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Mr. Robert Blinick

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CC: Michael Bender, Christopher Wehrman, The Executive Committee of The Circuit Court of Cook County, Senator Richard Durbin

RE: Cease and desist harassment by client Robert Johnson.

Dear Mr. Blinick:

In recent months you filed an appearance on behalf of an employee of The Circuit Court of Cook County named Robert Johnson. I am writing to ask that you instruct your client to comply with The Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct and disqualify himself immediately as trial judge in any proceeding in which I am a party. I am also writing to ask that you instruct your client to cease engaging in criminal acts of retaliation and harassment toward me and my minor children, A [REDACTED] and T [REDACTED].

In truth I am a party in no case in The Circuit Court of Cook County. My divorce case, 2016 D 9534, was finalized and closed when I and my ex husband Peter Matt entered into a mutually agreed upon Allocation Judgment (Divorce) and Parenting Plan on September 25, 2017. Since that date there has been no case commenced, such as a motion to modify the parenting plan, over which your client could conceivably preside as a trial judge. Despite this fact, your client has engaged in exuberant extrajudicial activity and issued countless illegal post-decree orders that have violated Illinois law, human decency and my civil rights. Most notably, without any motion before him and therefore not even a decent Chicago show trial, Robert Johnson issued a two year plenary order of protection denying my children contact with the mother they need and love.

I am therefore also writing to ask that you instruct your client to cease and desist harassing me and committing federal crimes against me under color of state law. I am specifically writing to

ask that you instruct your client to stop engaging in criminal acts of retaliation against me for my testimony about his federal crimes.

The case for disqualification was clear the moment you opened this letter, Mr. Blinick. Mr. Johnson is presently employed as an associate judge in The Circuit Court of Cook County. You represent him in a federal investigation in which I am a complaining witness against Mr. Johnson. Therefore Mr. Johnson cannot be a judge, even in a Chicago show trial, in a proceeding in which I am a party.

The Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct requires disqualification under Canon Rule 2.11., which states:

“(A) A judge shall be disqualified in any proceeding in which the judge’s impartiality* might reasonably be questioned, including, but not limited to, the following circumstances:...

(2) The judge knows* that the judge, the judge’s spouse or domestic partner,* a person within the third degree of relationship* to either of them, or the spouse or domestic partner of such a person is:

(a) a party to the proceeding or an officer, director, general partner, managing member, or trustee of a party

(c) a person who has more than a de minimis* interest that could be substantially affected by the proceeding; or

When you entered your appearance as an attorney in the conglomerate of activities being called case 2016 D 9534, you filed an appearance on behalf of respondent Robert Johnson. At this time you established Mr. Johnson as a party to the proceeding. The basis for disqualification is explicit in the law.

Perhaps, you might suggest, you only indicated that Mr. Johnson is respondent in this case because there is no “box to check”, for criminal defense attorney for corrupt judge who refuses to go out before he’s in handcuffs. But I would argue that’s because in no court in this nation is it conceivable that it is appropriate to have a felon judge issuing orders in an imaginary case against his legal adversary. The reason the programmers at Tyler Technology, the company responsible for the software used for filings in the office of The Clerk of The Circuit Court, did not include a “box” for Mr. Johnson to check when filing an appearance for his personal criminal defense attorney is because the very concept is anathema to justice.

However, even if we were to dismiss your identification of Mr. Johnson as a party in this lawsuit as an error, your appearance makes Mr. Johnson's legal conflict with me more than de minimis. For obviously there can be no more substantial or legitimate action than a filing by a member of the esteemed and honorable Illinois Bar such as yourself. If Mr. Johnson's legal peril regarding his crimes against me and my children were less than de minimis, how could you have justified your appearance? Perhaps more importantly, given the high value The State of Illinois places on fiscal prudence, how could you be paid by us, the people of Illinois, for performing an act that was anything less than de minimis? Again, please instruct Mr. Johnson to disqualify himself as is explicitly required by law.

The need for disqualification is urgent because the conflict of interest between me and Mr. Johnson is more than theoretical and his refusal to abide by The Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct has given him the opportunity and power to abuse me and my children. And he has abused us. This brings me to my second demand, that Mr. Johnson stop harassing me through illegal orders to appear before him, through acts of retaliation against me as a federal witness and through his participation in ongoing federal crimes against me and my children.

I am compelled to write to you because I have personally seen Mr. Johnson, acting personally under color of Illinois State Law, commit multiple federal crimes over the last five years. Specifically, Mr. Johnson has conspired in money laundering and tax evasion, conspired in and committed acts of wire fraud and identity theft and identity theft using an access device, and conspired in and committed multiple acts of retaliation toward and intimidation of a federal witness. I am the federal witness and the victim of these crimes. I deserve to live free from abuse by individuals unlawfully using the authority of the people of Illinois.

Since around May, 2022 I have understood that I am under protective surveillance by US Marshals employed by The Department of Justice. This protection was assigned to me in the months following my whistleblower report to The IRS Criminal Investigation Unit and various reports to The FBI of the crimes described above. It was my hope that Mr. Johnson and others would understand that they are the targets of a racketeering sting in the Circuit Court and stop committing crimes. They have not.

After months of waiting for the crimes to stop, I came to understand that federal prosecutors were watching my "case" and had recruited attorneys to act as cooperating witnesses. Though, to be fair, some of these individuals might have been FBI agents investigating the most corrupt

court in the most corrupt city in the most corrupt state in the nation long before I became aware of the sting operation. Nobody tells me anything. That's intentional because your client will never be able to say that the woman he has gone to lengths to depict as crazy, ignorant and confused engaged in entrapment, right?

In addition to Christopher Wehrman, attorney to my jackass felon ex-husband, I understand that two colleagues of your client's patron, Michael Bender, are also cooperating with federal investigators. Justyn Brodacz, Mr. Bender's associate, has been actively working to build a case against Mr. Bender. Even Michael Bender's partner, Molly Caesar, is cooperating with federal investigators according to a call I received from an FBI agent, and she has claimed to have been a victim of rape by Michael Bender's former partner David Pasulka.

To be fair, FBI agents *are* professional liars. Another FBI agent told me that she had personally seen Michael Bender at The Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami oggling a thirteen year-old girl. This was such a funny coincidence because I just happened to have come across Michael Bender's Tinder profile in the weeks before and seen a picture of him on a chaise lounge at The Fontainebleau. That other agent had also told me that years ago a female attorney had tried to report Michael Bender's crimes and wound up dead.

Again, FBI agents are professional liars and I was unable to find the name of an attorney who was killed, but I will admit to being curious. I've simply never been able to understand how Michael Bender, who could be mistaken for Beaker on The Muppet Show were he as intelligible as the puppet, has any power. Unlike someone like, say, Matthew Link - who is trash, but well groomed, articulate trash - Michael Bender is truly devoid of redeeming qualities. And so Michael Bender's great power despite the absence of any competence or a likable personality does suggest that his daddy bequeathed him mob ties in addition to a judgeship. But what do I know? I'm just a crazy, confused woman.

My point is, a lot of people will go to prison though I'm not sure who, and your client's interests are aligned with mine. Federal prosecutors want your client to commit more crimes against me. I don't. It is not in my interest or my children's interest to have Robert Johnson commit another felony or racketeering act against me. But it is also not in Robert Johnson's interest. I have seen your client's hair turn from black to white. I know he is just as tired of this as I am. And I can see that, for good reason, Mr. Johnson is terrified. But we also know that he is not the highest profile target.

Mr. Johnson certainly must realize that Dorothy Brown, Iris Martinez, Timothy Evans, Matthew Link, Ed Burke, Grace Dickler, Michael Bender or any other of the many potential higher status targets - Dick Durbin himself for all I know - will not send him a lifeline to thank him for his stupid loyalty to the machine. They will not only let him drown but they will push him under to save themselves. Surely he must understand that his only option is to stop committing crimes and cooperate with federal investigators.

I never agreed to allow me and my children to be bait in a judicial racketeering sting and I don't want to do it. I now understand that your client's every action in my "case" is void due to the fact that he committed his first act of fraud against me on December 5, 2018 when he entered an order "allowing" me to represent myself while knowing that I had given him no such indication and had never met him. Although this particular act of fraud predates his conspiracy in money laundering and other predicate acts, there can be no doubt that every one of the many fraudulent orders your client entered is part of the same racket.

Now that I have seen Mr. Johnson commit even more obvious and serious felonies, I have absolutely no reason to think that engaging with your client might result in a legal outcome for me and my children that is 1. Not void on entry due to his acts of fraud against me first documented in 2018 and 2. Good for us. So I'm not going to communicate with, respond to or appear before your client because I know for a fact there is no basis in law for me to do so.

I ask that your client immediately withdraw from the ongoing extrajudicial acts against me being called a case. And I ask that you instruct your client to stop torturing me and my children under color of Illinois law.

Kind Regards,

Megan Mason

