1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 7 UNITED FEDERATION OF CHURCHES, LLC (DBA "THE No. 20-cv-509 SATANIC TEMPLE"), 9 COMPLAINT FOR **DAMAGES** Plaintiff, AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF 10 v. 11 DAVID ALAN JOHNSON (AKA "ADJ"), 12 LEAH FISHBAUGH, MICKEY 13 MEEHAM, AND NATHAN SULLIVAN, 14 Defendants. 15 In support of its claims, Plaintiff United Federation of Churches, LLC (dba "The Satanic 16 Temple") (abbreviated as "TST") alleges as follows: 17 I. **PREAMBLE** 18 1. This case is about two hacked social media accounts and failed attempts at 19 hacking a social media account and an email account. TST is suing Defendants for 20

1. This case is about two hacked social media accounts and failed attempts at hacking a social media account and an email account. TST is suing Defendants for misappropriating two of TST's Facebook business pages by replacing all approved administrators with themselves. Shortly after the misappropriation, Johnson started posting content critical of TST from TST's own webpage while retaining the original branding. Later, Johnson modified the name of the website, ostensibly to create a competitor organization, while appending the suffix "Archive Temple Chapter." Defendants now wrongfully maintain exclusive control of over five years of content, all created by and for TST, on websites with more than 17,500 followers. Because of Defendants' defamatory commentary, unfairly aimed directly at

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2	TST's audience, the Washington Chapter has lost members and has had its reputation harmed.
	2. The questions presented by this case are whether the above constitutes (1) cyber
3	fraud and abuse under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act ("CFAA"); (2) cyberpiracy under the
4	Lanham Act; (3) tortious interference with business expectancy under Washington common law
5	(4) unfair competition; or (5) defamation.
6	3. If so, the Court should find Defendants liable for permanent injunctive relief to
7	return the websites to TST as their rightful owner and to refrain from accessing any TST
8	materials, statutory damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees, and the costs of litigation. In
9	aggregate, Defendants should be ordered to pay \$142,973.92 or more in statutory and economic
10	damages.
11	II. <u>JURISDICTION AND VENUE</u>
12	4. This Court has original jurisdiction over the federal claims arising under the CFAA
13	and the Lanham Act. 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); 18 U.S.C. § 1030(g) (CFAA); 15 U.S.C
14	§ 1121 (trademark). The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state common law claims
15	arising from the same facts. 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
16	5. The Court can properly exercise personal jurisdiction over each Defendant because
17	they live within this District.
18	6. Venue properly lies with this Court because the hacking took place in Seattle
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20	Washington. 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
21	III. <u>PARTIES</u>
22	7. TST is a religious organization. See generally "About us," available a
	https://www.thesatanictemple.org/about-us.html
23	8. TST subscribes and advances seven fundamental tenets:
24	(1) One should strive to act with compassion and empathy toward all creatures in accordance with reason.
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26	(2) The struggle for justice is an ongoing and necessary pursuit that should prevail over laws and institutions.

	(3) One's body is inviolable, subject to one's own will alone.
	(4) The freedoms of others should be respected, including the freedom to offend. To willfully and unjustly encroach upon the freedoms of another is
	to forgo one's own.
	(5) Beliefs should conform to one's best scientific understanding of the world. One should take care never to distort scientific facts to fit one's beliefs.
	(6) People are fallible. If one makes a mistake, one should do one's best to rectify it and resolve any harm that might have been caused.
	(7) Every tenet is a guiding principle designed to inspire nobility in action and thought. The spirit of compassion, wisdom, and justice should always prevail over the written or spoken word.
See "Our tene	ets" available at https://www.thesatanictemple.org/our-tenets.html .
9.	TST's mission is to "encourage benevolence and empathy among all people,
reject tyranni	cal authority, advocate practical common sense and justice, and be directed by the
human consci	ience to undertake noble pursuits guided by the individual will." See "Our mission"
available at <u>h</u>	ttps://www.thesatanictemple.org/our-mission.html.
10.	TST was the subject of the recent documentary "Hail Satan?" (2019), directed by
Penny Lane a	and distributed by Magnolia Pictures.
11.	TST maintains sole title to the trade name "The Satanic Temple" in the context of
religious orga	anizations. See Exhibit 1 (registration of trademark).
12.	TST has adherents in each of the 50 States, importantly to include Washington.
Groups of ad	herents are commonly denominated "Chapters." Chapters are largely autonomous
but are subje	ect to centralized control to ensure faithfulness to organizational principles and
purposes.	
13.	Defendant David Alan Johnson is an individual residing in Seattle, which is within
this Court's	District. Johnson is a former associate of TST who misappropriated TST's
Washington (Chapter Facebook website from within this Court's District and is using it and its
audience in a	n effort to undermine TST and to create a competitor organization.
14.	Defendant Leah Fishbaugh is an associate of Johnson, and former associate of

TST, who aided and abetted the hacking. Fishbaugh also lives in Seattle. Fishbaugh changed
the account credentials to the Washington Chapter's email account in a failed attempt to usurp
control over the email account. On information and belief, Johnson has wrongfully given
Fishbaugh administrative privileges to TST's Washington Chapter page.

- 15. Defendant Mickey Meeham is an associate of Johnson, and former associate of TST, who aided and abetted the hacking. Meeham also lives in Seattle. On information and belief, Johnson has wrongfully given Fishbaugh administrative privileges to TST's Washington Chapter page. Meeham misappropriated the Affiliate page.
- 16. Defendant Nathan Sullivan is an associate of Johnson, and former associate of TST, who aided and abetted the hacking. Sullivan also lives in Seattle. TST entrusted Sullivan as the custodian of various documents which constitute trade secrets. Examples include original signed membership agreements, internal policies and procedures, and a listing of members with contact information. Sullivan now wrongfully maintains exclusive control over these sensitive documents. On information and belief, Johnson has wrongfully given Sullivan administrative privileges to TST's Washington Chapter page.

IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 17. Facebook is a ubiquitous internet social medium which permits users to create and share content including without limitation links, commentary, and written conversations. Content can be shared by individuals on personal pages or by organizations on business pages.
- 18. Twitter is also a ubiquitous internet social medium which permits users to create and share substantially similar content as Facebook.
- 19. Google is a ubiquitous internet-based information platform. Among its many services, Google provides an email platform ("Gmail") and a cloud-based document creation and storage platform ("Google Drive.")
 - 20. Facebook is TST's primary platform of communicating with its membership.
 - 21. Twitter is TST's secondary platform of communicating with its membership.

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1	22. TST's Wa	shington Cha	pter has a C	Google accor	unt to ge	nerally fa	acilitate	its
2	organizational purposes by	creating and	storing docume	ents.				
3	23. In October	of 2014, the V	Vashington Ch	apter busines	ss page wa	s created	exclusiv	ely
4	for the benefit of TST in its	efforts to diss	eminate inforn	nation for wh	at was the	n the Seat	tle Chap	oter.
5	This page, in	its	current	state,	is	availab	ole	at
6	https://www.facebook.com	m/thesatanicte	mplewashingt	on (content	predating	g March	20, 202	20).
7	See also Exhibit 2 (Chap	ter page histor	ry)					
8	24. Over the no	ext several yea	rs, the Washin	gton Chapter	r grew the	Facebook	c page to	o an
9	audience exceeding 17,000) followers. <i>Id</i>	<i>l</i> .					
10	25. In January	of 2015, the	Washington	Chapter crea	ited a Tw	itter acco	unt for	the
11	organization. See https://	witter.com/T	ST_Washingto	on. Current	ly, the Tw	itter acco	ount has	an
12	audience of about 4,000 f	ollowers. Id.						
13	26. In Septemb	er of 2018, the	e Washington (Chapter creat	ed a secon	dary Face	ebook pa	age,
14	named "TST WA Allies,"	to facilitate con	mmunications	with individu	ıals who w	ere intere	sted in T	rst
15	but did not want to ide	ntify as a m	ember. This p	page., in its	current s	state, is a	ıvailable	e at
16	https://www.facebook.com	n/queersatani	ememes; see	also Exhibit	3 (Allies	page his	tory).	The
17	Allies page has about 500	followers.						
18	27. Until the	hacking by D	Defendants, bo	th Facebook	k pages w	vere main	ıtained	and
19	controlled exclusively by	pproved admi	nistrators.					
20	28. Administra	tors are subj	ect to a writt	en Members	ship Agre	ement an	d Code	of
21	Conduct, which instruct re	equirements fo	or permissible	activity on b	ehalf of T	ST. In re	levant p	art,
22	the instructions pertaining	to online cond	luct follow:					
23	Public statements	& interactions	with med					
24	All public actions a	and statements	must be appro	ved and vette	ed by the T	ST Natio	nal Cou	ncil
25	and the TST Exec	utive Council	. If a member	is approach	ed by me	dia or asl	ced for	any
26	official statement	egarding an a	ction or belief	f relating to	TST all m	nembers n	nust refi	rain

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3	Confidentiality
4	Members should respect confidentiality, including documentation. Internal information
5	should not be shared beyond members of the local chapter. Members' names, contact
6	information, and meeting locations are also considered confidential. If you are ever unsure,
7	don't share.
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9	Copyright
10	Material produced by The Satanic Temple is the property of the organization. Consent for
11	use of logo, name or other identity materials may be approved for use for certain projects.
12	You may not use any official materials without prior approval. Approval may also be
13	withdrawn at any time.
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15	Online code of conduct
16	As a member of TST, your interactions with others, both online and off, will be held to the
17	TST Code of Conduct. As an individual, we support your freedom of speech and freedom
18	to hold your opinions. Members' behavior, however, reflects on the organization as whole
19	and also builds the internal culture of TST. Therefore, we have a code of conduct specifically
20	for the internet.
21	Respect the diversity of opinions you find online and respond in a courteous manner. All
22	TST members' online conduct must be free of harassment, stalking, threats, abuse, insults,
23	defamation, or humiliation. This includes, but is not limited to, demeaning comments of an
24	ethnic, religious, sexist, or racist nature; and unwanted sexual advances or intimidation by
25	email or online. Such behavior will result in termination from the organization.
26	As a member of TST, always assume that what you publish on the web is permanent.

I	Anyone can easily print out a comment or save it as a screenshot. Remember, that TST is
2	often engaged in legal suits and exchanges online, or via text have the right to be exposed in
3	the case of a deposition. Think before you hit "send".
4	Using TST in connection with surveys, contests, pyramid schemes, chain letters, junk email,
5	spamming or any duplication or unsolicited messages is prohibited and will result
6	termination from the organization.
7	Any public disagreements between TST members should be taken to a private conversation.
8	If mediation is needed, it will be provided.
9	See Membership Agreement and Code of Conduct (abbreviated as "Code of Conduct"), available
10	as Exhibit 4.
11	29. The above terms of the Code of Conduct form the contours of administrators'
12	authorization to access TST's social media accounts.
13	30. Defendants, each, were entrusted with administrative rights to the above-described
14	social media accounts, subject to the requirements set forth in the Code of Conduct.
15	31. Until the hacking, Defendant Sullivan had exclusive access to the original copies of
16	each Defendants' signature, acknowledging and agreeing to be bound by the above terms in return
17	for access to the social media accounts.
18	32. On information and belief, Sullivan still has exclusive access to these documents,
19	among other highly sensitive materials including membership listings, internal policies and
20	procedures, and meeting notes.
21	33. Defendants were each well aware of the Code of Conduct because it served as a
22	source of friction leading up to the events giving rise to this litigation. For example, on March 2,
23	2020, Johnson shared the following post on the Allies page outside of his authority:
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- 34. The ensuing deletion and reiteration of the expectation that Johnson adhere to the Code of Conduct as a condition of continued social media access would serve as foreshadowing for the misappropriation of the Allies page.
- 35. Some time before March 14, 2020, Defendants entered into an unlawful agreement to misappropriate and shut down substantially all the internet presence of TST's Washington Chapter. Defendants sought to advance the twin goals of forming a competitor organization and harming TST.
- 36. On March 14, 2020, Meeham exceeded authorization for the Allies page by removing all TST-approved administrators except the other named Defendants, changing the name to "Evergreen Memes for Queer Satanic Friends," and posting the following manifesto:

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1	Evergreen Memes for Queer Satanic Fiends March 14 at 7:59 PM · 🚱
2	**This page is no longer affiliated with The Satanic Temple.**
3	Ave Satanas!
4	I was recently notified that talking about transphobes and ableism was considered not to be relevant to The Satanic Temple's "International Council" in Salem or to the local chapter in Washington State.
5	So by talking about leftist politics like how "The struggle for justice is an ongoing and necessary pursuit that should prevail over laws and institutions," this page wasn't being Satanic.
6	Specifically:
7	"(IC is aware of how badly the allies page is fucking up), isn't worried about being labelled a criminal (and endorses negative and unrelated
8	leftist politics on TST-affiliated social media). TST WA Allies should be about Satanism. On March 4th, this was told to you and ADJ, but just as recently as two days ago, there is a post about ableism. (this as a post
9	from an individual is great - as TST WA not acceptable)."
10	So to be clear, this page thinks ableism, misogyny, and racism are superstitions, fascists are bad, transphobes can shut the fuck up, and the only good bootlickers do it for a kink and not because they love
11	making excuses for cops killing people.
	No gods, no masters.
12	Be gay, do crime, hail Satan

- 37. Meeham, in conjunction with the other named Defendants, has since been posting material in violation of the Code of Conduct.
- 38. On or around March 18, 2020, Johnson exceeded authorization for the Twitter account by following a number of extremist groups to create a false impression of affiliation between TST and extremism, and changing the description from "Washington State Chapter of the Satanic Temple" to "Satan stands as the ultimate icon for selfless revolt. We oppose irrational, unjust hierarchies like white supremacy, patriarchy, ableism, & cishet normality."
- 39. On March 20, 2020 beginning at 10:11 pm, Johnson exceeded authorization for the Chapter page by removing all TST-approved administrators, modifying the cover page without approval, and posting a three-page manifesto. The manifesto, as it looks today, is attached and incorporated as **Exhibit 5** (the archive reflects Central time). Originally, the manifesto was posted with the original trade dress of TST.
- 40. Broadly, the manifesto levies false claims that TST leadership is cozy with the altright, are white supremacists, are generally insufficiently leftist for Johnson's preference, and does

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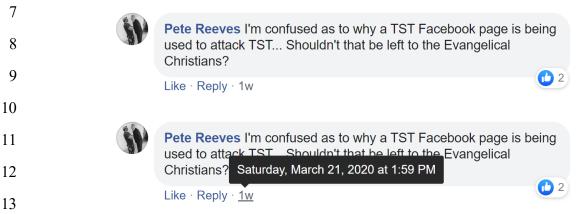
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1	not conform t	to Johnson's impression of Satanism. Posting the manifesto exceeded Johnson's grant
2	of authority a	s defined in the Code of Conduct.
3	41.	Johnson then spent the next couple days posting links and commentary from the
4	Chapter page	, all with the general, and false, theme that TST leaders are incompetent fascists. See
5		osts and commentary in excess of authority). The links and commentary all exceeded
6	Johnson's gra	ant of authority as defined in the Code of Conduct.
7	42.	On March 20 at 11:36 pm, Fishbaugh exceeded authorization by changing the
8	password to t	he Chapter's Google-based email account, changing the recovery email, and changing
9	the phone nu	
10	43.	On March 22 at 3:08 pm, Johnson modified the name of the Chapter page from "The
11		ple Washington" to "Satanic Washington State – Archived Temple Chapter" and
12	•	profile picture to replace TST-specific iconography with "antifa" symbolism. These
13		s exceeded Johnson's grant of authority as defined in the Code of Conduct.
14	44.	As a result of the foregoing conduct, Sullivan's control over original signed copies
15		aip agreements and cloud-based trade secret documentation, became unauthorized.
16		ntinued control over these materials exceeds the authority granted by the Code of
17	Conduct.	initiated contact ever uness materials execute the administry granted by the code of
18	45.	"Antifa" is a left-wing political movement with a penchant for violence.
19	46.	TST opposes the use or threat of violence as a mechanism for control.
20	47.	The Chapter page maintains its original URL:
21		facebook.com/TheSatanicTempleWashington/.
22	48.	As of the date of filing, TST's Washington Chapter has lost between 20 and 30
23		ause of Johnson's false claims published to the Chapter page.
24	49.	TST's Washington leadership have repeatedly demanded the return of the
25		ges from both Facebook and Defendants.
26	50.	Facebook refused to correct the matter, mislabeling the issue as a "Page admin
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1	issue" to the	e exclusion of "infringements of your legal rights."
2	51.	One week ago, this time through counsel, TST reiterated to Facebook and to
3	Johnson the	unlawful nature of the foregoing conduct of Defendants.
4	52.	Facebook did not respond and did not correct the issue.
5	53.	Defendants simply ignored all communications, from counsel and TST alike.
6	54.	TST was able to recover the Twitter account and the email account through
7	Twitter and	Google, respectively.
8	55.	TST is unable to recover the Facebook account without relief from this Court.
9		III. <u>CAUSES OF ACTION</u>
10		Count 1:
11		CFAA violation
12	56.	The CFAA provides a civil cause of action when a Defendant knowingly accesses a
13	"protected c	omputer" by "exceeding authorized access," which causes a cumulative "loss" of at
14	least \$5,000.	See 18 U.S.C. § 1030(g), (c)(4)(A)(i)(I). Or, in the case of an attempted violation, the
15	successful vi	iolation would cause at least \$5,000 in "loss." <i>Id</i> .
16	57.	A "computer," is broadly defined as any device for processing or storing data. 18
17	U.S.C. § 103	30(e)(1).
18	58.	A "protected computer" is a "computer" which is "used in or affecting interstate or
19	foreign com	merce or communication." 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(2)(B).
20	59.	Websites have been recognized as a "protected computer" within the meaning of the
21	CFAA. See	<u>United States v. Drew</u> , 259 F.R.D. 449, 457-58 (C.D. Cal. 2009).
22	60.	A defendant "exceeds authorized access" by accessing a computer "with
23	authorization	and to use such access to obtain or alter information in the computer that the accesser
24	is not entitle	d so to obtain or alter." 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(6).
25	61.	A "loss" is "any reasonable cost to any victim, including the cost of responding to
26	an offense,	conducting a damage assessment, and restoring the data, program, system, or

information to	its co	ondition	prior t	o the	offense,	and	any	revenue	lost,	cost	incurred,	or	other
consequential	damag	ges incurr	ed bec	ause c	of interrup	otion	of se	rvice." 1	8 U.S	S.C. §	3 1030(e)(11).	

62. As described above, Defendants wrongfully and intentionally by exceeding their authorized access, perpetrated fraud upon TST and its membership, as well as any who happened upon the offending posts, by posting under the misappropriated identity of TST. Perfectly encapsulating the issue, one commenter expressed confusion on March 21, stating:



See https://www.facebook.com/TheSatanicTempleWashington/posts/2908426992513671

- 63. There is a cognizable dollar value to social media accounts. Preliminary estimates of the "loss" related to the misappropriation of the Chapter page is \$33,689.70, plus \$1,037.52 for the Allies page. The Twitter page, if successfully misappropriated, would have lost \$8,246.70. The aggregate sum being \$42,973.92—well in excess of the \$5,000 jurisdictional requirement.
- 64. Further compounding the losses are TST's attorney's fees for investigating this matter, entering futile demands for corrective action to both Facebook and Defendants, and preparing this legal action. TST will continue to incur losses in the costs and fees related to this lawsuit. TST's costs and attorney's fees already exceed \$6,000 for dealing with this matter.
- 65. TST has incurred, and continues to incur, reputation losses from the misappropriation of its Facebook pages. These reputation losses are irreparable by money damages.
- 66. Based on the foregoing, TST is entitled to injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendants surrender control of the Facebook pages, a permanent injunction enjoining

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1	Defendants from accessing any of TST's "protected computers" (i.e. any internet-based media)
2	under threat of contempt, and economic damages of at least \$48,973.92.
3	Count 2:
4	Cyberpiracy
5	67. The Lanham Act makes cyberpiracy an actionable trademark violation. 15 U.S.C. §
6	1125(d).
7	68. The Lanham Act provides for a statutory award of not less than \$1,000 and not more
8	than \$100,000. 15 U.S.C. § 1117(d). A plaintiff is also entitled to the costs of the litigation and, in
9	the Court's discretion, a reasonable attorney's fee. 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a).
10	69. Injunctive relief is also available to a successful plaintiff. 15 U.S.C. § 1116.
11	70. TST holds the exclusive rights to the name "The Satanic Temple." Exhibit 1 .
12	71. Defendants are trafficking in the name "The Satanic Temple" by misappropriating
13	the website located at the URL "facebook.com/TheSatanicTempleWashington" (emphasis added).
14	72. Bad faith is established by the manner in which Defendants hijacked the webpages,
15	attempted to hijack the Twitter and email accounts, removed all approved administrators, gloated
16	about the matter, and refused to return control of the websites to their rightful owners.
17	73. Based on the foregoing, TST is entitled to injunctive relief in the form of an order
18	requiring Defendants surrender control of the Facebook pages, a permanent injunction enjoining
19	Defendants from accessing any of TST's "protected computers" under threat of contempt, statutory
20	damages between \$1,000 and \$100,000, costs, and a reasonable attorney's fee.
21	Count 3:
22	Tortious interference with business expectancy
23	74. TST maintains ongoing business relationships with Facebook, importantly to
24	include the Chapter page and Allies page.
25	75. There is an economic benefit for TST in having a ubiquitous platform to interact
26	with members and prospective members in the convenience of their homes and wherever they carry

1	their smartphones. Namely, with increased awareness comes increased membership and donations
2	which create a positive feedback loop.
3	76. At the relevant time, Defendants had subjective knowledge of the business
4	relationship.
5	77. Defendants intentionally and with an improper motive acted to sever the Washington
6	Chapter's relationships with Facebook by misappropriating the two websites for the twin goals of
7	harming the Washington Chapter, and TST at large, and creating a competitor organization.
8	78. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, TST has suffered
9	substantial economic injury and loss of business opportunity and has incurred attorney's fees and
10	other costs in attempting to remedy the situation.
11	79. Based on the foregoing, TST is entitled to injunctive relief in the form of an order
12	requiring Defendants surrender control of the Facebook pages, a permanent injunction enjoining
13	Defendants from accessing any of TST's "protected computers" under threat of contempt and
14	punitive damages.
15	Count 4:
16	Violations of the Consumer Protection Act
17	80. Washington's Consumer Protection Act prohibits unfair, unconscionable, or
18	deceptive methods in the conduct of trade or commerce. See Chapter 19.86 RCW.
19	81. TST has protected, registered trade names and common law trade dress for the
20	services it provides to the community. Of importance to this case, the name "The Satanic Temple"
21	is a registered mark; and the symbolism and content included in the Chapter page and Allies page
22	at the time substantially all of the offending material was posted are trade dress.
23	82. Further, TST has a protected interest in its trade secret materials including
24	membership listings, membership agreements, internal policies and procedures, other governance
25	materials, and access to a hard-won social media following.
26	83. Defendants' unauthorized use of TST's protected intellectual property are intended

1	to unlawfully	aid in the creation of a competitor organization by diverting the recognition arising	
2	·	eputation and goodwill.	
3	84.	Defendants' unauthorized use of TST's protected intellectual property is intended to	
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	deceive the p	ublic with a deliberate, willful intent to disparage or pass off competitor services as	
5	those of TST,	for the end-goal of harming TST's goodwill.	
6	85.	The harm to TST's goodwill cannot be adequately remedied at law.	
7	86.	The unfair or deceptive acts or practices occurred in the conduct of Defendants'	
8	trade or com	merce.	
9	87.	The unfair or deceptive acts or practices impact the public interest.	
10	88.	As a result of Defendants' unfair or deceptive acts or practices Plaintiff suffered	
11	injury to its business or property.		
12	89.	Defendants' acts or practices are the proximate cause of damages suffered by	
13	Plaintiff.		
14	90.	Based on the foregoing, TST is entitled to injunctive relief in the form of an order	
15	requiring De	fendants surrender control of the Facebook pages, surrender control of all TST	
16	materials, a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from accessing any of TST's "protected		
17	computers" u	nder threat of contempt, a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from making	
18	use of any in	formation obtained during their association with TST under threat of contempt, and	
19	actual and tre	ble damages.	
20		Count 5:	
21		Defamation	
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23	91.	Defendants owed and continue to owe a duty to TST to refrain from publishing false	
	and defamato	ry statements about TST and its employees.	
24	92.	By falsely ascribing extremist ideologies and affiliations to TST, Defendants	
25	published and republished false and defamatory statements about TST and TST's employees.		
26	93.	The false and defamatory statements published by Defendants regarding TST and	

1	its employees	, as reasonably understood by outside observers, impugns the integrity and competence
2	of TST and its	s employees, discredits TST's activities, undermines confidence of the public in TST's
3	role in the cor	mmunity, and drives away current and prospective members from TST.
4	94.	The false and defamatory statements published by Defendants, when considered
5	alone, tends to	subject TST and its employees to hatred, distrust, ridicule, contempt, or disgrace, and
6	tends to injure	e TST's reputation.
7	95.	By carrying out the foregoing conduct, Defendants acted maliciously and with
8	reckless indiff	ference to the consequences of their actions and the rights of TST.
9	96.	Based on the foregoing, TST is entitled to injunctive relief in the form of an order
10	requiring Det	fendants surrender control of the Facebook pages, surrender control of all TST
11	materials, a pe	ermanent injunction enjoining Defendants from publishing false statements about TST
12	or any of its n	nembership, and punitive damages.
13		IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF
14		WHEREFORE, in addition to all other relief to which the Court finds TST entitled,
15	TST prays for	orders providing as follows:
16	(1)	Defendants shall, jointly and severally, immediately return full control of the
17	following to F	Plaintiff, under threat of contempt:
18		(a) The Chapter Facebook page
19		(b) The Allies Facebook page; and
20		(c) All TST materials, whether in paper or electronic format, including without
21		limitation: all signed agreements, all membership listings, all internal policies
22		and procedures, all governance documentation, any branding materials, and any
23		other document created by or for the benefit of TST.
24	(2)	Defendants shall, jointly and severally, permanently refrain from the following
25	under threat of contempt:	
26		(a) Accessing any administrative function of any internet-based medium, including

1		without limitation any social media accounts, email accounts, or document		
2		storage accounts, created by or for the benefit of TST		
3		(b) Publishing or republishing false statements about TST or any of its membership		
4		or causing or permitting third parties to publish or republish false statements		
5		about TST or any of its membership.		
6	(3)	Defendants shall, jointly and severally, pay economic damages to Plaintiff in an		
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8		e determined by the Court, to meet or exceed \$42,973.92.		
	(4)	Defendants shall, jointly and severally, pay statutory damages to Plaintiff in an		
9	amount to be determined by the Court, to meet or exceed \$100,000.			
10	(5)	Defendants shall, jointly and severally, pay treble damages to Plaintiff in an amount		
11	to be determine	ined at trial.		
12	(6)	Defendants shall, jointly and severally, pay attorney's fees and costs to Plaintiff in		
13	an amount to be determined after trial.			
14	(7)	Defendants shall, jointly and severally, pay pre-judgment and post-judgment interest		
15	until paid in	full.		
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17	Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of April, 2020.			
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