UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR	
JUSTICE a/k/a ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL	
LAWYERS OF AMERICA	Civil Action No.
777 6 TH STREET, NW	
SUITE 200	COMPLAINT
WASHINGTON, DC 20001,	
,,	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Plaintiff,	
V.	
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL	
LAWYERS (AOATL), LLC	
3104 O STREET	
SUITE 127	
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816	
<u>SERVE:</u>	
TARA H. STEINER	
3104 O STREET	
SUITE 127	
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816	
Defendant.	

Plaintiff American Association for Justice a/k/a Association of Trial Lawyers of America, for its Complaint against Defendant Association of American Trial Lawyers (AOATL), LLC states and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is an action for trademark infringement and unfair competition under the Federal Trademark Act of 1946, known as the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051, *et seq.*; unfair competition and unfair and deceptive trade practices under District of Columbia Consumer

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Protection Procedures Act, 28 D.C. Code § 3904(a), (b), and (s); and the common law of the District of Columbia.

2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 15 U.S.C. § 1121, and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) and (b).

3. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims arising under the laws of the District of Columbia pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), because these claims are so related to claims within the Court's original jurisdiction and form part of the same case or controversy.

4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant consistent with the principles underlying the United States Constitution and the District of Columbia long-arm statute because, *inter alia*, Plaintiff's claims arise from harm sustained in the District of Columba; Defendant has purposefully directed its infringing activity to consumers within the District of Columbia both by directing infringing solicitations to recipients in the District of Columbia, and directing infringing advertisements and promotional materials specifically targeted towards residents of the District of Columbia. Defendant has caused and continues to cause "tortious injury in the District of Columbia by an act or omission outside the District of Columbia," and continues to transact business in the District of Columbia pursuant to the District of Columbia long-arm statute, D.C. Code §§ 13-423(a)(1) and (4).

5. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant uses its infringing designations to advertise, promote, sell, and solicit members to join Defendant's association, and to promote Defendant's members, including in advertising specifically targeted to residents of the District of Columbia.

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6. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant should have reasonably known that its infringing conduct in the District of Columbia would cause harm to a citizen of the District of Columbia.

7. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims at issue occurred in the District of Columbia.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, with its principal place of business located at 777 6th Street, NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20001. Plaintiff is the world's largest trial lawyer bar with more than 22,000 members worldwide and more than 30,000 members in Plaintiff's state trial lawyer association affiliates, including in the District of Columbia.

9. Defendant claims to be a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business located at 3104 O Street, Suite 127, Sacramento, CA, 95816.

10. Defendant has used and, upon information and belief, continues to use the infringing designation THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS (AOATL) in the advertising and promotion of its association and its members.

FACTS

11. Since at least 1974, Plaintiff has continuously used the ATLA® mark in interstate commerce to indicate membership in its association, and, *inter alia*, in connection with the promotion and sale of its publications, educational seminars, and conferences.

12. On February 10, 1976, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") duly granted Plaintiff's application to register the ATLA® mark on the Principal

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Register for "indicating membership in applicant." A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's certificate of registration for United States Trademark Registration No. 1,033,400 is attached as Exhibit A.

13. On March 2, 1976, the USPTO duly granted Plaintiff's application to register the ATLA® mark on the Principal Register for "providing seminars and meetings for attorneys." A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's certificate of registration for United States Trademark Registration No. 1,035,037 is attached as Exhibit B.

14. Plaintiff's federal registrations for the ATLA® mark are incontestable, valid, subsisting, and in full force and effect.

15. Since at least 1972, Plaintiff has continuously used the distinctive mark ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA in interstate commerce throughout the United States to indicate membership in its association, and, *inter alia*, in connection with the promotion and/or sale of its publications, educational seminars, and conferences.

16. Plaintiff has expended substantial effort and expense advertising and promoting, *inter alia*, its association and other services under the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks.

17. As a result of Plaintiff's efforts, the purchasing public in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States has come to know, rely upon, and recognize various association and other services sold by Plaintiff under the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks.

18. As a result of Plaintiff's long use, advertising and promotional efforts, and significant expenditures, Plaintiff has acquired valuable common law rights in the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks.

DEFENDANT'S INFRINGING CONDUCT

19. Upon information and belief, Defendant first began using the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL to promote its association and members, including advertising specifically targeted to the District of Columbia long after Plaintiff acquired its statutory and common law trademark rights described above.

20. On December 10, 2018, Plaintiff sent Defendant a cease and desist letter requesting that Defendant discontinue its infringing use of the ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL designations.

21. On December 11, 2018, after having received Plaintiff's cease and desist letter, and with full knowledge of Plaintiff's claim and marks, Defendant filed Application Serial No. 88224064 with the United States Patent & Trademark Office seeking to register the designation THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS (AOATL) as a service mark for use in conjunction with "advertising agencies specializing in law and the legal profession; Advertising and business services, namely, securing airtime on all forms of media communications stations, systems, networks, and services for the purpose of promoting the goods and services of others; Advertising, marketing and promotional services related to all industries for the purpose of facilitating networking and socializing opportunities for business purposes; Preparation of custom or non-custom advertising for businesses for dissemination via the web, CD or DVD for optional upload or download to a computer; Promoting, advertising and marketing of the brands, products, services and online websites of individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations; [and] Providing on-line business information of others, namely, advertisements or solicitations." A true and correct copy of Defendant's Application Serial No. 88224064 is attached as Exhibit C.

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22. Defendant has used the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL, to advertise, promote, sell, and solicit members to join Defendant's association, and to promote Defendant's members, including in advertising specifically targeted to residents of this District. A true and correct copy of Defendant's advertising directed to residents of this District is attached as Exhibit. D.

23. Upon information and belief, Defendant has widely offered its services sold in association with its infringing designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL to attorneys in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States, most of whom: (1) never requested solicitations from Defendant; and (2) have no other affiliation with Defendant.

24. The Defendant has also used its infringing designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL in advertising promoting its attorney-members in advertising specifically directed toward residents of the District of Columbia. A true and correct copy of Defendant's advertising promoting its attorney-members directed to residents of this District is attached as Exhibit. E.

25. The Defendant began using the terms ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL with full knowledge of Plaintiff's prior use of and registrations for the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks.

26. The Defendant did not ask or obtain Plaintiff's permission to use the designation ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS or AOATL in connection with its goods and services.

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27. The Defendant currently promotes, sells, and offers to sell its services in association with the terms ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL in commerce in the United States, including in the District of Columbia.

28. On information and belief, the Defendant adopted the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL in an effort to trade on the good will existing in connection with the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks, or to otherwise lead consumers to believe that there was some connection or affiliation between its goods and/or services and those of Plaintiff.

29. On information and belief, by using the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL the Defendant intentionally trades on Plaintiff's considerable goodwill in the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks.

30. On information and belief, the Defendant has intentionally confused consumers in the United States and in this District as to the source or affiliation of goods and/or services sold in association with the terms ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA.

31. The Defendant's unauthorized use of the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL in the manner described above is likely to cause confusion, cause mistake, and/or deceive customers and potential customers of the parties.

32. The unauthorized use of the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL in the manner described above falsely indicates to the purchasing public that the goods and/or services of Defendant originate with, or are affiliated,

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connected, or associated with services sold under the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks.

33. The unauthorized use of the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL in the manner described above falsely designates the origin of the goods and/or services of Defendant.

34. The unauthorized use of the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL in the manner described above enables the Defendant to trade on and receive the benefit of goodwill in Plaintiff's ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks, which Plaintiff has established at great labor and expense over several years. This unauthorized use allows Defendant to gain acceptance for its own services not solely on its own merits, but on the reputation and goodwill of Plaintiff and its ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks.

35. The unauthorized use of the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL in the manner described above deprives Plaintiff of the ability to control the nature and quality of services provided under its marks and places the valuable reputation and goodwill of Plaintiff in the hands of the Defendant, over whom Plaintiff has no control.

<u>COUNT I: FEDERAL TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT – 15 U.S.C. § 1114</u>

36. Plaintiff restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 35 above.

37. The actions of the Defendant constitute infringement of Plaintiff's federally registered ATLA® mark.

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38. On information and belief, the actions of the Defendant have been willful, with full knowledge of Plaintiff's rights in the registered ATLA® mark, and with an intent to trade on Plaintiff's goodwill in such registered trademark. The conduct of the Defendant makes this an exceptional case under 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a).

39. As a result of the wrongful conduct of the Defendant, Plaintiff is entitled to the injunctive remedies specified in the Prayer for Relief and damages in an amount to be proved at trial, as well as recovery of all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred.

COUNT II: FEDERAL UNFAIR COMPETITION – 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)

40. Plaintiff restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 39 above.

41. The actions of the Defendant constitute trademark infringement and unfair competition in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

42. On information and belief, the trademark infringement and unfair competition by the Defendant have been willful and malicious, thus making this an exceptional case under 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a).

43. As a result of the wrongful conduct of the Defendant, Plaintiff is entitled to the injunctive remedies specified in the Prayer for Relief and damages in an amount to be proved at trial, as well as recovery of all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred.

COUNT III: TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT AND UNFAIR COMPETITION UNDER DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMON LAW

44. Plaintiff restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 43 above.

45. The actions of the Defendant constitute direct, contributory and/or vicarious trademark infringement in violation of the common law of the District of Columbia. On information and belief, such infringement has been willful.

46. As a result of the wrongful conduct of the Defendant, Plaintiff is entitled to the injunctive remedies specified in the Prayer for Relief and damages in an amount to be proved at trial, as well as recovery of all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred.

COUNT IV: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATUTORY UNFAIR COMPETITION – <u>28 D.C. CODE § 3904(a), (b), AND (s)</u>

47. Plaintiff restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 46 above.

48. The actions of the Defendant in the District of Columbia constitute willful and knowing deceptive trade practices, in violation 28 D.C. Code § 3904(a), (b), and (s).

49. The actions of the Defendant in the District of Columbia have caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff irreparable harm unless enjoined.

50. As a result of the wrongful conduct of the Defendant, Plaintiff is entitled to the injunctive remedies specified in the Prayer for Relief and damages in an amount to be proved at trial, as well as recovery of all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFOR, Plaintiff prays for entry of judgment against the Defendant as follows:

- A. Permanently enjoining the Defendant, its officers, shareholders, directors, executive committee members, agents, servants, employees, members, and all those persons in active concert or participation with them from using the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL, or any other colorable imitation of the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks.
- B. Requiring the Defendant, its officers, shareholders, directors, executive committee members, agents, servants, employees, members, and all those persons in active concert or participation with them, to deliver to the court for destruction, or show proof of destruction of, any and all products, labels, signs, prints, packages, wrappers, receptacles, promotional items, promotional literature, and advertisements in its possession or control which utilize or incorporate the designations ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS and AOATL, or any other colorable imitation of the ATLA® and ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA marks, together with all plates, molds, matrices, and other means of making the same;
- C. Awarding Plaintiff all damages sustained as a result of the Defendant's wrongful activities, trebled where permissible;
- D. Directing an accounting of the Defendant's profits resulting from its wrongful activities and that such profits be paid over to Plaintiff, increased as the Court finds to be just under the circumstances of this case;
- E. Awarding Plaintiff its attorneys' fees and costs as allowed by law;
- F. Awarding prejudgment and post-judgment interest on all sums awarded; and
- G. Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem just, equitable and appropriate.

Date: June 28, 2019

/s/ Christopher T. Nace

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE a/k/a ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA

Plaintiff Demands Trial by Jury on All Counts

/s/ Christopher T. Nace

Christopher T. Nace, Esq.

Exhibit A

U.S. Cl.: 200

United States Patent Office

Reg. No. 1,033,400 Registered Feb. 10, 1976

COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP MARK Principal Register

ATLA

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Massachusetts unincorporated association)20 Garden St.Cambridge, Mass. 02138 For: INDICATING MEMBERSHIP IN APPLI-CANT, in CLASS 200. First use Dec. 31, 1974; in commerce Dec. 31, 1974.

Ser. No. 47,783, filed Mar. 26, 1975.

MYRA K. KURZBARD, Examiner

Exhibit B

Int. Cl.: 41Prior U.S. Cl.: 107Reg. No. 1,035,037United States Patent and Trademark OfficeRegistered Mar. 2, 197610 Year RenewalRenewal Term Begins Mar. 2, 1996

SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

ATLA

ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA, THE (D.C. CORPORA-TION)

1050 31ST STREET, N.W.

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WASHINGTON, DC 200074499, ASSIGN-EE OF ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA, THE (MAS-SACHUSETTS UNINC. ASSOCIATION) CAMBRIDGE, MA FOR: PROVIDING SEMINARS AND MEETINGS FOR ATTORNEYS, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CL. 107).

FIRST USE 10-31-1974; IN COMMERCE 10-31-1974.

SER. NO. 73-047,782, FILED 3-26-1975.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of The Patent and Trademark Office to be affixed on Sep. 17, 1996.

Exhibit C

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Trademark/Service Mark Application, Principal Register

TEAS Plus Application

Serial Number: 88224064 Filing Date: 12/11/2018

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*MARK	Association of American Trial Lawyers (AOATL)
*STANDARD CHARACTERS	YES
USPTO-GENERATED IMAGE	YES
LITERAL ELEMENT	Association of American Trial Lawyers (AOATL)
*MARK STATEMENT	The mark consists of standard characters, without claim to any particular font style, size, or color.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION	
*OWNER OF MARK	Steiner, Tara
DBA/AKA/TA/FORMERLY	DBA Association of American Trial Lawyers (AOATL)
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*CITY	Sacramento
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LEGAL ENTITY INFORMATION	
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* STATE/COUNTRY WHERE LEGALLY ORGANIZED	California
GOODS AND/OR SERVICES AND BASIS INFORMAT	ION

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*INTERNATIONAL CLASS	035
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*INTERNATIONAL CLASS	035
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Trademark/Service Mark Application, Principal Register

TEAS Plus Application

Serial Number: 88224064 Filing Date: 12/11/2018

To the Commissioner for Trademarks:

MARK: Association of American Trial Lawyers (AOATL) (Standard Characters, see <u>mark</u>) The mark in your application is Association of American Trial Lawyers (AOATL).

The applicant, Steiner, Tara, DBA Association of American Trial Lawyers (AOATL), a limited liability company legally organized under the laws of California, having an address of

P.O. Box 15864 Sacramento, California 95852-0864 United States 916-407-1777(phone) (888) 813-6679(fax) theaoatl@gmail.com (not authorized)

requests registration of the trademark/service mark identified above in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the Principal Register established by the Act of July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. Section 1051 et seq.), as amended, for the following:

For specific filing basis information for each item, you must view the display within the Input Table.

International Class 035: Advertising agencies specializing in law and the legal profession.; Advertising and business services, namely, securing airtime on all forms of media communications stations, systems, networks, and services for the purpose of promoting the goods and services of others; Advertising, marketing and promotional services related to all industries for the purpose of facilitating networking and socializing opportunities for business purposes; Preparation of custom or non-custom advertising for businesses for dissemination via the web, CD or DVD for optional upload or download to a computer; Promoting, advertising and marketing of the brands, products, services and online websites of individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations; Providing on-line business information of others, namely, advertisements or solicitations

Use in Commerce: The applicant is using the mark in commerce on or in connection with the identified goods/services. The applicant attaches, or will later submit, one specimen as a JPG/PDF image file showing the mark as used in commerce on or in connection with any item in the class of listed goods/services, regardless of whether the mark itself is in the standard character format or is a stylized or design mark. The specimen image file may be in color, and the image must be in color if color is being claimed as a feature of the mark.

In International Class 035, the mark was first used by the applicant or the applicant's related company or licensee predecessor in interest at least as early as 06/02/2018, and first used in commerce at least as early as 06/02/2018, and is now in use in such commerce. The applicant is submitting one(or more) specimen(s) showing the mark as used in commerce on or in connection with any item in the class of listed goods/services, consisting of a(n) Advertising agencies specializing in law and the legal profession through our website directory (specimen attached), AOATL.com profile pages for individual members/honorees (specimen live/real examples attached), digital badges provided to lawyers/firms to display for advertising purposes on their website/social media (actual examples attached), and through plaques which can displayed in their offices and place of business (examples attached). All materials Section 1(a), live and in currently "Use in Commerce," not merely intended use. See website for further proof at https://aoatl.com/; Media form: our website directory (specimen attached), AOATL.com profile pages for individual members/honorees (specimen live/real examples attached), digital badges provided to lawyers/firms to display for advertising purposes on their website/social media (actual examples attached), and through plaques which can displayed in their offices and place of business (examples attached). All materials Section 1(a), live and in currently "Use in Commerce," not merely intended use. See website for further proof at https://aoatl.com/; Media form our website directory (specimen attached), AOATL.com profile pages for individual members/honorees (specimen live/real examples attached), digital badges provided to lawyers/firms to display for advertising purposes on their website/social media (actual examples attached), and through plaques which can displayed in their offices and place of business (examples attached). All materials Section 1(a), live and in currently "Use in Commerce," not merely intended use. See website for further proof at https://aoatl.com/; Digital badges provided to lawyers/firms to display for advertising purposes on their website/social media (actual "in-use" material examples attached [badges provided to "Top 40 Under 40" and "Top 100" members/honorees for dissemination via the web on their

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For informational purposes only, applicant's website address is: https://aoatl.com/ The applicant's current Attorney Information:

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A fee payment in the amount of \$225 has been submitted with the application, representing payment for 1 class(es).

Declaration

Basis:

If the applicant is filing the application based on use in commerce under 15 U.S.C. § 1051(a):

- The signatory believes that the applicant is the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered;
- The mark is in use in commerce on or in connection with the goods/services in the application;
- The specimen(s) shows the mark as used on or in connection with the goods/services in the application; and
- To the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief, the facts recited in the application are accurate.

AND/OR

If the applicant is filing the application based on an intent to use the mark in commerce under 15 U.S.C. § 1051(b), § 1126(d), and/or § 1126(e):

- The signatory believes that the applicant is entitled to use the mark in commerce;
- The applicant has a bona fide intention to use the mark in commerce on or in connection with the goods/services in the application; and
- To the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief, the facts recited in the application are accurate.

To the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief, no other persons, except, if applicable, concurrent users, have the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form or in such near resemblance as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other persons, to cause confusion or mistake, or to deceive.

To the best of the signatory's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, the allegations and other factual contentions made above have evidentiary support.

The signatory being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or submission or any registration resulting therefrom, declares that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Declaration Signature

Signature: /JS/ Date: 12/10/2018 Signatory's Name: John Steiner Signatory's Position: Attorney of Record, California bar member Signatory's Phone Number: 916-407-1777 Payment Sale Number: 88224064 Payment Accounting Date: 12/11/2018

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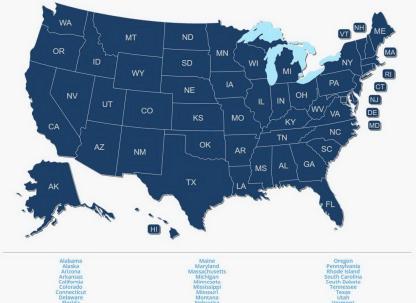
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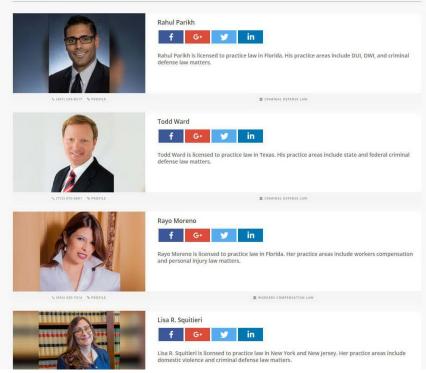


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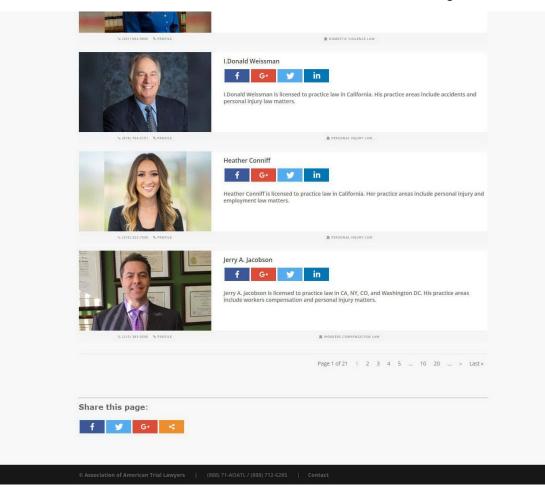




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Sekou Clarke was born in St. Andrew, Jamaica, where his discipline and athletic ability earned him a full athletic scholarship to the University of Florida (UF). While at UF he was Team Captain, ten-time All-American and helped the Gators to two national titles in Track and Field. Sekou graduated with a B.S. in Tourism and Hospitality Management and earned All SEC and Academic Honor Roll Honors.



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After graduating from UF he competed professionally and represented Jamaica internationally competing in over 15 countries worldwide. During this time, he earned his MBA in Marketing from St. Leo University.

Sekou was urged and inspired at an early age to be an attorney by his close life long mentor, the Honorable Patrick Robinson, Judge of the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands. After retiring from competition, Sekou followed his dream to be an advocate for people with a voice that needed to be heard and rights that needed to be protected. He pursued his Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law and became a licensed Florida attorney.

Sekou's experience with working with immigrants, the injured and traveling the world developed his passion for representation and honed a keen sense for litigation. The discipline and patience from Sekou's sports background is evident in his zealous approach to fighting for his clients and his unyielding dedication in ensuring that his clients are adequately heard and compensated.



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I came to United States as a teenager without speaking a word of English and quickly understood the value of an opportunity that this country has graciously provided to me and my family.

After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from California State University at Northridge in 1989, I decided to pursue a legal carrier and attended Whittier College School of Law from which I received a Juris Doctor degree in the top



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to pursue a legal carrier and attended Whittier College School of Law from which I received a Juris Doctor degree in the top 20% of my graduating class in 1992. During the time I was attending law school, I also decided to pursue a parallel interest in codified law and obtained a Masters of Business Taxation degree in 1992 from University of Southern California. In addition to being admitted to the California Bar since 1992, I also petitioned and was additted to practice law in District of Columbia, Colorado and New York jurisdictions.

After obtaining diverse legal experience in working for one of the Big-6 accounting firms, a bankruptcy and general civil law firms, I decided to open my own law practice and in 1996, Jacobson & Associates was born. As my practice diversified into general civil, personal injury and workers compensations areas, the firm grew from just me to 5 associates and 20 employees. Since 1996, I have represented over 10,000 clients and have obtained settlements for them in excess of \$150,000,000.



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While being a member of the legal profession is innately rewarding, lawyers are always honored and gratified when respected organizations recognize their achievements.

Recognition by the Association of American Trial Lawyers (AOATL) is extremely selective, our honorees are carefully screened and limited to the most qualified and accomplished trial lawyers in America.

With our high standards, less than one percent (1%) of attorneys in the United States have qualified and been invited by our organization to become an honoree at AOATL. Our honorees have an extraordinary level of legal proficiency, competence, professional standing and ethical standards.

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The following awards and designations reflect our enduring dedication to excellence in the legal profession.

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The "Top 40 Under 40" program recognizes young lawyers who are among the best and brightest legal talent. "Top 40 Under 40" honorees are lawyers who are setting the bar for excellence, thus contributing to the quality and caliber of individuals in legal profession.

TOP 100

The "Top 100" includes lawyers with a broad range of experience who are ranked the top lawyers in their respective field of practice and region.







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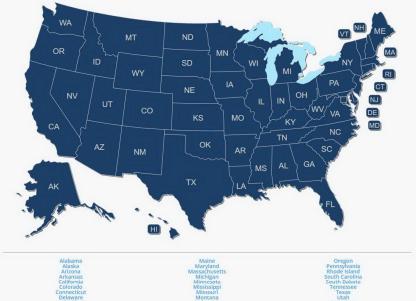






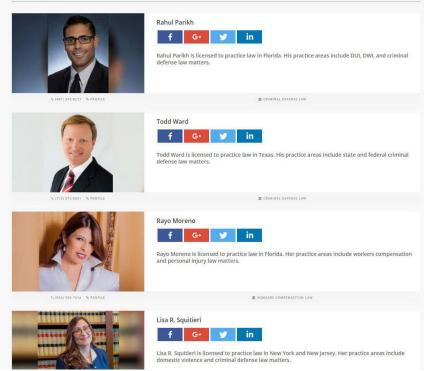


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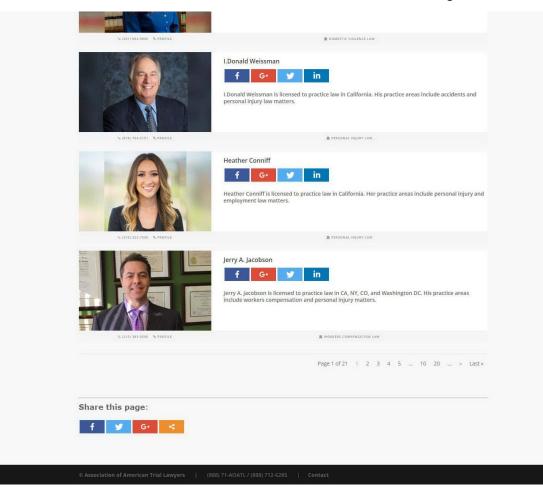




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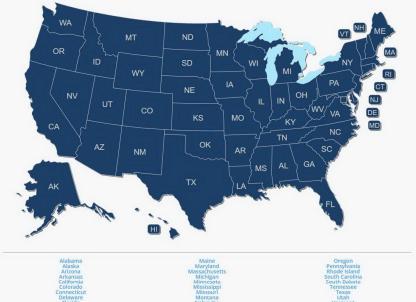
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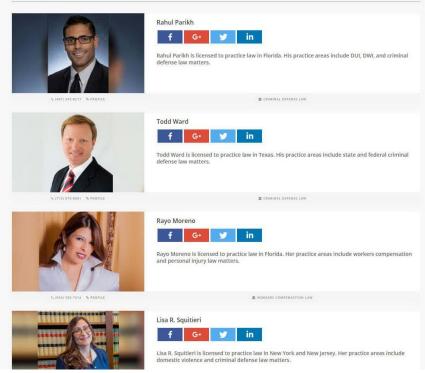


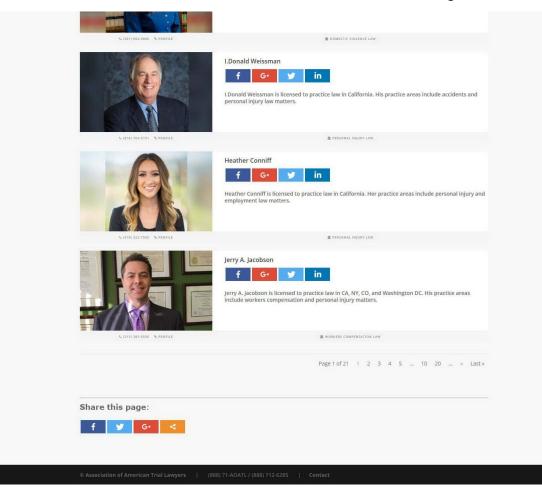
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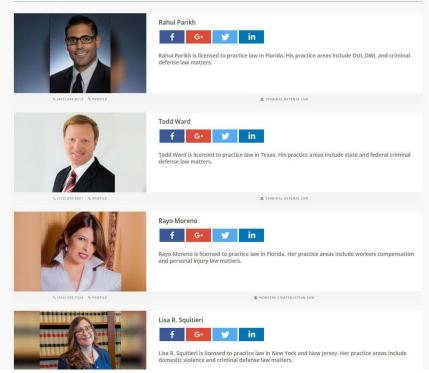


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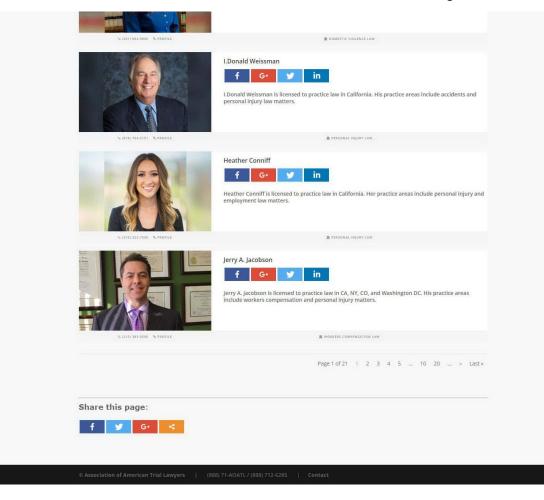




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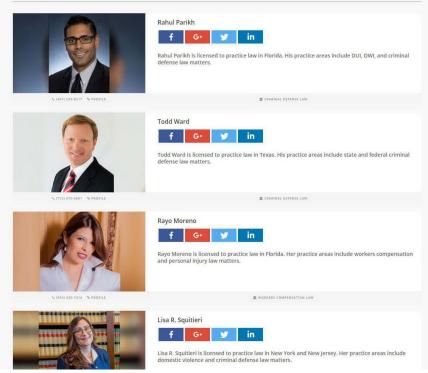


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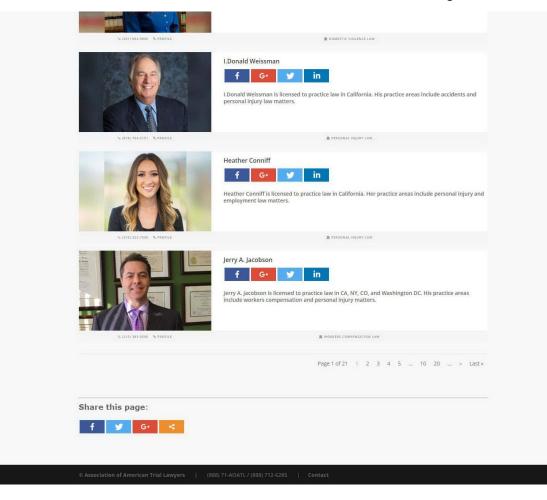




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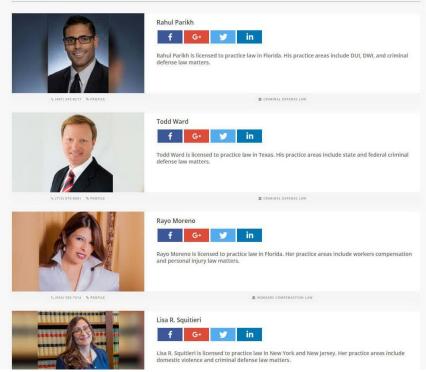


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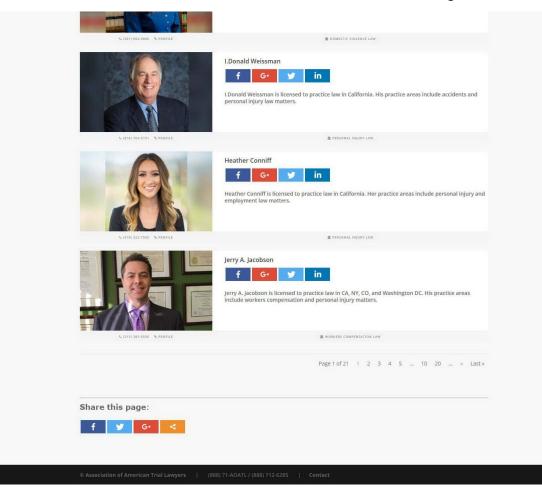




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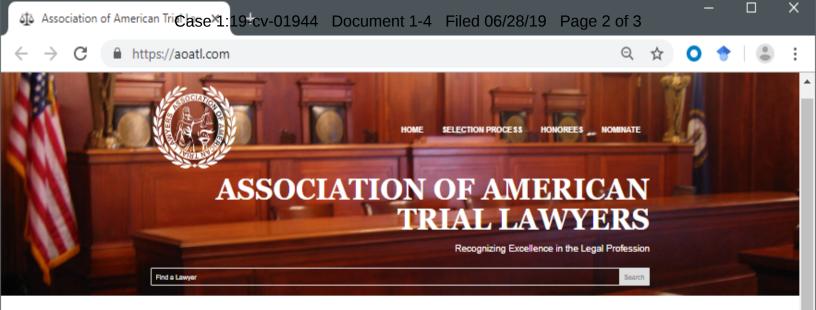
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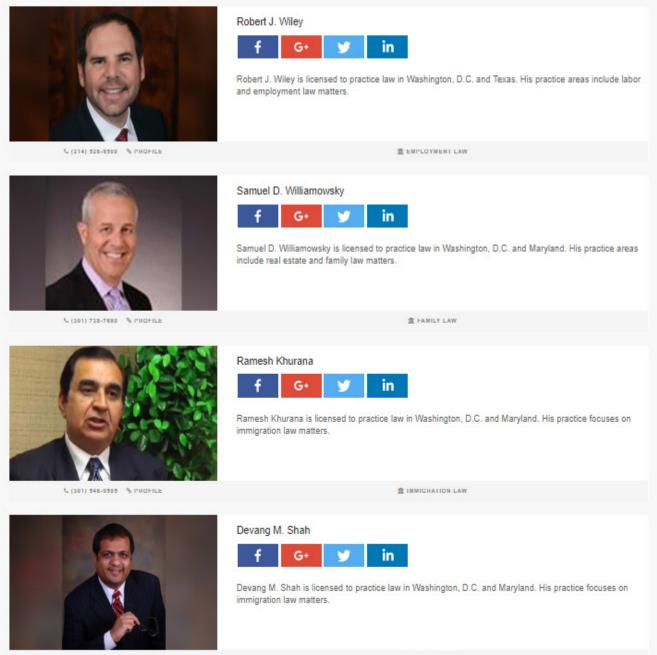
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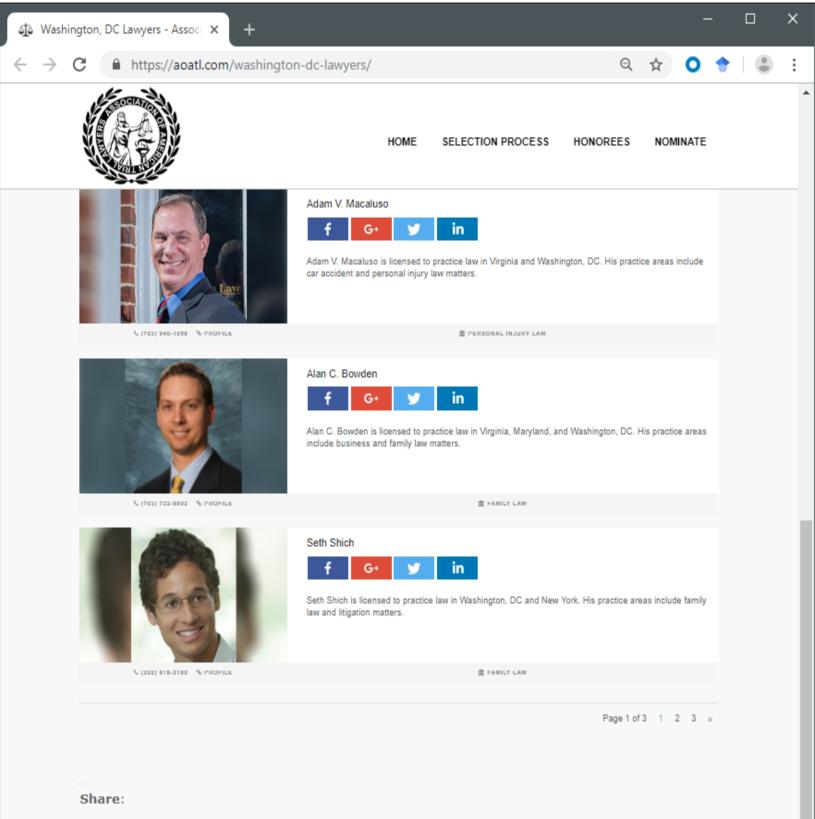
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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS						
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE a/k/a ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERIC/			ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS (AOATL), LLC						
(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)			COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT						
(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAM	IE, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBE	R)	ATTORNEYS						
PAULSON & NACE, 1025 Thomas Jeffers Washington, DC 200	son St., NW, Ste 810								
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530 Habeas Corpus – General 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee	442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation)	895 Freedom of Information Act 890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act)	152 Recovery of Defaulte Student Loan (excluding veterans)				
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.) 15 U.S.C. § 1051, et seq.; Lanham Act / Trademark Infringement							
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The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- I. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed <u>only</u> if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Columbia

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE a/k/a ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA

Plaintiff(s)

v.

Civil Action No.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS (AOATL), LLC

Defendant(s)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS (AOATL), LLC SERVE: TARA H. STEINER 3104 O STREET SUITE 127 SACRAMENTO. CA 95816

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Christopher T. Nace, Esq.

PAULSON & NACE, PLLC 1025 Thomas Jefferson St., NW Suite 810 Washington, DC 20007

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

ANGELA D. CAESAR, CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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Civil Action No.

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

	This summons for (nar	ne of individual and title, if any)							
was re	ceived by me on (date)								
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	on <i>(date)</i> , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or								
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