



October 23, 2012

Mr. Robert Burns  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70809

**RE: SUMMARY JUDGEMENT IN THE CASE OF ROBERT BURNS V.  
ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA, KAREN KENNEDY AND  
CAROLINE MESSENGER**

Dear Robert:

On November 21, 2011 you received a letter from our legal counsel, Joseph P. Brantley urging you to reconsider your position on your suit against the Arthritis Association of Louisiana and its employees, myself and Caroline Messenger. At the time Mr. Brantley informed you that he had read your pleadings, amended pleadings and the affidavits of the parties concerned. He stated that based on those reviews and his experience of practicing law for 35 years, he did not feel you had a cause of action supported under Louisiana.

In his email, Mr. Brantley went on to state, *"I think you need to be aware that in the event that I am correct, there is an extreme likelihood that at least two if not all of the Defendants will seek damages from you for your actions. They clearly have causes of action for which they can recover provable damages. Likewise, because of your actions, both in and out of court proceedings, are clearly done with forethought and intent, any judgment obtained against you would not be dischargeable in bankruptcy and could haunt you for a long, long time."*

The Arthritis Association has incurred legal bills of \$4,000 to defend itself and its employees against your legal actions. Because we were able to prove to the court that there was no wrong doing on the part of the Arthritis Association, Karen Kennedy and Caroline Messenger, Judge Wilson Fields granted Summary Judgment on our behalf.

Your lawsuit left us no choice but to hire legal counsel to defend ourselves and since the court agreed that we had not defamed you and you had no loss or damage in any way related to our actions that it is your moral obligation to pay these bills.



The Mission of the Arthritis Association of Louisiana is to improve lives through continuing community service, education and support of research for arthritis and related diseases.

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Therefore we are asking that you make a payment to the law firm of Brantley & Associates in the amount of \$4,000 to cover our legal bills.

Should you decide not to pay \$4,000, the Arthritis Association of Louisiana, Karen Kennedy and Caroline Messenger will file suit against you for our legal costs as well as professional and personal damages incurred by your actions both in and out of court. On several occasions you made harmful and defamatory statements about the Arthritis Association of Louisiana and its employees via emails to numerous individuals (including the entire Glen Oaks High School reunion class of '81) as well as You Tube postings that were designed to damage the character and reputations of a 62 year old non profit organization and the individuals working for it.

I am sure if you review with your legal counsel the emails you sent (beginning with the one that included copies of both mine and Caroline Messenger's drivers licenses), the remarks you made on your Glen Oaks Reunion You Tube postings and the sensitive information you detailed about my personal family trauma and financial difficulties in your copious legal documents, you will be advised to open a line of discussion to resolve this matter without us having to instigate legal action.

I await your response.

Respectfully,

  
Karen Kennedy  
President/CEO