced as they were

prominently posted on his business website, www.AuctionSellsFast.com, soon after being filmed, everyone, including Ms. Kennedy, has now has gone into "scramble mode" to cast blame away from themselves for the absurd actions involving law enforcement of April 11, 2011 and April 12, 2011. In Ms. Kennedy's case, she has gone to the extreme measure of blatantly defaming Petitioner's character to take the focus away from her involvement in the matter. With everyone now having knowledge of what the videos entailed, and with nobody disputing their content, then how does it make since that Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Messenger, Ms. Edmonds, Ms. Dow (attorney for LALB), and some unnamed person at the Attorney General's Office (who advised Ms. Dow to have Ms. Edmonds called the State Police Terrorism Unit) to five (5) months after the fact, fabricate these wild accusations against petitioner? The only logical explanation is that everyone feels utterly foolish for their outlandish action, and now the only way to try and somehow justify it is to arbitrarily "ban together" and paint Petitioner out in the worst possible light, video content knowledge notwithstanding. Furthermore, Petitioner expressed appreciation to Ms. Kennedy each time he visited the building, just as Ms. Kennedy had expressed appreciation for all the times Petitioner conducted benefit auctions for The Arthritis Association of Louisiana free of charge.

22.

Ms. Messenger's statements are the most egregious falsehoods contained within Ms. Kennedy's affidavit. Petitioner made no change to any positioning of blinds whatsoever. In fact, Petitioner has no knowledge that blinds even exist inside the Boardroom; however, he will accept Ms. Messenger's word for it. In accepting her word for the contention that blinds do in fact exist in the Boardroom, if Petitioner <u>truly</u> wanted to be "secretive" about his activities, would it not have made sense for Petitioner to have, instead of <u>raising</u> the blinds as Ms. Messenger says he did (which Petitioner <u>emphatically</u> denies), to have instead have <u>CLOSED</u> the blinds? If blinds do exist in the Boardroom, then <u>CLOSING</u> them would have facilitated secretive behavior and would have negated the need for Petitioner to tape any paper on any window. Statements like these, which are not only blatantly false, scurrilous, and defamatory; they are also moronic and lacking in even a modicum of intelligence or common sense. Furthermore, for each video clip Petitioner produced, he had no more than five (5) pieces of 8 ½" x 11" paper. They represented Petitioner's cue cards for making the videos. Three (3) of the papers were taped to the entrance door because the camera was situated literally just in front of the door in order that the best quality video could be produced with the camera focused toward the rear of the office rather than a having a bland door in the background. That leaves one (1) 8 ¹/₂" x 11" sheet of paper on each glass window, which represented less than 4% of their total surface area of the window!!!! The only reason this one sheet of paper was taped to each glass window was so that Petitioner could maintain level eye contact with the camera as he moved from page to page in looking at his cue cards while filming the videos and not have to look up or down (otherwise, the two other sheets taped to the windows - one on each side of the door - would have been taped to the door!). For Ms. Messenger to state that paper was "taped all over the windows and blocked her view into the Boardroom" is a scurrilous falsehood! To read such falsehoods made on the parts of Ms. Messenger and Ms. Kennedy makes Petitioner genuinely regret that he ever trusted anyone associated with The Arthritis Association of Louisiana and makes him embarrassed and ashamed to have ever provided his fundraising services to them, especially at no charge. What is even more galling about their false and scurrilous statements is that Petitioner utilized the special talents of his long-time friend, Rev. Freddie Phillips, at the August, 27, 2010 Arthritis "Gala of Excellence" auction to make an appeal to the audience which succeeded in raising \$1,100 for the Arthritis Association after it was readily known that Ms. Kennedy's "feature item" of the night, a trip to see the Tony Awards in New York, had flopped worse than any item Petitioner has ever auctioned in his entire career concerning a charity fundraiser! Rev. Phillips literally single-handedly bailed out not only Petitioner, but also the Arthritis Association out of that disaster, and Rev. Phillips only came at the special invitation of Petitioner because Petitioner felt Rev. Phillips could add strength to the auction in utilizing his unique preaching skills to solicit funds from the audience. Needless to say, Petitioner and Rev. Phillips are now regretful that either trusted anyone associated with The Arthritis Association of Louisiana given these scurrilous falsehoods made by Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Messenger when Petitioner and Rev. Phillips were merely trying to maximize the enjoyment of a very, very special event for them: a 30-year high school reunion. Fortunately, everyone in attendance at the reunion had a great time notwithstanding the

absurd treatment to which Petitioner was unjustifiably subjected as a result of the actions of Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Messenger, Ms. Edmonds, and others.

23.

Ms. Messenger further says Petitioner refused to let her in the door. This is a blatant falsehood! Ms. Messenger did come to the door, and Petitioner only opened it about a seven inches because, had he opened it any further, he would have had to move his camera tripod (or knocked it over), and that fact was blatantly obvious to Ms. Messenger. For whatever reason, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Messenger have chosen to make blatantly false, scurrilous, and defamatory statements regarding Petitioner which have prompted the present petition.

24.

The only true statement made by Ms. Messenger is that she did come to the door and ask if Petitioner was about ready to leave. Petitioner said he hoped to film one more video segment and that he would be happy to let himself out if that was all right. Ms. Kennedy then came to the Boardroom about five minutes later and relayed that everyone would have to leave together as the terms of their lease would not permit Petitioner being left behind without Ms. Kennedy or Ms. Messenger present. Petitioner stated that was fine, and he quickly began gathering his tripod, unplugging his video equipment, and told Rev. Phillips he would have to resume their phone conversation once he got to his car. The cordiality of the conversation with Ms. Kennedy is reinforced by Exhibit P-2, the sworn affidavit of Rev. Freddie Phillips, who was on the phone with Petitioner during much of the time Petitioner was in the Boardroom (which is the main reason Petitioner was able to film only one brief video segment, carrying costs associated with continuing to own real estate). In fact, as everyone headed toward the exit door of the building, Petitioner even relayed that he hoped he hadn't imposed on Ms. Kennedy and caused her to stay later than she would have otherwise, and Ms. Kennedy responded, "Not at all. I had to visit my father in the hospital earlier but I had some work I had to get done in the office today, so I would have been here anyway." The fact that Ms. Kennedy would relay she could not leave Petitioner alone on Friday, April 8, 2011 but yet state in her affidavit that she and Ms. Messenger cavalierly left the building at 4:30 p.m. (with Petitioner's phone records demonstrating that he arrived at 4:20 p.m. such that

she would have had to have essentially let Petitioner in almost at the same time as she exited the building) purportedly with Petitioner "left alone" thereafter for an unknown period constitutes two statements diametrically opposed to one another. Ms. Kennedy is saying she knew she'd need to have Petitioner leave with her on Friday but had no qualms in leaving him alone two days earlier!! Those two statements alone evidence the fact that her entire affidavit is riddled with contradictions, falsehoods, and inexplicable assertions on her part. Her diametrically opposed statements in her affidavit are of no consequence, however, because, as Petitioner relayed previously in this petition, he was not left alone in the building for one second on any day.

25.

Upon the incidents of the EBRP Sheriff visiting Petitioner's home on April 11, 2011 and the Louisiana State Police Terrorism Unit visiting Petitioner's home on April 12, 2011, Petitioner telephoned a mutual friend of Petitioner and Defendant Kennedy: former long-time LALB Executive Director Sherrie Wilks. Ms. Wilks was stunned at what Petitioner relayed and stated that she felt certain Ms. Edmonds was behind it. Accordingly, Ms. Wilks advised Petitioner to give Defendant Kennedy a "courtesy call" just to let her know about the incidents. As noted by Petitioner's phone records, he did so on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from his landline (see Exhibit P-3) at 6:02 p.m. Petitioner spoke with Ms. Messenger and asked if Ms. Kennedy was available. As evidenced by the phone records, Ms. Messenger kept Petitioner on hold for five (5) minutes, after which time Ms. Messenger picked up the phone and relayed, "Ms. Kennedy has left for the day." That being the case, Petitioner again spoke with Ms. Wilks the next day, and Ms. Wilks advised calling again and, if nothing else, leaving an informative voice message for Defendant Kennedy and asking her to call. As evidenced by Exhibit P-1, Petitioner did so on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in first making a call from his cell phone at 10:09 a.m. When he got no answer on that attempt, he again called at 2:29 p.m. and left a oneminute voice message for Defendant Kennedy, who never returned Petitioner's phone call. Petitioner would attempt three (3) subsequent attempts to speak with Ms. Kennedy by phone as reflected by his phone records (see Exhibit P-3): July 19, 2011 at 3:43 p.m. (got answering machine); July 19, 2011 at 3:45 p.m. (decided to leave voice message); and July 20, 2011 (Ms. Messenger relayed that Ms. Kennedy was unavailable). In fact,

Defendant Kennedy would later angrily state to Petitioner that she had no intention of discussing the matter with Petitioner whatsoever and that she would "see you in deposition!" That correspondence with Petitioner, which is the only one of any kind whatsoever he received from Defendant Kennedy since the episodes of April 11, 2011 and April 12, 2011 was contained in a response email to Petitioner dated July 20, 2011 (apparently Defendant Kennedy became "available" to respond to an email) letting Defendant Kennedy is attached hereto and made apart hereof as Exhibit P-7. In her email, Defendant Kennedy relays "For your information, I was in an accident on 4/30 where I shattered my shoulder and had emergency shoulder replacement surgery." Apparently, Defendant Kennedy conveniently forgot the times he'd called her right after the incidents of April 11, 2011 and April 12, 2011 and, at the suggestion of mutual friend Sherrie Wilks, even left a voice message of a "heads up" that Sandy had called the police regarding the innocent office visits.

26.

Petitioner pressed Ms. Wilks for any specifics of any conversations in which she was engaging with Defendant Kennedy. Although Ms. Wilks was hesitant to discuss the matter because she relayed that Defendant Kennedy had sworn her to secrecy (a bizarre request!), Petitioner asked that Ms. Wilks inform him of anything she knew. Ms. Wilks advised that she had indeed spoken with Defendant Kennedy and that the office visits had created "a big stir" and that Ms. Kennedy was told by someone (Ms. Wilks did not know precisely by whom) that, by permitting someone in a State leased building and leaving that person unattended in a room of that State-leased building, Defendant Kennedy had likely created a "potential security risk." Ms. Wilks further indicated to Petitioner that Defendant Kennedy seemed "pretty shook up" by the whole episode of her being informed that she may have posed a "potential security risk." Ms. Wilks further indicated to Petitioner that Ms. Kennedy informed her that Mr. Steve Winkler, the owner of the building, had "chewed me out" over her permitting Petitioner into the building.

27.

Upon Petitioner obtaining a copy of the EBRP Police report on or about April 19, 2011, Petitioner immediately called Ms. Wilks and informed her that Defendant Kennedy

and Defendant Messenger were listed as "victims" in the police report. Ms. Wilks expressed stunned disbelief and refused to believe that to be the case until she'd seen the police report herself. Ms. Wilks then indicated that "something just doesn't make any sense because I know Karen and Caroline well and there's no way they would have wanted to be involved in any police episode." Because Petitioner too was stunned at how that could be the case given the nice and friendly demeanor Defendant Kennedy exhibited at each of the office visits, the action of subsequently claiming to be a "victim" of "disturbing the police and wrongful use of public property" simply made no sense whatsoever. Nevertheless, Defendant Kennedy has executed a sworn affidavit in which she blatantly disparages Petitioner's character with words he never would have believed could come out of Defendant Kennedy, Defendant Messenger, and The Arthritis Association of Louisiana for these blatantly defamatory, false, and scurrilous accusations.

28.

Petitioner was so perplexed by the fact that Defendant Kennedy and Defendant Messenger could even show up as "victims" in the police report and, upon hearing that Ms. Kennedy's landlord who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Arthritis Association, Mr. Steve Winkler, had "chewed me out" over the innocent act of permitting Petitioner into a building to film segments to promote a high school reunion, Petitioner drafted a letter to Mr. Winkler dated April 20, 2011. In the letter, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit P-8 expressing his disappointment that, after all Petitioner had done to help the Arthritis Association of Louisiana in its annual "Tribute to Excellence Gala" auctions on so many occasions, it was apparently too much to ask that he be permitted a few minutes use of the Boardroom at 5222 Summa Court to promote a simple high school reunion and explain to former classmates how real estate auctions work. Petitioner got no response whatsoever from Mr. Winkler.

29.

Ms. Kennedy further states in her affidavit, "Affiant walked to the board room to perform her own investigation. Upon announcing herself to Mr. Burns, he quickly exited the room, closed the conference room door, and did not allow affiant to enter the room. Affiant then advised Mr. Burns that she was leaving the building and that he had to immediately leave the premises as he was not a tenant. Affiant also informed Mr. Burns that she had no authority to allow Mr. Burns to remain alone in the building. Affiant observed Mr. Burns' conduct and became worried for her safety because of Mr. Burns' extremely suspicious and secretive conduct, and his refusal to allow Affiant, or Ms. Messenger, into the conference room. Mr. Burns reentered the room and gathered his papers. Affiant attempted to enter the conference room, as did Ms. Messenger; however, Mr. Burns prevented her from entering, until such time as he had collected all of his materials and exited the room."

30.

Every bit of the above paragraph is a falsehood, pure and simple! Petitioner never went outside the conference room, period! Furthermore, Petitioner never refused to allow either Ms. Kennedy or Ms. Messenger to enter the room! As evidenced by Petitioner's phone records (see Exhibit P-1), Petitioner had been speaking with Rev. Phillips, who has executed a sworn affidavit (see Exhibit P-2) from the timeframe of 4:06 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. the time at which Ms. Kennedy approached Petitioner about leaving for the day. If any of all these incidents actually transpired, Rev. Phillips would have direct first-hand knowledge of it since he was on the phone with Petitioner! The only accurate part of Ms. Kennedy's affidavit above is, as Petitioner already referenced, Ms. Messenger did come to the Boardroom around 4:45 p.m., which Rev. Phillips readily heard, and asked when Petitioner may be planning to depart. As previously mentioned, Petitioner just politely said he could let himself out if that would be all right. Ms. Kennedy then did come to the Boardroom at 4:50 p.m. and relay, as previously referenced, that everyone would need to leave together and she was ready to depart. Petitioner indicated, as evidenced by Rev. Phillips' affidavit, that was perfectly fine and began quickly gathering his video equipment feeling he may have already imposed upon Defendant Kennedy.

31.

Petitioner again asks, with everyone now knowing and not even challenging what Petitioner was filming, why would Petitioner have made any effort to appear "secretive or suspicious"? Petitioner had absolutely nothing to hide or be secretive about!! What could possibly be "secretive and suspicious" about videos of a planned high school

reunion and covering topics regarding real estate auctions? The answer is that Petitioner did not make any effort to appear secretive or suspicious; furthermore, if he had, why did Ms. Kennedy keep repeatedly permitting Petitioner to return to the Boardroom (this was the THIRD such visit, with Ms. Kennedy graciously permitting Petitioner in the building each time)? To suggest that Petitioner "prevented her for entering until such time as he had collected all of his materials and exited the room" is absurd; furthermore, as Petitioner was on the phone with Rev. Phillips for 44 minutes leading up to his departure, how could Petitioner have been carrying on a phone conversation with Rev. Phillips and yet simultaneously engaging in this supposed dialogue with Ms. Kennedy? As Rev. Phillips has included in his affidavit included with these pleadings (Exhibit P-2), Rev. Phillips heard the conversation between Ms. Kennedy and Petitioner in which Petitioner relayed, "Freddie, Ms. Kennedy just walked in and said she's about to leave and that means I have to go as well." As with literally all of Ms. Kennedy's affidavit, it is riddled with falsehoods and outlandish accounts of the day's happenings and fails to even contain one scintilla of foundational evidence to support Ms. Kennedy's five-month-after-the-fact version of events! After all, who would keep permitting a person to enter a building (and readily opening the door for that person) when the person exhibiting such hospitality was "worried for her safety?" In that respect, the affidavit of Ms. Kennedy is so patently absurd that it would insult the intelligence of a second grade student!

32.

If Defendant Kennedy genuinely had "fear for her safety," then why did everyone wait until the following Monday at 11:00 a.m. when everyone was back "on the clock" to report these concerns to police? If genuine "concern for safety" existed, would not the logical action to be to go into the parking lot, obtain Petitioner's license plate number (Defendant Kennedy had Petitioner's name for years due to his routine conducting of charity auctions for The Arthritis Association of Louisiana) and call police out to the scene while Petitioner was still on-site? The answer is that there was no concern for safety because Petitioner never conducted himself in any secretive or suspicious manner whatsoever and Defendant Kennedy's sworn affidavit fails to match the friendly chatter which transpired between herself and Petitioner both before and after Petitioner's stay in the Boardroom!

Ms. Kennedy next continued in her affidavit, "Affiant contacted Ms. Edmonds later that evening to advise her that she believed Mr. Bums was faking a board meeting and that Mr. Burns was perceived to be acting in a very suspicious and secretive nature."

34.

First, Ms. Kennedy's only authority to launch any kind of complaint through Ms. Edmonds against Petitioner would have to entail an auction law violation. That is the only matter in which Ms. Edmonds could say, "I can assist you in that. Would you like an auction complaint form?" Instead, Ms. Kennedy, by her own admission in her affidavit, contacted Ms. Edmonds and came up with some bizarre scenario in which she alleged Petitioner was "faking a board meeting." The appropriate course of action for Ms. Kennedy to have taken if she had concerns regarding the office visits would to, as relayed above, contact police officials directly herself. To make such a statement to the Executive Assistant of a licensing agency overseeing Petitioner's auction license, particularly when she had no foundation or support for such a statement, is blatantly defamatory, and Petitioner intends to seek damages against her and her employer for whom she served in official capacity, The Arthritis Association of Louisiana, through this petitioner for the blatantly defamatory remarks that Ms. Kennedy has admitted in writing to making. If Ms. Kennedy genuinely had any "fear for her safety," the appropriate action to have taken would have been for her to call the police! Instead, by her own admission, she says she relayed her concerns to Ms. Edmonds, who had no first-hand knowledge of anything that transpired. Ms. Edmonds, in turn, then telephoned the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff. The Sheriff's report, Exhibit P-5, clearly indicates that the Sheriff was dispatched to the "Louisiana Auctioneer's Licensing Board," and indicates Ms. Edmonds as the only complainant. Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Messenger are listed as "victims." Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Edmonds' attorney, says the police report has things "all wrong" and that Ms. Kennedy is the real complainant. The EBRP Deputy got NOTHING wrong! If Ms. Kennedy is the complainant, she should have been the one to call police. Also, at the July 18, 2011 LALB meeting, Ms. Anna Dow, LALB attorney, stated on videotape that it WAS Ms. Kennedy who called police, so obviously Ms. Edmonds and Ms. Dow want to try and place as much distance between themselves and this absurd

33.

action as possible, and apparently Ms. Kennedy was only too happy to step up to the plate and, at least if her affidavit can be taken at face value (which, if so, makes Ms. Kennedy look utterly foolish for having let Petitioner in repeatedly and lacking the common sense to call police but instead engages in the useless activity of informing a licensing Board), take credit for being the one who "initiated" the police report. Interestingly enough, while Petitioner goes to great lengths to provide extensive phone records to back up his phone conversations and attempted calls, Ms. Kennedy provided zilch in the way of phone records to fortify her claim that she telephoned Ms. Edmonds later that day to express her concerns. Further, Ms. Edmonds provided no sworn affidavit of having received such a phone call from Ms. Kennedy.

35.

Whatever the case, Defendant Kennedy, by her own admission, has badly damaged Petitioner's reputation with the very agency who oversees his license, and she did so based on total speculation, innuendo, and without the slightest element of factual foundation whatsoever. Furthermore, if there was such pressing "worries for safety," why did everyone wait until the following Monday at 11:00 a.m. to initiate a complaint with the EBRP Sheriff? Apparently the "safety concerns" weren't pressing enough to interfere with anyone's weekend (much less cause them to have to stay late Friday evening to give any statement to police)! Ms. Kennedy failed miserably in handling the matter in that her proper course of action, if she genuinely "had worries for my safety," was to contact the EBRP Sheriff immediately. Of course, that action wouldn't be consistent with wishing Petitioner a pleasant weekend as he and Ms. Kennedy exited the building. Petitioner continues to contend it was Ms. Edmonds who played the active role in initiating and spearheading the impetus to contact the EBRP Sheriff (which she herself did); however, since Ms. Kennedy has voluntarily provided a sworn affidavit of her involvement and since she made blatantly false, defamatory, and scurrilous accusations against Petitioner, he is left with no choice but to defend his character vigorously with the present cause of action against Ms. Kennedy and her employer.

36.

Ms. Kennedy continues her affidavit with, "Shortly thereafter, Mr. Bums sent a threatening email to Affiant. Mr. Bums implied in the email that Ms. Edmonds coerced Affiant to provide a statement to the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office. Affiant contends that this is not an accurate statement of fact. Affiant offered her statement to the investigating police officers voluntarily and without any coercion or pressure from Ms. Edmonds, or any other person. Affiant spoke with Corporal S. Hayward on or about April 11, 2011. Affiant advised Officer Hayward that Mr. Burns was entering the premises on a regular basis, without any apparent authority from the building owner or any other tenants, to hold "fake board meetings"; that Mr. Burns was using video equipment for some unknown purpose, and that his behavior alarmed the remaining office building tenants. Mr. Burns is not a tenant of the building nor was he employed by any tenants at the time of the subject incidents."

37.

Petitioner has already addressed this aspect of Defendant Kennedy's affidavit in supplying Exhibit P-7. Contrary to any "threat," Petitioner merely indicated he would "deal with" any revelation of any fact uncovered during discovery in the Edmonds lawsuit which would reveal any deviation from the normal friendly and cordial relationship which Petitioner and Ms. Kennedy and The Arthritis Association of Louisiana had enjoyed. Obviously, Petitioner did uncover that fact through Defendant Kennedy's sworn affidavit, and so he has "dealt with" the matter as he indicated that he would through the present cause of action against Ms. Kennedy.

38.

As stated previously, Ms. Wilks, former longtime LALB Executive Director and mutual friend of Petitioner and Defendant Kennedy, stated in phone conversations that she felt Ms. Kennedy felt very uncomfortable about the whole incident. Ms. Wilks further relayed that she, Ms. Wilks, perceived that Ms. Kennedy may have even feared the loss of her job with The Arthritis Association over merely having permitted Petitioner into the building. If such is the case, it may very well explain why both Ms. Kennedy (and likely Ms. Messenger as well) would inexplicably make such scurrilous falsehood statements about Petitioner. Though Petitioner hates to introduce such evidence, Ms. Kennedy clearly may not be on sound financial footing as evidence by Exhibit P-9, which is a notice of foreclosure against her personal residence filed with the East Baton Rouge Parish Clerk of Court on April 30, 2009. If Ms. Kennedy experienced anxiety over any potential job loss, combined with the fact that her father was in the hospital and not doing well at the time (he has since passed on), combined with Ms. Wilks relaying to Petitioner that Mr. Winkler had "chewed her out," perhaps that may explain Ms. Kennedy's apparent willingness to make bizarre, unsubstantiated, scurrilous statements about Petitioner which do not remotely bear any resemblance to reality.

The last, and most serious, infraction of any kind that Petitioner has experienced **in his lifetime** was a speeding ticket issued by Louisiana State Police in May of 1991! Aside from that infraction, Petitioner does not have so much as a parking ticket on his record. Furthermore, Petitioner has never even been charged with a misdemeanor of any kind in his life. Petitioner has also never partaken in any kind of illegal drug whatsoever, has never smoked a cigarette in his life, has obviously never been arrested, was never suspended from any school nor asked to remain involuntarily after school hours, graduated Salutatorian from GOHS Class of 1981, received the University Medal for maintaining a 4.000 GPA upon graduation from LSU in December of 1985 with a B. S. Degree in Finance, is a Real Estate Broker, is a CPA (inactive), is a State-Certified Real Estate Instructor, and has received numerous accolades from Baton Rouge area charities for conducting benefit auctions at no charge. Petitioner has **never** engaged in any type of conduct which would give any person "fear for her safety" and intends to produce dozens of character witnesses at trial who will testify to that effect.

40.

Upon information and belief, in addition to her admitted phone call to Ms. Edmonds, Defendant Kennedy is believed to have also telephoned Mr. Beau Box, owner of Beau Box Commercial Real Estate, the firm who was listing the property at 5222 Summa Court for lease or sale. Mr. Box, with whom Petitioner had a joint venture to promote commercial real estate auctions throughout Southeast Louisiana, upon likely having received a phone call from Ms. Edmonds and Ms. Kennedy, sent Petitioner an email dated Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 12:18 p.m. which stated: "Effective immediately due to numerous complaints from clients, I must terminate our relationship. Please discontinue using our name and logo in any marketing material and any business communications." A copy of that email is attached hereto and made apart hereof as Exhibit P-10.

41.

Petitioner incurred the cost of a full-page, color ad touting the Auction Sells Fast / Beau Box joint venture and was billed \$3,668.80 by <u>The Advocate</u> for the ad.

39.

A copy of Petitioner's Advocate advertising for the month ended June 30, 2010 is attached hereto and made apart hereof as Exhibit P-11. Petitioner paid the <u>entire</u> cost of that ad, which ran on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Petitioner has retained the actual ad which ran, and he intends to introduce same as evidence at trial; moreover, a PDF version of the ad is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit P-12.

42.

In addition to incurring expenses such as the foregoing pertaining to the Beau Box / Auction Sells Fast joint venture, Petitioner also was actively recruiting prospective clients for auction listings with Mr. Box. This fact is evidenced by Exhibit P-13, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, which is a copy of a letter submitted to Ms. Joanie Netterville on January 12, 2011, on which Mr. Box was copied, congratulating Ms. Netterville on her new appointment as President of Fidelity Bank and Trust and introducing Auction Sells Fast and its joint venture arrangement with Beau Box Commercial Real Estate.

43.

Petitioner regrets having been placed in the position of having to file a cause of action against a charity because it goes against every inclination he has to assist Baton Rouge area charities in every way he can (and Petitioner has received numerous accolades for his always-unpaid work as an auctioneer to raise funds for charities throughout Baton Rouge); however, he simply cannot allow Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Messenger, two employees of the Arthritis Association of Louisiana acting in their capacities when they made their false, scurrilous, and defamatory remarks first to Ms. Edmonds and then to EBRP Deputy Hayward, to merely make such statements as those contained in Ms. Kennedy's sworn affidavit and have his character unjustifiably assassinated in the manner in which it has been without vigorous response.

44.

Petitioner has suffered significant damage to his personal and business reputation as a result of the scurrilous accusations and defamatory words of Defendant Kennedy included, but not limited to, a former business associate, Mr. Beau Box, upon hearing whatever falsehoods were conjured up by Defendant Kennedy in concert with Ms. Edmonds, chose to sever a joint venture partnership which he and Petitioner previously enjoyed. Petitioner therefore seeks monetary damages for the harm to the reputation and character of Petitioner which directly resulted from the actions of Defendant Kennedy along with Defendant Messenger as a result of the falsehoods which Defendant Messenger purported to Defendant Kennedy which were incorporated into Defendant Kennedy's sworn affidavit. In addition to the direct impact of harm to his personal and business reputation suffered by Petitioner as a result of Defendant Kennedy and Defendant Messenger's actions, he also endured the mental anguish and humiliation of having the Louisiana State Police Terrorism Unit visit his residence and thereby create enormous anxiety upon Petitioner and his 80-year-old mother who had to witness that episode as the direct result of Defendants' callous, malicious, defamatory, and false statements made regarding Petitioner.

WHEREFORE, petitioner, ROBERT EDWIN BURNS, prays that Defendants, ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION OF LOUSIANA, KAREN KENNEDY, and CAROLINE MESSENGER, be duly served with a copy of this petition, and cited to appear and answer same and, after all legal delays and due proceedings had, there be a judgment herein in favor of petitioner, ROBERT EDWIN BURNS, and against defendants, ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA, KAREN KENNEDY, and CAROLINE MESSENGER, awarding him all damages for the prosecution of this action, including costs associated with the action and for any and all other relief, legal or equitable, which may be available under the premise of this cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AFFIDAVIT OF FREDDIE L. PHILLIPS, JR.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF <u>East Baton Rouge</u>

On this 3rd day of October, 2011, before me, Notary Public, in and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses personally appeared:

Freddie L. Phillips, Jr., whose official business street address is declared to be 8055 Hanks Drive, which is located in the city or town of Baton Rouge in the State of Louisiana, and for which the zip code is ______70812 .

Rev. Phillips stated to me that he is a 1983 graduate of Glen Oaks High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He further stated to me that he also is a graduate of Inter-Baptist Theological Seminary in Houston, TX. He stated that he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Education and that he also holds a Master's Degree in Theology from Southwestern Bible College in Fort Worth, TX. He further stated that he is the Founder/Pastor of the Outreach Center at Jehovah Ministry in Baton Rouge, LA. He also stated that he sits on the Boards of the following religious organizations: International Fellowship of Independent Interdenominational Churches, God's Comfort Ministerial Alliance, Faith City International Ministries, and Impart Ministries International. Rev. Phillips also indicated that he is a featured instructor at the Faith City Bible College and School of Ministry in Baton Rouge, LA. Rev. Phillips also stated that he is President of Premier Auction Services in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and that he frequently serves as Bid Assistant for Auction Sells Fast, LLC, an entity for which Robert Edwin Burns serves as President and CEO. Rev. Phillips also indicated that he is a recognized expert in the field of appraising sports memorabilia and that a feature article profiling his services appeared in the July 16, 2009 edition of The Advocate touting his expertise in appraising sports memorabilia.

Rev. Phillips further stated to me that he is the owner of a cell phone for which the associated phone number is 225-229-3341. Rev. Phillips further stated that he had, on numerous occasions leading up to April 8, 2011, discussed with Robert Edwin Burns the desire to create video clips promoting the Glen Oaks High School 30-Year reunion for the Class of 1981 and, in so doing, to provide former classmates with knowledge of how real estate auctions work. Rev. Phillips also stated that he called Robert Edwin Burns on the date of Friday, April 11, 2011 at approximately 2:32 p.m. to see if Mr. Burns had gotten the opportunity to film a video clip or two on that day. Mr. Burns indicated that he had not but that his hope was to do as he'd done on two prior occasions and call Ms. Karen Kennedy regarding being able to visit the Boardroom located at 5222 Summa Court and film the video clips. Rev. Phillips further indicated that he spoke with Mr. Robert Edwin Burns for a total of 44 minutes during Mr. Burns' office visit that day.



Rev. Phillips further indicated that he was on the phone with Mr. Burns at 4:50 p.m. when he heard Mr. Burns and Ms. Kennedy engage in a friendly conversation in which Ms. Kennedy relayed that, because she was about to leave the building, that Mr. Burns would also have to leave as she could not leave him there unattended. Rev. Phillips further stated that Mr. Burns' final words to him on the phone were, "Freddie, I've got to go now. Ms. Kennedy is about to leave, so I have to gather my equipment and exit also. I will call you back as soon as I'm in the car." Rev. Phillips further stated to me that Mr. Burns did call him back at 4:53 p.m. and they resumed their prior phone conversation.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED by Freddie L. Phillips, Jr. on the date first written above, in the presence of me, Notary.

Witnesses: Printed Name Printed Name Marva

Freddie L. Phillips, Jr.

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Robert Burns: R/E Broker, CREA, CREI, CPA (inactive)

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ASF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Arthritis Foundation of LA "Tribute to Excellence" Gala Auction Baton Rouge, LA: August 27, 2010

Auctioneers Robert Burns and Freddie Phillips had the honor of conducting the live auction for the Arthritis Foundation of Louisiana on August 27, 2010. Former LSU Coach Jerry Stovall served as emcee for the event, and Mr. Roland M. Toups, Chairman and CEO of Turner Industries was the evening's special honoree. The Gala took place at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge.



Freddie and Robert Coach After Enjoying Meal Stovall & Right Before Auction Introduces



Former LSU Coach **Jerry Stovall Begins** to Emcee Gala



Crowd Prepares to Acknowledge Mr. Roland Toups





Former LSU

Jerry

Mr. Toups Receives Standing

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Mr.

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In addition to conducting the live auction itself, for which three items were auctioned for over \$5,000, Robert and Freddie pulled out "all the stunts."

Freddie utilzed his unique talents as a preacher (which he is) to raise \$1,100 in generous donations

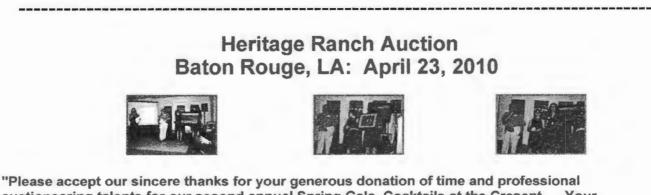
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through a personal appeal Freddie made to the audience of 250-300 people.

Meanwhile, Robert, who enjoys doing impersonations, agreed to perform an Edwin Edwards impersonation upon a number of audience members agreeing to contribute \$50 to see the performance.

Everyone enjoyed a great time, and Freddie and Robert look forward to teaming up many more times to help worthwhile causes in the Baton Rouge, LA area. To learn more about this organization, visit The Arthritis Association of Louisiana.



"Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous donation of time and professional auctioneering talents for our second annual Spring Gala, Cocktails at the Cresent......Your generosity enables us to maximize donations to our ministry and ensures that we serve as many children and families as possible."

Vicki Ellis, Executive Director, Heritage Ranch: April 28, 2010

Click Here for Entire Testimonial of Ms. Ellis

To learn more about this great organization, visit www.hrbr.org

Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie Auction Baton Rouge, LA: October 29, 2008











Photos of Burden Plants, Pre-Auction Festivities & Live Auction Bidding (Click on Thumbnails to Enlarge)

"On behalf of the Burden Horticulture Society, we would like to extend our deep appreciation for your attendance and agreeing to be the auctioneer for the event. The proceeds from the auction will allow us to enhance the very beautiful Steele Burden Memorial Orangeie. Again, thank you for your support of the Burden Horticulture Society at the Burden Center."

Ginnie B., Chair, Burden Horticulture Society: November 8, 2008

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Arthritis Foundation of LA Auction Baton Rouge, LA: October 24, 2008

Top Selling Item:

Dinner for Six (6) at Either Bittersweet Plantation or White Oak Plantation Accompanied By Mayor-President Kip Holden & His Wife Prepared By World Class Louisiana Chef John Folse

High Bid: \$5,000!!!









Photos of Auction Bidders Listening Intently Before Auction Begins (Click on Thumbnails to Enlarge)

Other Recent Auctions Dates for The Arthritis Foundation of LA: October 19, 2007; June 19, 2007

> Blue Cross / Blue Shield / United Way Auction October 23, 2007, Baton Rouge, LA

Click Here for Handwritten Testimonial from Christy Reeves, Director, BC/BS Foundation

Other Benefit Auctions Since ASF's Inception:

St. Thomas More Catholic Church Auction Baton Rouge, LA: May 6, 2006; April 30, 2005

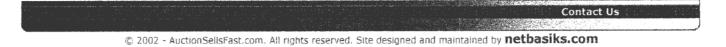
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church/School Auction Baton Rouge, LA: March 26, 2006

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Narrative

On Monday, April 11, 2011, at approximately 1031 hours, I, Corporal S. Hayward, was dispatched to Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board, 5222 Summa Court, in reference to a disturbance.

Several employees on the property advised that a auctioneer was discharged from his position and is now regularly coming on to the property to hold "fake board meetings" using video equipment, and his behavior has alarmed the employees. VERSUS

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19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, personally came and appeared:

KAREN L. KENNEDY

who, after being duly sworn, did depose and state based on her personal knowledge the following:

I.

Affiant is of the age of majority and is a resident of East Baton Rouge Parish.

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At all relevant times pertinent to this litigation, Affiant was employed by the Arthritis Association of Louisiana ("Arthritis Association"), in the capacity of president and chief executive officer. She has been employed by the Arthritis Association for approximately eight (8) years.

III.

The Arthritis Association provides support and education for arthritis sufferers and their families. Their offices are located in suites 301, 302, and 334 located at 5222 Summa Court, Baton Rouge, LA. The office building occupied by the Arthritis Association is the same office wherein the Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board ("LALB") held its meetings.

IV.

On or about April 6, 2011, at approximately 4:00 o'clock p.m., claimant, Robert Burns, appeared at the Summa Court Office Building and obtained permission from Ms. Kennedy to enter the building to do "filming". There were no other people on the premises at that time other than Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Caroline Messenger, the office manager for the Arthritis Association. Ms. Kennedy allowed Mr. Burns to enter the building as she was under the impression Mr. Burns was on the premises in an official capacity for the building owner and/or Mr. Beau Box, the owner's real estate agent. Mr. Burns immediately walked to the vacant section of the office building, opposite

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from the offices occupied by the Arthritis Association.

V.

Affiant recalls that she and Caroline Messenger left the premises at or about 4:30 p.m. Mr. Burns remained alone on the premises. There were no board meetings taking place at the time he entered the premises or thereafter. It is unknown how late Mr. Burns remained on the premises after affiant left the building.

VI.

The subject office building contains approximately 135 offices and is approximately 26,157 sq. feet inside. The only other leased offices in the building on April 8, 2011 were occupied by the Jewish Federation, Valet Grocers, the Electrolysis Board and the office occupied by defendant, Sandy Edmonds. Ms. Edmonds is an Executive Assistant for the Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board ("LALB") and holds a similar position with the Interior Design Board. The LALB and the Interior Design Board used the same conference room of the Summa Court office building for Board meetings at the time of the subject incidents.

VII.

Affiant recalls that Mr. Burns returned to the office building on Friday, April 8, 2011 between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. Mr. Burns advised affiant that he was in the neighborhood and needed to do more filming in the building. Within seconds of hanging up with Mr. Burns, Ms. Kennedy heard the front buzzer of the building announcing Mr. Burns' arrival.

VIII.

Affiant walked to the locked front door of the building and spoke with Mr. Burns, who advised he had more filming to do. As on April 6, 2011, Mr. Burns did not explain the nature or purpose behind the filming. Mr. Burns also chose not to disclose on whose authority he was entering the building. Again, Mr. Burns was admitted into the building because affiant knew Mr. Burns when he was a board member and serving on the LALB. Also, she believed Mr. Burns was acting in an official business capacity on behalf of the building owner and/or his real estate agent. The Summa Court office building has been for sale and the remaining tenants have been asked to relocate. Affiant informed Ms. Messenger of Mr. Burns' presence in the building.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. on the same date, Caroline Messenger informed affiant that Mr. Burns had entered and occupied Suite 108 of the building, the Board Conference Room. The door was closed and the blinds located on the windows inside of the board room were pulled up by Mr. Burns. Sheets of paper were taped all over the windows, blocking the view into the board room. Ms. Messenger was not allowed in the room, although she attempted to enter the conference room to determine the nature of Mr. Burns' activity and to determine the nature of the documents spread all over the room. Mr. Burns merely stuck his head out of the conference room and requested that he be left in the building alone to complete his "work".

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Affiant walked to the board room to perform her own investigation. Upon announcing herself to Mr. Burns, he quickly exited the room, closed the conference room door, and did not allow affiant to enter the room. Affiant then advised Mr. Burns that she was leaving the building and that he had to immediately leave the premises as he was not a tenant. Affiant also informed Mr Burns that she had no authority to allow Mr. Burns to remain alone in the building. Affiant observed Mr. Burns' conduct and became worried for her safety because of Mr. Burns' extremely suspicious and secretive conduct, and his refusal to allow Affiant, or Ms. Messenger, into the conference room. Mr. Burns reentered the room and gathered his papers. Affiant attempted to enter the conference room, as dic Ms. Messenger; however, Mr. Burns prevented her from entering, until such time as he had collected all of his materials and exited the room.

XI.

Affiant contacted Ms. Edmonds later that evening to advise her that she believed Mr. Burns was faking a board meeting and that Mr. Burns was perceived to be acting in a very suspicious and secretive nature.

XII.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Burns sent a threatening email to Affiant. (This email is dated July 20, 2011 and is attached hereto as *Exhibit "A"*). Mr. Burns implies in the attached email that Ms. Edmonds coerced Affiant to provide a statement to the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office. Affiant contends that this is not an accurate statement of fact. Affiant offered her statement to the investigating police officers voluntarily and without any coercion or pressure from Ms. Edmonds, or

any other person.

XIII.

Affiant spoke with Corporal S. Hayward on or about April 11, 2011. Affiant advised Officer Hayward that Mr. Burns was entering the premises on a regular basis, without any apparent authority from the building owner or any other tenants, to "fake board meetings"; that Mr. Burns was using video equipment for some unknown purpose, and that his behavior alarmed the remaining office building tenants. Mr. Burns is not a tenant of the building nor was he employed by any tenants at the time of the subject incidents.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, NOTARY PUBLIC THIS and DAY OF, Sentem Der 2011. (SIGNED): (PRINT NAME) ramser BLIC Notary I.D. or Bar Roll Number: 18674

From: Robert Burns [mailto:Robert@AuctionSellsFast.com] Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 10:56 AM To: <u>kkennedy@aaola.org</u> Subject: Burns v. Edmonds

Karen:

I would have preferred we speak by phone regarding this matter, but since you're not returning my phone calls, I will merely relay that, as I'm sure you're no doubt aware, I have filed suit against Ms. Edmonds regarding the incident of early April. You may view it here: www.bwwrealty.com/RBvSE.pdf.

At present, I do not feel I have a need to depose you, Mr. Winkler, or Ms. Messenger during discovery; however, whomever ends up serving as defense counsel for Ms. Edmonds may likely opt to do so, in which case I will be clearly cross-examining you and/or Ms. Messenger and/or Mr. Winkler during any such depositions.

I believe you and I and the Arthritis Association to have enjoyed a long-standing good relationship as evidenced by your repeated requests to have me conduct your benefit auctions. It's my sincere hope that I don't end up uncovering anything during a deposition that would change that fact but if so, I'll deal with that when and if it transpires.

Again, I would have preferred to discuss this matter over the phone and regret that you have chosen not return my repeated phone calls to you.

Sincerely,



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Robert Burns

Karen Kennedy <kkennedy@aaola.org> Wednesday, July 20, 2011 1:31 PM 'Robert Burns' RE: Burns v. Edmonds</kkennedy@aaola.org>
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Importance:

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Robert:

For your information, I was in an accident on 4/30 where I shattered my shoulder and had emergency shoulder replacement surgery. I have just returned to work full time. I do not appreciate the threatening tone of your email. I do not intend to discuss the matter with you. Do not attempt to contact me. I will see you in deposition.

Karen Kennedy President/CEO Arthritis Association of Louisiana 5222 Summa Court Baton Rouge, LA 70809 Phone: (225) 761-8230 ext.203 Fax: (225) 761-8520 Toll Free: (866) 390-8736

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." Albert Pike, American lawyer, journalist and soldier

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April 21, 2011

MR. STEVEN ROBERT WINKLER SECRETARY-TREASURER, ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION OF LA 211 WOODGATE CT BATON ROUGE LA 70808-5408

Dear Mr. Winkler:

As you know, I have conducted numerous past charitable auctions for the Arthritis Association of Louisiana. Frequently, I have been called <u>literally</u> the day before the auction and asked to volunteer, and I gladly did so. I have enclosed webpages on the Auction Sells Fast website wherein I've openly touted those auctions and provided a direct link for ASF visitors to go to AAoLA's website and learn about the organization (and contribute if they're so inclined).

As I am sure you are aware by now, I asked the small favor of utilizing the Boardroom space in your building on Summa Court to shoot some brief videos promoting a 30-year reunion for the Glen Oaks High School Class of 1981. Also, Rev. Freddie Phillips, whom you will recall assisted me with last year's "Tribute to Excellence" Gala in raising \$1,100 for the Tony Awards auction item after it was ascertained that particular item was a 100% flop, is also a GOHS graduate looking forward to the reunion on August 6, 2011.

At the request of my classmates, I accommodated shooting a few videos to help explain what a real estate auctioneer does and how the process differs from the traditional approach, etc. I'm sure you're aware by now that, in doing so, I've had a police report filed against me for allegedly "disturbing the peace" and "wrongful use of public property" (my approval notwithstanding). Ironically, the police report identifies two Arthritis Association of Louisiana employees as "victims." Beyond that EBRP Sheriff's Office report and visit by Deputy Steve Hayward on Monday, April 11, 2011, I also was bestowed the pleasure of two State Police Troopers with the Intelligence Support Services Unit on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 who quizzed me for 30-40 minutes until they obtained a strong "comfort level" that I posed no terrorist threat to any State employees or State building. State Trooper Bart Morris did seem to express <u>extreme</u> puzzlement to learn that I had called Ms. Kennedy and asked permission to come over, that the permission had been granted, and that she opened the door for my arrival with my video equipment in plain sight.

Mr. Winkler, in the line of work that I am in, it goes without saying that a real estate auctioneer is going to encounter clients trying to get real estate sold wherein the real estate auctioneer winds up wishing they'd never met the client. It just goes with the territory.

Having said that, I never would have believed that I would one day find myself in the position I am in right now of having to say I am embarrassed and ashamed to have provided auction services to a charity. Such is the case, however, with regard to the Arthritis Association of Louisiana.





I am sorry to have apparently imposed this obviously major imposition upon you, and I'll happily remove AAoLA's pages from the ASF website in coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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Robert Edwin Burns

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EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS KAREN L. KENNEDY (A/K/A KAREN KENNEDY)

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19th Judicial District Parish of East Baton Rouge State of Louisiana

TO: KAREN L. KENNEDY (A/K/A KAREN KENNEDY) 4116 FLEET DRIVE BATON ROUGE, LA 70809

Notice is hereby given that on April 30, 2009, I seized the following described immovable property, to wit:

THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in that subdivision of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, known as Westminster Place Subdivision, Fourth Filing, and designated on a map of said subdivision made by Edward E. Evans, Civil Engineer, dated January 14, 1959, as revised, recorded as original 70, Bundle 4583, of the official records of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana as Lot Number One Hundred Ninety-Six (196), said lot measures eighty and no/100 (80) feet front on Fleet Drive by a depth along its southeastern boundary of one hundred forty-five and 02/100 (145.02') feet, and measuring fifty-six and 41/100 (56.41') feet across the rear.

as the property of the mortgagor(s) sued upon under a writ of seizure and sale, issued herein to satisfy a claim of \$78,396.78 interest and cost. This matter is scheduled for sheriff's sale on June 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., or on a day thereafter as rescheduled by the sheriff.

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Robert Burns

om:	Robert Burns <robert@auctionsellsfast.com></robert@auctionsellsfast.com>
Jent:	Tuesday, April 12, 2011 12:55 PM
To:	'Beau Box'
Subject:	RE: Beau Box relationship termination

I'll be happy to, Beau (and, so you can take comfort, no material or other reference to you name has gone out in the last 60-90 days).

I appreciate the initial confidence you demonstrated in our joint venture and enjoyed the times I visited with you in your office. I think you're a credit to the traditional side of commercial real estate sales, and I know that will continue for a long time to come.

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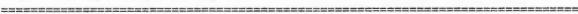
Robert:

Effective immediately due to numerous complaints from clients I must terminate our relationship. Please discontinue using our name and logo in any marketing material and any business communications.

Thank you.

Beau J. Box

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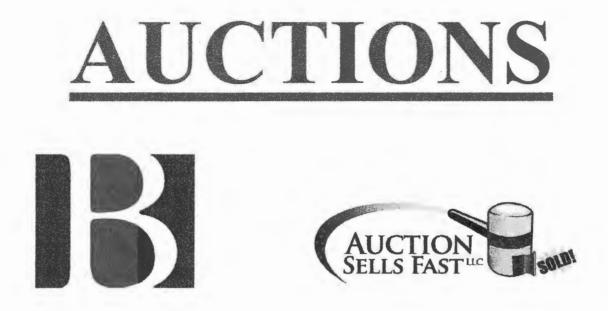
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January 12, 2011

MS. JOANIE NETTERVILLE, PRESIDENT FIDELITY BANK AND TRUST 9400 OLD HAMMOND HWY BATON ROUGE LA 70809-1418

Dear Ms. Netterville:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as President of Fidelity Bank and Trust here in Baton Rouge. Obviously, the tenacity you demonstrated in your early days of banking and steadfast resolve to succeed combined with your ability to glean solid working relationships with banking veterans like Messrs. Waters and Hargon have paid nice dividends for you.

Similarly to you, I launched a banking career in 1986 right out of college (during what we'll both recall were awfully difficult times in banking), but after five years (and numerous bank closures of institutions in which I was employed, Capital Bank and Ambank to name two), I opted to take the arguably "easier" path and joined ref FDIC as a bank examiner in 1991.

Ultimately, however, it was my desire to help banks <u>solve</u> vexing problems (most notable ORE properties) via forming a real estate auction company, Auction Sells Fast, and that's what I've been doing for the last nine years, and it's what I anticipate doing the rest of my working career as I genuinely enjoy it more than anything I've ever done in my life.

In June of 2010, I was fortunate enough to form a joint venture with Beau Box Commercial Properties here in Baton Rouge to jointly promote commercial real estate auctions throughout Southeast Louisiana. Beau and I firmly believe that the combined synergies of our extensive mailing lists and contacts enable our two firms, working jointly, to provide commercial property auctions across Southeast Louisiana that are second to none. To see examples of past and present auctions that Auction Sells Fast has conducted (as preview an upcoming auction scheduled for February 24, 2011), I welcome you to visit our website at <u>www.AuctionSellsFast.com</u>.

Ms. Netterville, it would be our pleasure to work with you toward fast sales of any ORE properties representing a drag on Fidelity's profitability. As we both know, nonperforming assets not only cost the bank hard dollars in terms of holding costs, but the more important costs are the opportunity costs of not being able to invest the funds derived from a sale back into performing loans which would generate income for the bank.

I know Fidelity has held the abandoned condominium development located behind the Arzi's restaurant off Jones Creek Road for quite some time, and I know more recently the bank obtained via Sherriff Sale (via its role as lead for a syndicate of lenders) the acreage on LA 42 representing the abandoned residential subdivision revelopment a few miles west of Port Vincent.



If Beau and I can be of service to you, Ms. Netterville, in terms of helping to minimize the level of bank resources tied up in nonperforming assets such as those I've outlined, please don't hesitate to contact me. We firmly believe you'll be very glad you did.

Again, congratulations on your significant career accomplishments, which have now reached an apex with your appointment as President of Fidelity, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

Cc: Beau Box

Sincerely,

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Robert Edwin Burns