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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, NORTH DISTRICT

BRUCE J. KELMAN,) CASE NO.:
) 37-2010-00061530-CU-DF-NC
Plaintiff,)
) Assigned for All Purposes to:
v.) HON. THOMAS P. NUGENT
) DEPARTMENT: N-30
SHARON KRAMER, and DOES 1)
through 20, inclusive,) UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE
)
Defendants.) [REVISED PROPOSED] ORDER AND
) JUDGMENT OF CONTEMPT

Hearing Date: January 6, 2012
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Department: N-30

Trial Date: None

In the course of proceedings in the case of Kelman v. Kramer, 37-2010-00061530-CU-DF-NC, this Court issued a preliminary injunction, filed on May 2, 2011, enjoining Defendant and Contemner Sharon Kramer from republishing a statement that had been found to be libelous in an action titled Kelman v. Kramer, San Diego Superior Court case no. GIN 044539. In relevant part, the preliminary injunction provided:

1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, during the pendency of this
2 action, defendant Sharon Kramer is enjoined and
3 restrained from stating, repeating or publishing, by
4 any means whatsoever, the following statement: "Dr.
5 Kelman altered his under oath statements on the witness
6 stand" while he testified as a witness in an Oregon
7 lawsuit.

8 Contemner opposed the issuance of the preliminary
9 injunction orally and in writing, was present during oral
10 arguments leading to the issuance of the preliminary
11 injunction, was served with the written preliminary
12 injunction and at all times had actual knowledge of its
13 existence and terms.

14 Contemner willfully failed to comply with the Court's
15 order and violated the preliminary injunction as follows:

16 1. Contemner, with full knowledge of the preliminary
17 injunction, republished the defamatory statement by posting
18 it on the Internet (i) on the Katy's Exposure website on
19 September 13, 2011; (ii) on the Yahoo Group "Sickbuildings"
20 chatroom on November 3, 2011, which linked to an article on
21 the Katy's Exposure website dated November 3, 2011; (iii) on
22 the Katy's Exposure website on November 4, 2011; and (iv) on
23 the Yahoo Group "Sickbuildings" chatroom on November 5,
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1 2011, which linked to an article, also dated November 5,
2 2011, on the Katy's Exposure website.

3 2. The preliminary injunction is a valid order.
4 Kramer at all times was able to comply with its terms, and
5 she willfully chose not to.

6 3. Upon the application of Plaintiff, an Order to
7 Show Cause re contempt was issued and filed on November 10,
8 2011. Plaintiff caused the Order to Show Cause to be
9 personally served on Kramer on November 18, 2011, and served
10 by mail on her counsel on November 28, 2011. The Order to
11 Show Cause ordered her to appear before this Court on
12 January 6, 2012 and show cause why she should not be held in
13 contempt for violating the preliminary injunction.
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15 4. Kramer filed written oppositions to the merits of
16 the order to show cause on October 13, 2011 and December 23,
17 2011.
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19 5. The Court offered the contemner an opportunity on
20 January 6, 2012 to present an explanation or excuse at the
21 Order to Show Cause hearing for her conduct, but the
22 contemner declined to appear at that time to do so. By
23 declaration filed by contemner on January 6, 2012, contemner
24 stated that she would not physically appear at the hearing
25 scheduled for that same day. Her declaration in part stated:
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1 "10. I give Tracey Sang, Attorney at Law,
2 authority to speak on my behalf regarding the lack of
3 this court holding an arraignment hearing, prior to
4 holding an unlawful Contempt of Court hearing. I have
5 not been advised of my rights by this court, the
6 Honorable Thomas Nugent.

7 "11. I do not give Ms. Sang permission to speak on
8 my behalf at a Contempt of Court hearing should this
9 court choose to proceed."

10 6. After due consideration, the Court finds, beyond a
11 reasonable doubt:

12 (a) That the contemner is guilty of contempt of
13 court in violation of section 1209(a)(5) of the Code of
14 Civil Procedure, for disobedience of a lawful judgment,
15 order, or process of the Court, by republishing the
16 defamatory statement as set forth in Paragraph 1 above.

17 (b) That contemner had knowledge of the order,
18 was able to comply at the time of the order and continues to
19 have such ability, and has willfully failed to comply with
20 the order.

21 (c) That the contemner is sentenced to spend a
22 total of five days in the San Diego County jail, pursuant to
23 C.C.P. section 1218(a), which shall be suspended upon the
24 condition that, prior to February 6, 2012, contemner publish
25 a retraction on the Katy's Exposure website and on the Yahoo
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1 Group "Sickbuildings" chatroom of the defamatory statement
2 set forth in the preliminary injunction. Further, pursuant
3 to C.C.P. section 1218(a), contemner is ordered to pay to
4 Plaintiff the attorney's fees and costs incurred by
5 Plaintiff in this action in the amount of \$19,343.95.
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7 7. Contemner and her counsel are hereby ordered to
8 appear on February 10, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in Department N-30
9 of the above-entitled Court for a determination as to
10 whether the retraction described above has been adequately
11 published and for further proceedings consistent with this
12 Order and Judgment.

13 Dated: January __, 2012

14 Judge of the Superior Court
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1 PROOF OF SERVICE

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3 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18
4 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 4640 Admiralty Way, Suite
5 [REVISED PROPOSED] ORDER AND JUDGMENT OF CONTEMPT on the
6 interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope
addressed as follows:

7 Sharon Kramer
8 2031 Arborwood Place
9 Escondido, CA 92029
SNK1955@AOL.COM

10 Tracey S. Sang, Esq.
11 215 South Coast Highway, Suite 205
12 Oceanside, CA 92054
SANGMITCHELL@ROADRUNNER.COM

13 [X] BY MAIL – I caused each such envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid to be
14 placed in the United States mail at Marina Del Rey, California. I am “readily familiar”
15 with the firm’s practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under
16 that practice, it would be deposited in the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with
17 postage thereon fully prepaid at Marina Del Rey, California in the ordinary course of
business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if
postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for
mailing in affidavit.

18 [X] BY ELECTRONIC DELIVERY—I sent such document by electronic transmission
19 to each of their email addresses, to and from which each of them has received and sent
20 emails previously.

21 EXECUTED on January 17, 2012 at Marina Del Rey, California.

22 [X] (STATE) – I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
23 California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Keith Scheuer
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