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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
NORTHERN DIVISION AT COVINGTON

JANE DOE : Case No.
: Judge

vs. :

DIRTY WORLD ENTERTAINMENT :
RECORDINGS LLC dba :
THEDIRT.COM :
4519 Los Feliz Blvd. #302 :
Los Angeles, CA 90027 :

COMPLAINT WITH JURY
DEMAND

AGENT FOR SERVICE :
Youson-Sherief Charles :
4519 Los Feliz Blvd #302 :
Los Angeles, CA 90027 :

Comes now Plaintiff, Jane Doe and for her Complaint state as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. Jane Doe, at all times relevant, was a citizen of and domiciled in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2. Defendant Dirty World Entertainment Recordings, LLC., dba thedirt.com (hereinafter "thedirt"), at all times relevant, was a limited liability company incorporated in the State of California with its principal office in the State of California, and therefore is a citizen of the State of California.
3. This court has jurisdiction of these matters under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, as the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.
4. Defendant Dirty World Entertainment Recordings, LLC., dba thedirt.com

(hereinafter “thedirt”), at all times relevant, did broadcast information to persons in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, did transact business and had sufficient minimum contacts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and therefore this court is the proper venue for this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

BACKGROUND

5. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs above, and further states:
6. The Defendant on December 7, 2009 did publish an article about the Plaintiff.
7. In the article the Defendant published that they are sure that the Plaintiff has Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.
8. This article is still available on the Internet at <http://thedirty.com/2009/12/07/the-dirty-bengals-cheerleader/>
9. The website is monitored by Hooman Karamian, under the alias Nik Richie.
10. The Plaintiff is a teacher and this information is publically accessible to any user even those in the school she teaches.
11. The article specifically mentions the name of the school in which the Plaintiff works.
12. Nik Richie makes the comment, “Why are high school teachers freaks in the sack?”
13. The Post also alleges that the Plaintiff has slept with every other Cincinnati Bengal football player.
14. The Plaintiff’s employer is aware of this article.
15. Others have approached the Plaintiff and asked if the information is true.

16. The Plaintiff is embarrassed and humiliated because of this publication.
17. The post also includes a blog section where viewers can post responses to the post.
18. Some of the Plaintiff's former students have posted to the blog.
19. The Plaintiff communicated to the Defendants by email and asked them to remove the post from their site.
20. The post was not removed.

COUNT I - DEFAMATION

21. Plaintiff incorporate by referenced each and every allegation made in the above numbered paragraphs and further state:
22. Defendant has intentionally and maliciously used language tending to harm the reputation of Plaintiff so as to lower Plaintiff in the estimation of the community or to deter third persons, specifically but not limited to other employers, from associating or dealing with Plaintiff.
23. Plaintiff was specifically identified in the defamatory matter promulgated by the Defendants.
24. The defamatory language was published in that Defendants intentionally or negligently communicated such defamatory language to third parties not the Plaintiff, specifically, but not limited to other employers.
25. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' defamation of Plaintiff, Plaintiff has suffered an injury to their reputation and loss of employment opportunities, and since the defamatory statements of the Defendants were intentional, with malice or with reckless disregard as to whether they were false or not, the Plaintiffs are entitled to

punitive damages in addition to the damages suffered.

COUNT II - LIBEL PER SE

26. Plaintiff incorporate by reference each and every allegation made in the above numbered paragraphs and further state:
27. Defendant has intentionally and maliciously used language tending to harm the reputation of Plaintiff so as to lower Plaintiff in the estimation of the community or to deter third persons, specifically but not limited to other employers, from associating or dealing with Plaintiff.
28. Plaintiff was specifically identified in the defamatory matter promulgated by the Defendants.
29. The libelous language stated as a matter of fact that the Plaintiff had sexually transmitted diseases, specifically Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.
30. This fact directly questions the moral turpitude of the Plaintiff.
31. The libelous language was published in that Defendants intentionally or negligently communicated such defamatory language to third parties not the Plaintiff, specifically, but not limited to other employers.
32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' defamation of Plaintiff, Plaintiff has suffered an injury to their reputation and loss of employment opportunities, and since the defamatory statements of the Defendants were intentional, with malice or with reckless disregard as to whether they were false or not, the Plaintiffs are entitled to punitive damages in addition to the damages suffered.

COUNT III - PUBLICITY THAT PLACES ANOTHER IN A FALSE LIGHT

33. Plaintiff incorporate by reference each and every allegation made in the above numbered paragraphs and further state:
34. Defendant has intentionally and maliciously used language tending to harm the reputation of Plaintiff so as to lower Plaintiff in the estimation of the community or to deter third persons, specifically but not limited to other employers, from associating or dealing with Plaintiff.
35. Plaintiff was specifically identified in the defamatory matter promulgated by the Defendants.
36. The libelous language stated as a matter of fact that the Plaintiff had sexually transmitted diseases, specifically Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.
37. This fact directly questions the moral turpitude of the Plaintiff.
38. The libelous language was published in that Defendants intentionally or negligently communicated such defamatory language to third parties not the Plaintiff, specifically, but not limited to other employers.
39. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' defamation of Plaintiff, Plaintiff has suffered an injury to their reputation and loss of employment opportunities, and since the defamatory statements of the Defendants were intentional, with malice or with reckless disregard as to whether they were false or not, the Plaintiffs are entitled to punitive damages in addition to the damages suffered.

COUNT IV - INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

40. Plaintiff incorporate by reference each and every allegation made in the above

numbered paragraphs and further state:

41. Defendant action in publicizing this story was either intended by Defendant to cause emotional distress to the Plaintiff or were such that Defendant should have known they would cause such emotional distress, and clearly exceeded the bounds of common decency as would be observed in any civilized community.
42. Defendant's conduct toward Plaintiff was willful, wanton and malicious, and was carried out both with a flagrant indifference to the rights of the Plaintiffs and with a subjective awareness that such conduct would result in harm, for which Defendants are answerable in punitive damages.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants on each cause of action together with the costs and disbursements of this action. Plaintiffs request:

1. All compensatory damages;
2. Punitive damages;
3. All fees and costs associated with the disbursement of this action;
4. Attorney fees;
5. Trial by jury; and
6. Any other relief the Court deems fitting and proper.

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all triable issues.

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