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T. Matthew Phillips, Esq. California State Bar No. 165833 (Not Licensed in Nevada) 1 4894 W. Lone Mtn. Rd. 2 No. 132 3 Las Vegas, Nev. 89130 Tel: (323) 314-6996 4 Plaintiff in Propria Persona 5 6 7 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 8 9 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 10 11 Case No.: A-21-829038-C 12 T. MATTHEW PHILLIPS PLAINTIFF'S 13 Plaintiff, MOTION to STRIKE 14 NON-CONFORMING BRIEF. 15 VS. 16 [*Plaintiff Requests Oral Argument*] (1) JENNIFER V. ABRAMS 17 (2) THE ABRAMS 18 LAW FIRM, L.L.C. 19 (3) MARK DICIERO 20 (4) DAVE SCHOEN Next Hearing Date: April 13, 2021 and DOES I - X (on Defendants' motions to dismiss) 21 22 Defendant(s). Hon. Timothy C. Williams 23 Dept. No.: "16" 24 25

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Comes now the Plaintiff with *Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Non-Conforming Brief.* 

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## I. BRIEF PROCEDURAL HISTORY—

<u>Next Hearing Date—April 13, 2021</u>: A hearing on Defendants' twin motions to dismiss (and joinder) is set for April 13, 2021, (Dept. "16").

<u>Media Request—No Prior Notice</u>: On March 17, 2021, the Court filed and served a *Media Request and Order*.

Motion for Reconsideration: On March 30, 2021, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Order Allowing Camera Access to Court Proceedings; (hearing on May 4, 2021).

Opposition to Motion for Reconsideration: In response to Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration, the following events happened—

- ➤ March 30, 2021 (11:20 p.m.): Alexander Falconi, a non-party, electronically files an 51-page opposition to Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration of the media order; note: Plaintiff received no notice of this electronic filing!
- March 31, 2021 (5:11 p.m.): Defendant DICIERO posts at his Facebook page a file-stamped copy of Falconi's opposition brief; note: remarkably, DICIERO publicly posted it "before" the court electronically served it on the parties!—which begs the question—how did DICIERO obtain Falconi's opposition brief "before" the court served it on everybody else? (It doesn't take a conspiracy theorist to figure-out that Falconi is in cahoots with Defendants).
- March 31, 2021 − (6:39 p.m.): The court electronically serves Falconi's opposition upon the parties; note: 19 hours passed from the time Falconi filed his brief—until the time the court e-served it; Plaintiff is curious to learn "how" and "why" the Clerk-of-Court accepted this non-party filing—and why the 19-hour time-lag? did Falconi receive special dispensation from the Clerk-of-Court?

## II. LEGAL ISSUE PRESENTED—

<u>Legal Issue Presented</u>: May non-parties—such as Alexander Falconi—file motions and oppositions into this lawsuit? (No!)

Rule-of-Law: Under Rule 11, every pleading, "<u>must be signed by at least one attorney of record</u> ... or, <u>by a party personally</u> if the party is unrepresented," [NRCP, Rule 11(a); underscores added].

<u>Legal Analysis</u>: Alexander Falconi's opposition brief has no signature from any "party"—and no signature from any "attorney-of-record"—a clear Rule 11 violation. Therefore, the opposition brief is deemed "unsigned," and the Court "*must*" strike it for non-compliance with Rule 11(a).

<u>The Opposition "Must" Be Stricken</u>: Here, there is no latitude for the Court to exercise discretion. Rule 11 is clear and unambiguous—"<u>The Court must strike an unsigned paper</u>," [NRCP, Rule 11(a); (underscores added)].

## III. ATTEMPT TO INFORMALLY RESOLVE—

Attempted Informal Resolution: On March 31, 2021, Plaintiff attempted informal resolution. Plaintiff sent an email to Falconi asking him to explain the legal basis for his non-party filing—

"Today, YOU filed an opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.

Curiously, the opposition YOU filed provides NO statutory basis that

authorizes YOUR "appearance." --->> What is the legal basis that allows

YOU, a non-party, to file an opposition in the above captioned lawsuit?"

[Plaintiff's email to Alexander Falconi, (March 31, 2021)]

<u>Falconi</u>—Non-Responsive: Not surprisingly, Alexander Falconi never responded to Plaintiff's email. Falconi never responded because, of course, no legal grounds authorize non-party interlopers to randomly file briefs into other people's cases.

(Candidly, it's rather obvious that Defendant ABRAMS authored Falconi's brief; in short, Falconi is but a cog in Defendant ABRAMS' defamation machine.)

Abuse of Process: Alexander Falconi must be held liable for "abuse of process." Falconi has actual knowledge that he is *not* an attorney—and *not* a party. Naturally, Falconi has no explanation as to the legal basis that supposedly allows non-party filings. Based on his furtive silence, the Court may infer that Falconi intentionally misuses these legal proceedings. Monetary sanctions are appropriate.

O.S.C. re Sanctions: The Court is wise to set an O.S.C. re monetary sanctions. Plaintiff has no time to waste—opposing frivolous motions form non-party interlopers. The Court should order Alexander Falconi to pay sanctions for wasting Plaintiff's time in preparing the instant motion to strike. Falconi violates Rule 11(a), which serves only to "needlessly increase the cost of litigation," [NRCP, Rule 11(b)(1)].

<u>Falconi Must Appear and Testify</u>: Alexander Falconi's putative opposition challenges Plaintiff's motion with "disputed facts," which means the Court may properly order Falconi to appear and to submit to able cross-examination by Plaintiff, [see EDCR, Rule 2.21, "[T]he court may set the matter for a hearing at a time in the future and require or allow oral examination of the affiants/declarants to resolve factual issues shown by the affidavits/declarations to be in dispute."].

<u>Plaintiff Cannot Make a Sanctions Motion</u>: Notably, Plaintiff cannot make a Rule 11 sanctions motion against Falconi. Why?—because Falconi is neither an attorney, nor a party, and therefore, Rule 11 "certification" requirements do not apply.

Rule 11—No Application to Non-Parties: The Code provides that, by presenting papers to the court, "an attorney or unrepresented party certifies" the wholesomeness of the pleadings, [see Rule 11(b)]. However, as a non-party, it's legally impossible for Falconi to make Rule 11 certifications, which means Falconi can never incur Rule 11 liability for his frivolous legal maneuvers—and this is unfair to Plaintiff who wishes to hold Falconi liable for wasting everybody's time.

The Court Must Strike Falconi's Opposition: Once again, the Court must strike Falconi's opposition. Rule 11 provides: "The Court must strike an unsigned paper," [NRCP, Rule 11(a); (underscores added)].

#### IV. MOTION TO STRIKE—

<u>Plaintiff's Motion to Strike</u>: "The court may strike from a pleading an insufficient defense or any redundant, <u>immaterial</u>, impertinent, or scandalous matter, [NRCP, Rule 12(f).(2); (underscore added)]. Plaintiff contends that Falconi's unsigned opposition is "immaterial" within the meaning of NRCP, Rule 12(f).(2).

<u>Alexander Falconi—No Appearance Fee</u>: According to court records, Falconi paid no appearance fee. If Falconi wishes to participate, he must pay a first appearance fee—just like everybody else.

# V. SUMMARY & CONCLUSION—

<u>Unsigned Papers—Must Be Stricken</u>: Falconi's opposition brief must be stricken, as per Rule 11—" <u>The Court must strike an unsigned paper</u>," [NRCP, Rule 11(a); (underscores added)].

O.S.C. Monetary Sanctions: The Court should issue an O.S.C. requiring Falconi to explain why monetary sanctions should not be issued. Falconi violates Rule 11(a)—which serves only to "needlessly increase the cost of litigation," [NRCP, Rule 11(b)(1)].

<u>Disputed Facts</u>: Falconi disputes Plaintiff's material facts, and *vice-versa*; therefore, because the parties present "disputed facts," the Court may properly order cross-examination, [see EDCR, Rule 2.21].

<u>Conclusion</u>: This Court must strike Falconi's opposition brief and rescind the media order issued March 17, 2021. This Court must DENY media access to Falconi.

Dated: April 2, 2021 LAW OFFICES OF T. MATTHEW PHILLIPS

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T. Matthew Phillips, Esq. *In Propria Persona* 

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My name is T. MATTHEW PHILLIPS. I am the Plaintiff herein. I authored the instant motion. All the within allegations are true and correct of my own personal knowledge. If called upon to testify, I could and would give competent and truthful evidence.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada the foregoing is both true and correct.

Dated: April 2, 2021

T. Matthew Philips, Esq. Affiant.

# -CERTIFICATE-OF-SERVICE-

I am an individual over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within action. My business address is 4894 W. Lone Mtn. Rd., No. 132, Las Vegas, Nev. 89130. My phone number is (323) 314-6996.

On April 2, 2021, I served the following:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under Nevada law, the foregoing is true and correct.

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