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Crystal Cox
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re: **Mark Sapperstein**

Dear Mr. Stone and Ms. Cox:

We have received the enclosed complaint with attachments from Mark Sapperstein. In the complaint, Mr. Sapperstein contends that you are spreading false information concerning himself and his family on various websites. The websites each appear to have been registered by you primarily for the purpose of harassing Mr. Sapperstein. In the emails that are attached to Mr. Sapperstein's complaint, you appear to be demanding payments that equal tens of thousands to millions of dollars from Mr. Sapperstein, in return for which you will cease publishing derogatory information about Mr. Sapperstein on your websites.

Based on our review of Mr. Sapperstein's complaint, it appears as if the alleged misconduct is serious and must cease immediately. Please remove the derogatory information concerning Mr. Sapperstein from your websites and advise us of same. If you disagree with the allegations that have been raised in the attached complaint, please contact me at once to discuss the matter.

Please provide us with your response to this letter on or before August 8, 2011. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen S. Straughn".

Karen S. Straughn
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures
cc(w/encl.): Mark Sapperstein

Ziperman, Philip

From: Mark Sapperstein <mark@sapperstein.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:24 PM
To: Ziperman, Philip
Subject: RE: Crystal Cox
Attachments: web domain names.xls; Email from Donald Stone.docx; Email from Crystal Cox.docx; contact information.docx

Mr. Ziperman, here is a narrative explaining our situation.

In late 1992, a friend of ours was raising capital for a new business called Donald Stone Industries (DSII). Along with a group of investors, Mark invested \$2,500 into DSII. Mark does not recall actually meeting Donald Stone, although it is possible. However, Mark was not involved in any way in the business, other than his investment. The company failed and Mark lost his money.

Apparently disgruntled, in February 1998, Mr. Stone filed a RICO case in Florida against approximately 100 defendants including Mark, the original investors, the US Attorney General and the Director of the FBI. The case was dismissed in June 1998.

In August 1999, Donald Stone purchased the site, marylandcorruption.com, which appears to be dedicated to defaming Mark accusing him of bribery, extortion, money laundering among other illegal activities. At some point we became aware of the website but decided to ignore it.

In January 2010, Mr. Stone contacts Ms. Crystal Cox, an internet investigative blogger and it appears they team up to defame Mark. Ms. Cox has never met, talked to, emailed or in any way communicated with Mark, yet she proceeded this online campaign entitled "trial by blog." An online search showed 58 different websites she used to defame Mark (list attached).

In early 2011, it was brought to Mark's attention that negotiations on a potential business deal were cut short because of the unsubstantiated, false and inaccurate information spewed online. So, we hired a computer expert, Edward Ko, to research what could be done.

Mr. Ko's first step was to contact Mr. Stone to see if he could be reasoned with. Mr. Stone did not answer that phone call but responded to Mr. Ko by email (attached). The email demanded \$2.5 million to stop his harassment. We did not respond.

Four days later, Mr. Ko received an email from Ms. Cox (attached). She appeared upset that although she helped Mr. Stone promote his defamatory information he did not offer her a share of his \$2.5 million demand. So she suggests we pay her \$25,000 upfront and \$10,000 a month to get her to stop. She writes that in order to prepare for this extortion attempt, she purchased the domain marksapperstein.com. Ms. Cox posts Mark's address, birthday and social security number on her website. We did not respond.

We are asking for your help for the purpose of stopping these people, getting our good name back. Their contact information that I have is attached. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information or clarification.

Mark Sapperstein
28 Walker Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Email from Donald Stone (Apr 3):

Dear Mr. Edward Ko - In reference to your inquiry on behalf of your client, Mr. Mark Sapperstein and his interest in purchasing my website, www.marylandcorruption.com.

The domain name www.marylandcorruption.com and contents are for sale for \$2.5 million U.S. dollars.

If Mark is interested I would need a simple "letter of interest" from Mark Sapperstein directly stating that you are acting on his behalf and also clarifying exactly what Mark is interested in purchasing from me. Mark can send the letter to the following address:

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871 NE Dixie Hwy.
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Jensen Beach, FL. 34957
[\(772\) 834 6175](tel:(772)8346175)

Once I receive the letter from Mark, personally confirming that you are acting as an intermediary on his behalf in this matter, I would then provide you with more specific terms and conditions pertaining to the sale of this website.

I also have additional intellectual property assets that would be included in the above referenced purchase price for www.marylandcorruption.com.

Please feel free to call me or email me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Best Regards,
Donald Stone

ps: Mark has made overtures such as this many years ago and never followed through. In fact, when Mark was questioned by the Maryland State Police he denied making certain statements to me.

-Ed

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Email from Crystal Cox (Apr 8):

Edward Ko,

My name is Crystal L. Cox, I am a Search Engine Reputation Manager, and an Investigative Blogger. I was first contacted by Donald Stone in January of 2010, as I was writing on Foley and Lardner Corruption.

Since then I have posted stories, information on my network of websites, blogs and other media outlets to promote Donald Stone's story about Mark Sapperstein and related parties.

Last week Donald Stone sent me information about you inquiring of his website, and today he sent me an audio of your phone call to him about his website, along with his offer to you of 2.5 million. None of which offered me a thank you or any money for all i have done since his initial contact of me to get his website found, his story found in the search engines for free.

My linking MarylandCorruption.com to my blogs and sites gave him strength and I posted stories on Mark Sapperstein for Donald Stone to help a down and out inventor, or so i thought. Now he wants 2.5 million for the web presence I pretty much gave him.

Instead of Paying Donald Stone \$2.5 Million Dollar for his Website, might I suggest hiring me as a Search Engine Reputation manager to get Mark Sapperstein's name in the search engines stronger then Donald Stone, and for what Mark want's to be found, said about him. I can do this for a beg fee of \$25,000 and an on going fee of \$10,000 a month to keep strong in the search engines for Mark Sapperstein's name and related seach terms.... I can add other names, businesses for \$2500 a month.

I am very good at brand management and getting information into the search that my clients want found. With this business relationship I can also forward you all emails from Donald Stone to myself. Today's it seems he wants me to post, so I would post the audio on youtube and get your name and mark's found in search for this latest contact to Donald. That is what he is suggesting.

I now make a living at Search Engine Reputation Management and am no longer interested in helping Donald Stone for Free. When I got the emails the other Day I bought MarkSapperstein.com to talk about all this, and when I talk about it I am on top of the search engines. I can un-hook his sites from my network and promote what you and your client want found.

Please Let me know if you any interest in work with me.

Have a Good Day.

Crystal L. Cox



Voicemail transcript from Crystax Cox (I did not respond):

Hello Edward, My name is Crystal cock. And my phone number is (406) 270-4046, and I had emailed you about Donald's down and I'm not sure if you got the email or if it went to spam. So, could you please email me back. Crystal accessible Cox, dot, com and just let me know that you got it so I can make sure that I I won't bother you anymore. I just wanted to visit with you online about the mark that the same thing and don't down and I just wanna make sure that you got my email. Again, if you didn't, please email me. Crystal like Crystal Cox dot com C R Y S T A L Pat, Crystal Cox, C O X dot com. I hope you're having a great day and enjoying your weekend. Take care bye bye.

-Ed

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Donald Stone website
marylandcorruption.com

Crystal Cox website purchased specifically for extortion (as referenced in her email)
marksapperstein.com

Crystal Cox websites, blogs and postings defaming Mark

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ahmuscmmedia.com
api.ning.com
attorneycorruption.com
bankruptcycorruption.com
bankruptcyinvestigator.com
blogger-index.com
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