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MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE CASES

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a) and LR 42-1(b), Defendants Spencer Cornelia, Cornelia Media LLC, and Cornelia Education LLC ("Defendants") respectfully move this Court for an Order consolidating the matter of Wealthy Inc., et al. v. Spencer Cornelia, et al., Case No. 2:21cv-01173-JCM-EJY (Dist. NV, filed June 21, 2021) (the "Cornelia Action") with the matter of Wealthy Inc., et al. v. John Mulvehill, et al., Case No. 2:22-cv-00740-JCM-EJY (Dist. NV, filed May 9, 2022) (the "Mulvehill Action"). The actions involve common questions of law and fact, and consolidation would aid in the efficient and economic disposition of an action.

1.0 **Introduction and Factual Background**

From the filing of their Complaint, Plaintiffs Dale Buczkowski and Wealthy, Inc. knew that John Mulvehill belonged in this case. The vast majority of their allegations concern statements Mr. Mulvehill made and his alleged knowledge of falsity. In their Answer, Defendants noted that the failure to name Mr. Mulvehill as a defendant was a defense to Plaintiffs' claims. ECF No. 17 at 11. Plaintiffs made the centrality of Mr. Mulvehill to their claims abundantly clear in their response to Mr. Mulvehill's motion to quash regarding Plaintiffs' subpoena to Google LLC asking for Mr. Mulvehill's contact and identifying information. ECF No. 31 at 3, 8-10. The Complaint in the Mulvehill Action is nearly identical to Plaintiffs' Complaint in the Cornelia Action. Compare Cornelia Action Complaint, attached as Exhibit 1 ("Cornelia Complaint"); Mulvehill Action Complaint, attached as Exhibit 2 ("Mulvehill Complaint").

20 Mr. Mulvehill should have been a defendant from the inception of this case. Now that Plaintiffs have finally brought suit against the actual subject of their grievance, the Court should 21 consolidate these two cases. 22

23 2.0 Legal Standard

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24 Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a), if actions before the court involve a common question of law 25 or fact, the court has broad discretion to: (1) join for hearing or trial any or all matters at issue in 26 the actions; (2) consolidate the actions; or (3) issue any other orders to avoid unnecessary cost or delay. *See also Pierce v. County of Orange*, 526 F.3d 1190, 1203 (9th Cir. 2008). In determining
whether to consolidate cases, courts weigh the time and effort that will be saved by the
consolidation against any inconvenience, delay, or expense the consolidation would cause. *Huene*v. U.S., 743 F.2d 703 (9th Cir. 1984).

3.0 Argument

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Defendants ask that the Court consolidate these actions because the cases involve the same facts and law, and consolidation will save the parties, and the Court, significant time and effort. Further, no party will be substantially prejudiced by consolidation. However, the defendants in both actions will be prejudiced by separate trials over the same exact statements on the same exact broadcasts by the same exact people.

3.1. Similarities Between the Cases

These actions should be consolidated because both cases involve the same law and the same facts. The similarities are discussed below:

- Wealthy Inc. and Dale Buczkowski are Plaintiffs in both matters. *See generally* Cornelia Complaint; Mulvehill Complaint.
- Both cases rely on allegations concerning the other case's parties. See Cornelia Complaint at ¶¶ 41-54 (discussing Mulvehill); Mulvehill Complaint at ¶¶ 49-54 (discussing Cornelia).
- Both cases allege claims based upon the same exact videos, in which both Cornelia and Mulvehill appear. See Cornelia Complaint at ¶ 55; Mulvehill Complaint at ¶ 55.
- Both cases allege claims based upon identical statements. *See* Cornelia Complaint at ¶¶ 55-105; Mulvehill Complaint at ¶¶ 55-97.
- Both cases allege exactly the same damages. See Cornelia Complaint at ¶¶ 106-110; Mulvehill Complaint at ¶¶ 98-102.

- Both cases allege the exact same claims: (1) unfair competition and advertising, (2) defamation, (3) intentional infliction of emotional distress, and (4) business disparagement. See Cornelia Complaint at ¶¶ 111-138; Mulvehill Complaint at ¶¶ 103-130.
- Both complaints pray for nearly the exact same relief. See Cornelia Complaint at pgs. 22-23; Mulvehill Complaint at pgs. 21-22.
- By way of illustration, "Mulvehill" appears 58 times in the Cornelia Complaint, and "Cornelia" appears 59 times in the Mulvehill Complaint. See Cornelia Complaint; Mulvehill Complaint.

Considering the foregoing similarities, it can be inferred that both cases will rely upon the same applications of law, the same burdens of proof, the same witnesses, and the same evidence.

3.2. **Efficiencies in Consolidation**

Consolidating these cases will save time and effort by reducing the costs associated with duplicative discovery and motion practice. Although discovery is nearing completion in the Cornelia Action, there is still significant ground to cover in that action. For instance, Plaintiffs and Defendants in the Cornelia Action will each likely file motions for summary judgment, and those motions will likely be substantially similar to those that will eventually be filed in the Mulvehill Action. Those motions will cover the same facts relating to the same evidence and the same witnesses; the motions will cover the same standards of law as it applies to the exact same allegations of defamation.

Further, trial in both actions will likewise involve the same evidence, the same witnesses, and the same jury instructions. Likewise, the result of an appeal in one action will likely have a direct effect on the other. Conducting both matters simultaneously in parallel will therefore unnecessarily burden the courts and the parties with unnecessary duplication of efforts.

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1 Finally, these cases are assigned to the same District Judge and the same Magistrate Judge, 2 both of whom have already become familiar with the facts at issue in each matter. Accordingly, 3 consolidation will not require the reassignment of either matter.

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No Party Will Be Prejudiced by Consolidation

Ninth Circuit precedent requires that the foregoing efficiencies be weighed against the inconvenience, delay, or expense the consolidation would cause. Huene, 743 F.2d at 704. Here, any such prejudice is minimal, and is considerably less significant than the benefit the parties will receive through consolidation of these actions.

First, although consolidation will slightly delay the Cornelia Action while the Mulvehill Action proceeds through discovery, the delay is primarily attributable to the choices of the Plaintiffs, not the Defendants, and as such no party will ultimately be prejudiced. The only party with any right to complain about delay would be Cornelia, but Cornelia is prepared to allow all the facts in both cases to develop before going to trial.

As the Cornelia Complaint lays out, Plaintiffs knew full well who Mulvehill was and what his actions were as it relates to the allegations in both cases. In fact, Plaintiffs used the Cornelia Action as a fishing expedition to flesh out their claims against Mulvehill before filing the latter suit. See Cornelia Action, ECF Nos. 28, 31, & 36 (briefing on a Motion to Quash filed by Mulvehill in the Cornelia Action). Plaintiffs had the opportunity to bring claims against Cornelia and Mulvehill at the same time and chose not to do so – presumably for tactical reasons. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' intentional delay in bringing the Mulvehill Action should not weigh against consolidation and rob Defendants of the benefits of consolidation.

22 Regardless, consolidation will not significantly delay the Cornelia Action. Although the 23 Cornelia action was filed approximately 10 months before the Mulvehill Action, the schedule of 24 both cases are not far off from one another. Currently, the discovery cutoff in the Cornelia Action 25 is August 31, 2022. See Cornelia Action, ECF No. 39. In the Mulvehill Action, the discovery cutoff 26 is December 6, 2022, separating the cases by only three months and six days. See Mulvehill

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Action, ECF No. 26. Accordingly, no actual significant delay will occur if these cases are
 consolidated.

<u>Second</u>, no inconvenience or added expense will befall any party as a result of consolidation. Instead, consolidation will cause litigation to be more convenient for the parties and less expensive. As stated *supra*, Plaintiffs' claims in both actions are nearly identical and involve examination of the same witnesses and the same evidence. The claims additionally will require the same application and analysis of law. Allowing the cases to proceed together in tandem will reduce the costs associated with discovery, motion practice, and eventually trial.

Accordingly, little weight should be given to any purported inconvenience, delay, or expense caused by consolidation.

4.0 Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Defendants Spencer Cornelia, Cornelia Media LLC, and Cornelia Education LLC ask the Court to grant their Motion and consolidate these cases.

Dated: August 16, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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EXHIBIT 1

Complaint

Wealthy Inc., et al. v. Spencer Cornelia, et al., Case No. 2:21- cv-01173-JCM-EJY (Dist. NV, filed June 21, 2021)

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15	WEALTHY INC. and DALE BUCZKOWSKI,	Case No.:	
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17	SPENCER CORNELIA, CORNELIA		
18	MEDIA LLC, and CORNELIA EDUCATION LLC,		
19	Defendants.		
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21	Plaintiffs Wealthy Inc. ("Wealthy") and Dale Buczkowski (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), by		
22	and through their undersigned counsel, Culhane Meadows PLLC and Peterson Baker, PLLC,		
23	hereby file this complaint against Defendants	Spencer Cornelia, Cornelia Media LLC, and Cornelia	
24	Education LLC ("Defendants"), and in support	t thereof aver as follows:	
25	JURISDICT	ION AND VENUE	
26	1. This Court has subject matter	jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §	
27	1331 (federal question), § 1367 (supplemental jurisdiction) and under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C.		
28	§ 1121(a) and 1125(a)(1)(B).		

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1	2.	With respect to the state law claims, this court has related claim jurisdiction pursuant	
2	to 28 U.S.C. §	§ 1338(b) and 1367.	
3	3.	This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants reside,	
4	conduct busine	ess, and/or caused harm and tortious injury in this judicial district.	
5	4.	Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c).	
6		PARTIES	
7	5.	Wealthy is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas with a	
8	principal place	e of business located in Houston.	
9	6.	Mr. Buczkowski is a resident of Incline Village, Nevada.	
10	7.	Upon information and belief, Spencer Cornelia is a resident of Nevada and resides	
11	in Las Vegas.		
12	8.	Upon information and belief, Cornelia Media LLC is organized under the laws of	
13	the State of Ne	evada and has a principal place of business in Las Vegas.	
14	9.	Upon information and belief, Cornelia Education LLC is an unincorporated business	
15	owned and operated by Mr. Cornelia with its principal place of business in Las Vegas.		
16	FACTUAL BACKGROUND		
17		WEALTHY AND DEREK MONEYBERG	
18	10.	Mr. Buczkowski graduated from the University of Chicago Booth School of	
19	Business with	a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree in 2015. An image of his	
20	diploma is ann	nexed as Exhibit A.	
21	11.	While at the Booth School of Business, Mr. Buczkowski earned the Dean's Prize for	
22	Building the C	Chicago Booth Brand. An image of the award trophy is annexed as Exhibit B. An	
23	image of the C	Chicago Booth School Dean (Sunil Kumar) presenting the award to Mr. Buczkowski	
24	is annexed as l	Exhibit C. A picture of the Assistant Dean (George Andrews) with Mr. Buczkowski	
25	celebrating his	receiving the award is annexed as Exhibit D.	
26	12.	Mr. Buczkowski graduated with a bachelors' degree in business management and	
27	administration	(BMA) from Bradley University with honors in 2005. An image of his academic	
28	achievement award from Bradley University is annexed as Exhibit E.		
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Mr. Buczkowski had previously served as an Executive Coach and member of the
 Board of Directors of Real Social Dynamics, the world's largest dating coaching company, since
 November 2003.

14. Mr. Buczkowski is the President and Co-Founder of Larson Consulting, founded in 2011, which is dedicated to helping leaders solve critical strategic issues, accelerate growth, and improve the reputation and brand of their organizations in the context of strongly held values.

7 15. Wealthy is a leading entrepreneurship, finance, business, real-estate and self8 improvement company owned and operated by Mr. Buczkowski, who operates the business under
9 the federally registered trademark, Derek Moneyberg[®].

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16. Wealthy offers several training programs to its clients.

17. Wealthy offers three entry level programs entitled Moneyberg[®] Mentoring, Markets Mastery, and Real Estate Riches. These programs focus on entrepreneurship, financial markets, and real-estate investing. These programs are currently offered at \$5,000 each.

14 18. Wealthy also offers its clients a program entitled Mastermind Network, which
15 currently requires a \$20,000 initiation fee and a \$5,000 annual renewal fee. This program provides
16 a monthly coaching call and a forum for top students to network and exchange ideas in a high value
17 environment.

18 19. Wealthy also offers 1-ON-1 Training with Derek Moneyberg[®] which is currently
offered at prices starting at \$60,000 and including prices of \$75,000 or more, for well qualified
applicants.

21 20. Wealthy actively markets its courses on various social media channels, including
22 YouTube, LLC (Derek Moneyberg), Instagram (@derekmoneyberg), Facebook
23 (@derekmoneyberg), Twitter (@derekmoneyberg), LinkedIn (Derek Moneyberg), Spotify (The
24 Derek Moneyberg Podcast), and Apple Podcast (The Derek Moneyberg Podcast).

25 21. Wealthy's YouTube channel, Derek Moneyberg, has approximately 23.7K
26 subscribers and over 1.2 million views, according to YouTube, and targets an audience interested
27 in self-improvement in the areas of entrepreneurship, finance, business, and real-estate.

22. Mr. Buczkowski is focused on growing his entrepreneurship, finance, business, and real-estate focused clientele through Wealthy and the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand.

3 23. Mr. Buczkowski continues to provide services to his base of over one hundred and fifty clients in the dating and lifestyle niche that he began developing while at Real Social Dynamics, and plans to continue providing programs in that niche after restrictions due to the pandemic are lifted.

7 24. Several of Mr. Buczkowski's clients whom he began working with in the dating and 8 lifestyle niche have continued to work with him and Wealthy in the areas of entrepreneurship, 9 finance, business, and real-estate.

10 Many of Mr. Buczkowski's clients in the areas of entrepreneurship, finance, 25. business, and real-estate were newly developed by Mr. Buczkowski under the Derek Moneyberg[®] 11 12 brand, and did not previously work with Mr. Buczkowski in the dating and lifestyle niche.

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14 26. Spencer Cornelia operates an eponymous YouTube channel with approximately 15 150K subscribers and over 13.8 million views, according to YouTube, where he publishes YouTube 16 videos on a variety of topics including real-estate investing, business, and health & fitness.

17 27. Mr. Cornelia also publishes a series of videos entitled "Authentic or Charlatan" in which he asserts he seeks to expose "fake gurus on social media." 18

19 28. Upon information and belief, the YouTube channel is owned and operated by 20 Cornelia Media LLC and/or Mr. Cornelia.

21 29. The "About" page for Mr. Cornelia's YouTube channel states "[t]he theme of the 22 channel is to uncover truths that the world may struggle to notice."

30. Mr. Cornelia's "About" page provides links to his other social media sites: Patreon 23 24 (Spencer Cornelia), Instagram (@spencercornelia1), Facebook (spencer.cornelia), LinkedIn 25 (spencercornelia), and TikTok (spencercornelia).

26 31. Mr. Cornelia offers two e-book programs: (1) "House Hack Expert" and (2) "First 27 1,000 Subscribers."

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132. The "House Hack Expert" e-book is a real-estate investing guide with a focus on2managing rental properties, which is available at the landing page: "http://househackexpert.com".

3 33. The "House Hack Expert" landing page states "Copyright 2021 Cornelia Education
4 LLC, all rights reserved." A copy of the "House Hack Expert" e-book is attached at Exhibit F.

34. The "First 1,000 Subscribers" e-book is a social media business guide aimed at building a YouTube business, which is available at the landing page: "http://firstonethousandsubs.com/".

8 35. The "First 1,000 Subscribers" landing page states "Copyright 2021 Cornelia
9 Education LLC, all rights reserved." A copy of the "First 1,000 Subscribers" e-book is attached at
10 Exhibit G.

36. Mr. Cornelia highlights the importance of monetization of videos in his "First 1,000 Subscribers" e-book, stating: "If you're selling some kind of coaching or mentorship services, you may only get 3,000 views on a video, but if only a couple of people pay for your services, then that single video made you thousands of dollars. Now imagine putting out a new video every week. The important factor is treating YouTube like a business from the start." Exhibit G, "First 1,000 Subscribers," p. 25.

Mr. Cornelia acknowledges in his "First 1,000 Subscribers" e-book, "I give a simple
description of the types of content I make and then I provide a passive sales pitch by mentioning
my two mentorship programs." Exhibit G, "First 1,000 Subscribers," p. 40.

20 38. Mr. Cornelia offers monthly coaching programs, among other services, in both of
21 his e-books:

 "If you'd like to cut down the learning curve and start living for free ASAP, then I'd recommend joining my monthly membership for access to a Private Discord Community, Monthly Coaching Calls, and Access to having all of your questions answered. You can join here (VIP House Hack Expert Patreon): https://www.patreon.com/spencercornelia" (Exhibit F, "House Hack Expert," p. 39.)

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1	• "If you'd like to join my monthly membership for access to a Private Discord		
2	Community, Monthly Coaching Calls, and Access to having all of your		
3	questions answered, then you can join the VIP YouTube Coaching Patreon		
4	membership here: https://www.patreon.com/spencercornelia." (Exhibit G, "First		
5	1,000 Subscribers," p. 1.)		
6	39. Upon information and belief, Mr. Cornelia earns income from his YouTube business		
7	and through Cornelia Media LLC and Cornelia Education LLC.		
8	40. Defendants collaborated with John Mulvehill (a.k.a. John Anthony) to produce a		
9	series of YouTube videos in the "Authentic or Charlatan" series that target Wealthy's business, Mr.		
10	Buczkowski, and the Derek Moneyberg® brand with false and defamatory statements that are at the		
11	core of this lawsuit.		
12	JOHN MULVEHILL (A.K.A. JOHN ANTHONY)		
13	41. John Mulvehill is a dating and self-improvement coach who markets his services		
14	under the brand John Anthony Lifestyle, and goes by the name of John Anthony.		
15	42. Mr. Mulvehill acknowledges in the videos discussed below that he views Real		
16	Social Dynamics, with which Mr. Buczkowski has been associated, as a direct competitor of his.		
17	43. Upon information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill currently resides in Brazil.		
18	44. Messrs. Buczkowski and Mulvehill met in 2013 through a mutual acquaintance who		
19	was Mr. Mulvehill's roommate at the time.		
20	45. Upon information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill has had a personal vendetta against Mr.		
21	Buczkowski since an encounter the two had in Las Vegas one evening in May 2013.		
22	46. Plaintiff Buczkowski and Mr. Mulvehill visited a Las Vegas nightclub that evening.		
23	47. Later the same evening, Mr. Mulvehill was involved in an incident as a result of		
24	which Mr. Mulvehill, according to Las Vegas Township Justice Court records, eventually was		
25	arrested and charged with felony counts of: (1) kidnapping, 1st degree; (2) battery to commit		
26	mayhem/robbery/grand larceny; (3) kidnapping, 2nd degree; (4) coercion with force or threat of		
27	force; and (5) four separate misdemeanor counts of open/gross lewdness. A copy of the charging		
28	information for this incident is annexed as Exhibit H.		
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48. Mr. Mulvehill reached out to Mr. Buczkowski after Mr. Mulvehill's arrest requesting that Mr. Buczkowski testify on his behalf and against the female victim.

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49. Mr. Buczkowski refused to return Mr. Mulvehill's calls and texts.

50. According to an article first published by the Daily Beast in 2015, available at https://www.thedailybeast.com/the-pickup-artist-too-sleazy-for-pickup-artists, Mr. Mulvehill "pleaded to lesser charges of conspiracy to commit coercion and received a one-year suspended sentence, contingent upon the successful completion of impulse control counseling and a promise to stay off the Vegas Strip." A copy of the article is annexed as Exhibit I.

9 51. The John Anthony Lifestyle YouTube page has 22.3K subscribers and just over 3.3
10 million views, according to YouTube.

52. Mr. Mulvehill has since carried out a scorched earth smear campaign against Mr. Buczkowski and Real Social Dynamics, on the board of which Mr. Buczkowski previously served, releasing several critical videos on his YouTube channel, John Anthony Lifestyle, and falsely accusing Mr. Buczkowski of having set up Mr. Mulvehill to be arrested.

15 53. Mr. Mulvehill has also released several videos attacking the instructors of Real
16 Social Dynamics, his self-described direct competitor. Mr. Mulvehill has attacked Mr. Buczkowski
17 as well, including his work with Real Social Dynamics and his more recent work with Wealthy
18 under the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand.

19 54. Upon information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill has collaborated with Mr. Cornelia to
20 broaden Mr. Mulvehill's reach and extend his smear campaign to an audience relevant to Wealthy's
21 business, and to market Mr. Mulvehill's own dating and self-improvement business to that
22 audience.

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DEFENDANTS' FALSE AND DEFAMATORY VIDEOS

55. Between December 2020 and February 2021, Defendants, in collaboration with Mr.
Mulvehill, produced at least two videos on YouTube containing false and defamatory statements
about Mr. Buczkowski and the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand:

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1	• "Authentic or Charlatan: Derek Moneyberg RSD Derek", uploaded December
2	19, 2020, available at - https://youtu.be/47X1P03F-ls - (approximately 30.2K
3	views as of June 7, 2021) ("First Video"); and
4	• "Derek Moneyberg - Fake Guru?", uploaded February 19, 2021, available at –
5	https://youtu.be/hg44-wFMaQg - (approximately 15.2K views as of June 7,
6	2021) ("Second Video").
7	56. The First and Second Videos involve Mr. Cornelia ("[SC]") interviewing Mr.
8	Mulvehill, a.k.a. John Anthony ("[JA]").
9	57. The First and Second Videos include false and defamatory statements which are
10	neither matters of opinion nor based on disputed anonymous accounts of potential witnesses, but
11	are unqualified and provably false statements of fact. These statements which were published by
12	Defendants in the First and Second Videos are among the subjects of this lawsuit.
13	58. These false and defamatory statements include at least the following factual
14	assertions that Mr. Buczkowski: (1) lied about his educational achievement; (2) laundered money;
15	(3) manufactured and/or sold illegal drugs; (4) framed Mr. Mulvehill for his 2013 arrest in Las
16	Vegas, leading to four felony and four misdemeanor charges; and (5) was involved in the death of
17	the woman who was the alleged victim in the arrest of Mr. Mulvehill.
18	59. The First and Second Videos include the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski
19	lied about his educational achievement:
20	• "[JA:] I'm Derek Moneyberg, I have this University of Chicago degree OK
21	which is not even true " (First Video at 1:57–2:02).
22	• "[JA:] Yeah, he also like even his credentials, like someone said in one of the
23	YouTube comments they provided proof that like that he never went to, like,
24	you know, he never attended Chicago Business School, he did like some kind of
25	online thing." (Second Video at 9:34–9:46).
26	• "[JA:] He just repackaged content, and then made it out, he made himself out to
27	be some kind of genius because he studied business but he doesn't have a real .
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1	uh, he never actually went to University of Chicago." (Second Video at 19:31–
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3	• "[JA:] He's always saying like, well I have this Ivy League degree and he didn't
4	attend Chicago Business School, some online thing." (Second Video at 31:23-
5	31:31).
6	60. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski lied about his level of educational achievement
7	is false.
8	61. Mr. Buczkowski obtained an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School
9	of Business in 2015. See Exhibit A.
10	62. Mr. Buczkowski also received an award from the University of Chicago Booth
11	School of Business entitled the Dean's Prize for Building the Chicago Booth Brand. See Exhibits
12	B–D.
13	63. The Second Video includes the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski laundered
14	money:
15	• "[JA:] He has listed like that he had a business called like Larson Consulting
16	which, which has like no you know substance behind it online, but it looks very
17	well like it could be a front. [SC:] Yeah the address is right down the street from
18	my house here too in Vegas. [JA:] It looks, it looks very well it could be a front
19	for laundering money." (Second Video at 7:11-7:30).
20	64. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski engaged in money laundering through his Larson
21	Consulting business is false.
22	65. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski engaged in money laundering appears to be
23	based on nothing other than wild speculation by Defendants and Mr. Mulvehill.
24	66. The Second Video includes the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski
25	manufactured and/or sold illegal drugs:
26	• "[SC:] That's shady yeah so the next note on my notes is the drug house. So you
27	believe, well I guess with public record. He must have been running a drug
28	operation, if it's a house tied to him, it was a house purchased using drug money. 9

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Is there any reason to believe that it was him running a drug operation. Do you think that's how he made his money. [JA:] I don't I don't know the details. I know, I know he was. He has listed like that he had a business called like Larson Consulting which, which has like no you know substance behind it online, but it looks very well like it could be. [SC:] Yeah the address is right down the street from my house here too in Vegas. [JA:] It looks, it looks very well it could be a front for laundering money. " (Second Video at 6:45–7:31).

"[JA:] He has like a lengthy arrest record where he was involved with, you know property forfeiture for manufacturing illegal drugs, for battery, all kinds of ...
 [SC:] it's public record too like it's known it's public. [JA:] Yeah, yeah and yeah and he's tried to hide all of it." (Second Video at 1:03–1:19).

67. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski engaged in illicit drug manufacture and/or sale is false.

14 68. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski engaged in illicit drug manufacture and/or sale 15 appears to be based entirely on speculation by Defendants and Mr. Mulvehill about a prior litigation 16 involving asset forfeiture of property owned by Mr. Buczkowski's deceased grandmother, in which 17 Mr. Buczkowski temporarily served as the executor of the estate. The litigation in question was 18 resolved without any finding of wrongdoing by Mr. Buczkowski following a decision by the Court 19 of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit which reversed a decision of the District Court striking claims by 20 the estate as untimely, U.S. v. Real Properties Located at 7215 Longboat, 750 F.3d 968 (8th Cir. 21 2014).

22 69. Mr. Buczkowski has never been arrested for a drug crime, much less charged with
23 or convicted of a drug crime.

70. The First and Second Videos include the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski
framed Mr. Mulvehill for his 2013 arrest in Las Vegas, leading to four felony and four misdemeanor
charges:

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- "[JA:]That's why I don't give a fuck I'm saying all this stuff, they came out to me trying to set me up for an arrest and pass the pass which we'll discuss in another video that motherfucker." (First Video at 10:44–54).
- "[JA:] I've never been accused or charged with rape that situation with Derek did not involve any sex in the case or any kind of rape accusation. So, you know, like, it's very, very frustrating that they'll play like as low and dirty as they possibly can. Even to the point of setting people up for arrests, even in the point of using intimidation and bullying and threats, and all this stuff." (Second Video at 14:51–15:14).
- "[JA:] Yeah, I actually got arrested. My only time I've ever been arrested in my life was hanging out with this motherfucker one on one, okay he is like one of the worst human beings I've ever met. I didn't know at the time, but he was using aliases, okay. His real name is Dale Buczkowski. He goes by the alias, he was going by the alias RSD Derek had his face hidden everything, we can show you. I'll send you a picture of when he came to visit me in Vegas, basically I got a text and said, Hey, I'm coming to Vegas. Don't, don't let anyone know I'm in town, I'll explain later, okay never explained, without going into all the details of what happened, you know, it's, it's very obvious that he was involved there." (Second Video at 0:16–0:53).
- "[SC:] At the time of your arrest for a guy that's been in this dating world for so long you've had basically one night, that ended in an arrest and it happened to be with Derek, or Dale is his real name. [JA:] And were one-on-one as well.
 [SC:] You were one-on-one and there I know there was a lot of shady stuff too where he disappeared. He changed his number or something, and then it's like he's your friend he's hanging out with you and you get arrested and then he's gone. [JA:] He was using a burner phone, and he was using an alias at that time. And he claimed to not know the girls that we approached, and then it turns out

that one of the main girls in the group was working like a block from where he lives in Chicago, and then that girl ended up dead." (Second Video at 5:45–6:45).

71. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski framed Mr. Mulvehill for Mr. Mulvehill's 2013 arrest involving four felony and four misdemeanor charges is false and is based solely on speculation by Mr. Mulvehill.

72. The Second Video includes the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski was involved in the death of the woman who was the alleged victim in the arrest of Mr. Mulvehill:

- "[JA:] That girl a 28 year old, living in Las Vegas who's like the primary witness in the case ended up dead, and I couldn't find the cause of death I searched for it. 28 doesn't make much sense. [SC:] Wow, that was really bizarre. [JA:] That was the link to him." (Second Video at 5:45–6:45).
 - In reply to a comment on the Second Video's YouTube page stating the following: "'And then that girl ended up dead' Whoa that escalated quickly. RIP"; Mr. Cornelia stated "looked up the women in Clark County records and she definitely passed. Tried to find the cause of death but they required a lawyer's consent in order to attain those documents."

17 73. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski was involved in the death of the woman who
18 was the alleged victim in the arrest of Mr. Mulvehill for four felony and four misdemeanor charges
19 is false.

20 74. Mr. Buczkowski did not know the woman before the night in question, and did not
21 have any further contact with the woman afterward.

75. The assertions that Mr. Buczkowski (a) framed Mr. Mulvehill for his 2013 arrest
and (b) was involved in the death of the alleged victim appear to have been made by Mr. Mulvehill
in an effort to absolve himself for his own actions in connection with which he was charged by the
authorities with (1) kidnapping, 1st degree; (2) battery to commit mayhem/robbery/grand larceny;
(3) kidnapping, 2nd degree; (4) coercion with force or threat of force; and four separate
misdemeanor counts of open/gross lewdness.

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76. In addition to the above false and defamatory statements, Defendants made several additional statements that were asserted to be made by former clients and/or former colleagues of Plaintiffs to Mr. Mulvehill, and which Mr. Mulvehill relayed to Mr. Cornelia.

77. These additional statements are also false, defamatory and/or misleading, and which, even if they were first uttered by third parties, were published by Defendants in a manner that is at least misleading, if not false and defamatory in their own right.

78. These additional statements include, among others, assertions that Mr. Buczkowski
(1) engaged in illegal activity in helping his clients obtain credit; (2) did not author any of his own content; and (3) coerced his clients to provide testimonials.

79. These additional statements were provided without any context and were made to seem more credible due to the false and defamatory statements discussed above, namely the assertions that Mr. Buczkowski (1) lied about his educational achievement; (2) laundered money; (3) manufactured and/or sold illegal drugs; (4) framed Mr. Mulvehill for his 2013 arrest in Las Vegas, leading to four felony and four misdemeanor charges; and (5) was involved in the death of the woman who was the alleged victim in the arrest of Mr. Mulvehill.

16 80. Mr. Cornelia also mentions his collaboration with John Anthony and further
17 criticizes the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand in a video entitled "2020 Charlatan of the Year Awards",
18 which was streamed live on Dec. 31, 2020 and is available at – https://youtu.be/OPtscQP5W0c –
19 (approximately 15K views as of June 7, 2021) ("Third Video").

81. In the Third Video, Mr. Cornelia listed Derek Moneyberg along with several other
people who Mr. Cornelia accuses of having engaged in certain nefarious and/or illegal activity in
his "Authentic or Charlatan" series of videos.

82. The Third Video provides "awards" for people in the following categories: (1) Best
Use of Scam or Fraudulent Money, (2) Best Use of Daddy's Money, (3) Plagiarist of the Year, (4)
The Next Warren Buffett (Best Stock Trader), (5) Silencing Criticism, (6) Most Wealth Gained, (7)
Fewest M&A Deals, (8) Worst Use of Money Raised, (9) Scammiest Webinar or Speech, (10)
Worst Pyramid Scheme, (11) Scammiest Sales Pitch, (12) Snake Oil Salesman of the Year, and
(13) Charlatan of the Year.

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Mr. Cornelia states in the Third Video that "I made a video with John Anthony on
 RSD Derek. I felt like that covered everything. I don't care for Derek at all." (Third Video at 27:43–
 27:53).

84. Mr. Cornelia further nominated Derek Moneyberg[®] to be Charlatan of the Year, stating:

"It is Dan Bilzerian's Year. But here's the contender recently. Derek Moneyberg.
 Derek Moneyberg as #7 nominee for Charlatan of the Year. Derek Moneyberg.
 This one's tough." (Third Video at 39:07–39:25).

 "I think Dan Bilzerian is an absolute contender. But I'm thinking Derek Moneyberg. Derek Moneyberg fits all of the checkboxes for scammer of the year. Charlatan of the Year." (Third Video at 39:54–40:06).

85. Mr. Cornelia, in a comment on a YouTube video posted by Mr. Mulvehill, entitled "Derek Moneyberg Instagram REMOVED!! Fake Followers PUNISHED LMAOOO | RSD Derek," uploaded February 10, 2021, available at – https://youtu.be/qbqOkKQZ9h8, included the following exchange between Spencer Cornelia and Mr. Mulvehill, a.k.a., John Anthony apparently speculating on reasons Instagram allegedly removed the Derek Moneyberg account:

> "[SC] Derek's man boobs were against Instagram's Terms of Service leading to an immediate termination. In the email, Instagram made it clear that Derek is at least 50 pounds away from appeal court.

[JA:] Kaboom

[Ragnarok Trasure:] Can't wait for your Moneyberg part 2 on Spencers Channel :D Loved part 1

[JA:] coming soon!"

22 86. Defendants' statements about Plaintiffs in the First, Second, and Third Videos, and
24 his statements on Mr. Mulvehill's February 10, 2021 video further demonstrate their reckless
25 disregard for the truth, and actual malice.

87. Mr. Mulvehill's statements regarding Mr. Buczkowski, Wealthy and the Derek
Moneyberg[®] brand are full of vitriolic language, including his concluding remarks on the First
Video in which Mr. Mulvehill gestured toward his fist and stated about Mr. Buczkowski: "This is

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what that motherfucker needs right in his motherfuckin' nose the brass knuckles." (First Video at 2 18:50-18:54)

88. Mr. Mulvehill's reckless disregard for the truth is demonstrated by his failure to properly investigate the charges he made, his motivation to compete with Mr. Buczkowski in the dating and lifestyle niche, his anger at Mr. Buczkowski for not testifying on his behalf regarding Mr. Mulvehill's 2013 arrest involving four felony and four misdemeanor charges, and by Mr. Mulvehill's vitriolic language throughout the First and Second Videos.

89. Defendants' publication of Mr. Mulvehill's remarks under the circumstances noted above exhibited negligence and/or reckless disregard for the truth.

10 90. Defendants' First and Second Videos both promote Mr. Mulvehill's services as 11 shown by the following passages:

- "[JA:] Very much appreciate it. Yeah, for those of you that want real dating advice, John Anthony Lifestyle, on YouTube, Platinum dating system as I mentioned earlier ..." (First Video at 15:08–15:18).
- "[SC:] Okay, but, but yeah. Thanks everyone for watching. Thanks John for coming on. [JA:] Yeah, thanks for having me. So yeah, check out John Anthony Lifestyle YouTube, and platinum dating system dot com. I've got a whole ton of free content on YouTube as well to get your feet wet with the dating stuff that's very real and practical advice. So, but yeah, Thanks for having me. It was fun." (Second Video at 35:36–35:54).

21 91. Defendants further promoted Mr. Mulvehill's services by providing links on both 22 the First and the Second Videos to John Anthony Lifestyle's website, YouTube channel, and the 23 program entitled "Platinum Dating System."

24 92. Defendants also promoted their own services by providing references to their e-25 books on the Spencer Cornelia YouTube "About" page: (1) "House Hack Expert"; and (2) "First 26 1,000 Subscribers," which in turn instruct readers to gain "access to a Private Discord Community, 27 Monthly Coaching Calls, and Access to having all of your questions answered." See Exhibits F-G.

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93. Upon information and belief, the references to Mr. Cornelia's e-books were available
 on his YouTube About page until approximately May 2021 but have since been removed. A
 screenshot of a search result showing archival references to the e-books on Mr. Cornelia's About
 page is annexed as Exhibit M.

5 94. On information and belief, Defendants have derived revenue from the First, Second,
and Third Videos, and through their e-books, Private Discord Community, and Monthly Coaching
7 Calls.

8 95. Defendants directly compete with Plaintiffs in providing monthly coaching on the 9 topic of real-estate investing. Plaintiffs, on the one hand, and Defendants, on the other, each seek 10 to build a social media following interested in self-improvement in the areas of entrepreneurship, 11 finance, business, and real-estate.

96. Defendants' guest Mr. Mulvehill competes directly with Mr. Buczkowski in providing dating and lifestyle advice, and directly with Wealthy and the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand in the area of lifestyle improvement.

15 97. Defendants' guest Mr. Mulvehill competes indirectly with Wealthy and the Derek
16 Moneyberg[®] brand in that many clients interested in the dating and lifestyle improvement niches
17 tend to overlap with clients interested in the entrepreneurship, finance, business, and real-estate
18 niches.

98. Defendants' collaboration with Mr. Mulvehill greatly expanded Mr. Mulvehill's
reach, which Mr. Mulvehill acknowledged in the First Video, stating: "But yeah, I really appreciate
you bringing me on here you have more reach than my channel ... I like that you're, you're going to
take these guys on, so yeah, ... I definitely go more head on, you're more objective and shit, and
explore both sides there's no other side here." (First Video at 17:02–17:17).

Plaintiffs have suffered significant harm as a result of Defendants' false and
defamatory statements due to the nature of the false assertions involving deceit and illegal activity.

26 100. Plaintiffs have suffered significant harm as a result of Defendants' false and
27 defamatory statements through verbal and written cancellations, and declination of contracts for
28 services.

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1 101. In one example of a written cancellation, a potential client of Plaintiffs' expressed 2 interest in Wealthy's 1-on-1 coaching as part of a dialog on Instagram, and later cited a screenshot 3 of the First Video when declining to purchase. A copy of this exchange is annexed as Exhibit J. 4 Defendants in the Second Video admit that Plaintiffs' clients pay up to \$75,000 per 102. 5 program for Wealthy's 1-on-1 coaching: 6 "[JA:] So even as like a \$75,000 weekend training with him personally, for a 7 weekend . . . [SC:] that might be the most expensive fake guru course." (Second 8 Video at 1:47–1:54). 9 "[SC:] You mentioned earlier 75,000 for a business training like I mean dude, you better be a VC with connections in Silicon Valley. [JA:] A weekend, that's 10 11 for a weekend, and it's funny because I don't really watch much of his videos." 12 (Second Video at 16:20–16:32). "[SC:] When I see Derek Moneyberg, I'm like, wait a second, and I rarely 13 14 comment on people's physical appearance, I think that's a low blow, but I think 15 in this case, it is fair, when you're trying to charge 75,000 for a business course 16 and you dress like a bum. Your hair is like hideous, and he just, he does not 17 present himself as what he is trying to be the image he's trying to portray." 18 (Second Video at 17:19–17:42). 19 "[JA:] So, I can teach them like an hour. So, you know, if they're just, they're 20 just really like upping the upping the stakes on the scamming. Why not, you 21 know, why not charge 75k for a weekend, why not. [SC:] If so, if you're a 22 sociopath, and you have no empathy, why not charge the most if people want to 23 pay it, why not, but that's the problem is these people have a certain mix of 24 personality traits that form this concoction of, I don't want to say, evil, but in a 25 way it is like you're just taking people's money and not delivering at all." 26 (Second Video at 34:00–34:27). 27

27 103. Further, the false and defamatory videos have been used by those seeking to spread
28 negative commentary about the Plaintiffs. The First Video was posted in a comment on an October

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22, 2020 Facebook Post on the Derek Moneyberg[®] page advertising One-on-One consulting calls,
 where the commenter stated: "For anyone who's looking to be a victim of Dale Buczkowski (aka
 Derek Moneyberg), please watch this first - https://youtube/watch?v=47X1P03F-ls." A copy of this
 comment is annexed as Exhibit K.

104. Since the Defendants' publication of the false and defamatory videos, Plaintiffs have received reports from their clients and potential clients that they have been contacted on Instagram by accounts with zero posts or followers that repeat the false and defamatory assertions published by Defendants. A copy of a comment by such an account named "dale_buczkowski" is annexed as Exhibit L.

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105. On information and belief, images widely published by Defendants as the thumbnail and main images for the First, Second, and Third Videos have been used by at least one account on Twitter entitled "Derek Moneyberg Hate Account" at the "@moneyberg_hate" Twitter address, which was created on April 2021. A copy of the Derek Moneyberg Hate Account showing this image is annexed as Exhibit N. A copy of the thumbnail images used in the First, Second, and Third Videos is annexed as Exhibit O.

16 106. In addition to monetary harm, the false and defamatory statements in Defendants'
videos have caused Mr. Buczkowski severe emotional distress.

18 107. Mr. Buczkowski grew up in difficult circumstances. He has spent much of his adult
19 life distancing himself from the criminal environment of his childhood, where both his father and
20 his uncle were convicted and incarcerated for drug-related crimes.

108. A large part of improving his life and distancing himself from his childhood
environment involved achieving great academic success, including earning an MBA from the
prestigious Chicago Booth School of Business and an undergraduate degree from Bradley
University with academic honors.

109. The Defendants' and Mr. Mulvehill's false and defamatory statements about Mr.
Buczkowski's level of educational achievement and involvement with illegal activities brought
back terrible emotional and childhood trauma for Mr. Buczkowski.

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1 110. Aside from losing clients as a result of the defendants' false statements alleged in
 this Complaint, Mr. Buczkowski has endured significant mental anguish, including anxiety,
 tension, lost sleep and overeating as a result of Defendants' and Mr. Mulvehill's false and
 defamatory statements.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

AS AND FOR A FIRST CLAIM

UNFAIR COMPETITION AND FALSE ADVERTISING UNDER THE LANHAM ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 1125 et seq.

111. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs as though set forth at length.

10 112. The statements published by Defendants and set forth above were false, misleading,and defamatory.

113. Defendants' publication of false, misleading, and defamatory statements regarding Mr. Buczkowski, the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand and Wealthy's products and services, and of other false and misleading statements praising the products, programs, and plans with which Defendants are affiliated and/or receive compensation from, constitutes unfair competition and/or false advertising.

17 114. Defendants' social media channels purport to be an independent review that provides
18 viewers with an objective resource, but actually are conduits for the promotion of products,
19 programs, and plans with which Defendants are affiliated and/or from which they receive
20 compensation.

21 115. Plaintiffs and Defendants compete directly with each other in the entrepreneurship,
22 finance, business, and/or real-estate self-improvement niches.

116. In promoting those other products, programs, and plans, and disparaging Mr.
Buczkowski, the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand and Wealthy's products and services, Defendants are
making false and misleading statements about Wealthy's products and services, including but not
limited to the statements alleged herein.

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1 117. Defendants' false and misleading statements are material, in that they deceive, and
 are likely to deceive, customers and potential customers of Plaintiffs and adversely influence their
 purchasing decisions.

4 118. Defendants' false and misleading statements were made on the internet and
5 published to tens of thousands of potential customers throughout the United States and beyond, and
6 therefore were made in interstate commerce.

7 119. Defendants' false and misleading statements are likely to cause and have caused
8 competitive commercial injury to Plaintiffs, including the lost sales mentioned herein.

9 120. Defendants' acts constitute willful, deliberate, false, and misleading representations
10 of fact as to the nature and characteristics of Wealthy's services in violation of 15 U.S.C. §
11 1125(a)(l)(B).

<u>AS AND FOR A SECOND CLAIM</u> DEFAMATION

121. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs as though set forth at length.

122. The statements about Plaintiffs published by Defendants that are set forth above were false and defamatory.

17 123. The statements were published by Defendants to many people on YouTube who18 would have had no way of judging the veracity of those claims.

19 124. On information and belief, at the time Defendants published the above-mentioned
20 statements, they knew that the statements concerning Mr. Buczkowski, the Derek Moneyberg[®]
21 brand and Wealthy's products and services were totally false or, in any event, that Defendants' false
22 statements were made with an utter and reckless disregard of their truth or falsity.

23 125. Defendants' false and defamatory statements have severely injured Plaintiffs, in that
24 they have tended to blacken and besmirch (a) Mr. Buczkowski's reputation, (b) Wealthy, and (c)
25 the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand.

26 126. Each of the complained-of defamatory statements was understood by third parties
27 to pertain to, and to defame Plaintiffs.

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127. The statements made by Defendants concerning Plaintiffs and set out above were made with malice, because Defendants published the statements with intent to cause harm to Plaintiffs and with knowledge of their falsity, or because Defendants made the statements with reckless disregard for whether or not they were true.

128. Defendants' defamatory publication of the complained-of statements was so outrageous and malicious as to warrant the imposition of punitive damages.

129. As a proximate result of Defendants' malicious, intentional, or reckless conduct as set forth above, Plaintiffs are entitled to such damages as will compensate them for the injury to their professional reputations and lost income, and for punitive damages as well to punish Defendants for their conduct and deter Defendants and others similarly situated from like acts in the future.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CLAIM

INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

130. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs as though set forth at length.

131. Defendants committed the acts and made the statements alleged previously with the intention of, or with reckless disregard for the possibility of, causing severe or extreme emotional distress to Plaintiff Buczkowski.

18 132. Plaintiff Buczkowski suffered severe or extreme emotional distress as a proximate
19 consequence of the acts and statements of Defendants alleged previously.

133. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff Buczkowski is entitled to actual damages for
his emotional distress caused by Defendants' statements and acts complained of as well as punitive
damages.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH CLAIM BUSINESS DISPARAGEMENT 134. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs as though set forth at length. 135. The statements made by Defendants concerning Plaintiffs and set out above were

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1	136. The statements made by Defendants and set out above were understood by third		
2	parties to pertain to and to disparage Plaintiffs.		
3	137. The statements made by Defendants concerning Plaintiffs and set out above were		
4	made with malice, because Defendants published the statements with intent to cause harm to		
5	Plaintiffs and with knowledge of their falsity, or because Defendants made the statements with		
6	reckless disregard for whether or not they were true		
7	138. As the proximate result of Defendants' publication of the statements set out above,		
8	Plaintiffs suffered pecuniary loss and also suffered a general decline in their business and income.		
9	PRAYER FOR RELIEF		
10	WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:		
11	1. For a judgment in its favor on the claims set forth above that:		
12	a. Defendants engaged in false advertising in violation of Section 43 of		
13	the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125 et seq.;		
14	b. Defendants defamed Plaintiffs under common law;		
15	c. Defendants intentionally inflicted emotional distress on Plaintiff		
16	Buczkowski; and		
17	d. Defendants disparaged Plaintiffs' business under common law;		
18	2. That the Court enter judgment against Defendants that acts they committed as set		
19	forth in this Complaint were willful, making this an exceptional case;		
20	3. That the Court issue a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining and		
21	restraining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns, and all other		
22	persons acting in concert or in conspiracy with or affiliated with Defendants, from:		
23	a. Engaging in false advertising concerning Plaintiffs;		
24	b. Engaging in further defamation of Plaintiffs;		
25	c. Engaging in further infliction of emotional distress on Plaintiff		
26	Buczkowski; and		
27	d. Engaging in further business disparagement of Plaintiffs' business;		
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1	4.	That the Court enter judgment against Defendants for compensatory, consequential,
2	and/or incide	ntal damages in an amount not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00);
3	5.	That Defendants be ordered to account for and disgorge to Plaintiffs all amounts by
4	which Defend	dants have been unjustly enriched by reason of the unlawful acts complained of herein;
5	6.	That Plaintiffs be awarded exemplary or punitive damages against Defendants in an
6	amount appro	opriate to punish Defendants and to make an example of Defendants to the community;
7	7.	That Plaintiffs be awarded an amount sufficient to reimburse Plaintiffs for the costs
8	of corrective	advertising;
9	8.	That Plaintiffs be awarded pre-judgment interest on all appropriate damages;
10	9.	That Plaintiffs be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this
11	action; and	
12	10.	For such other and further relief at law or in equity which the Court deems proper.
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1	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
2	Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial as provided by Rule 38(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil
3	Procedure.
4	Respectfully submitted this 21st day of June, 2021.
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EXHIBIT 2

Complaint

Wealthy Inc., et al. v. John Mulvehill, et al., Case No. 2:22-cv-00740-JCM-EJY (Dist. NV, filed May 9, 2022)

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14	WEALTHY INC. and DALE BUCZKOWSKI,	Case No.:	
15	Plaintiffs,	COMPLAINT	
16	V.		
17	JOHN MULVEHILL, JOHN ANTHONY LIFESTYLE, LLC, and OPTIMIZED LIFESTYLE LLC		
18 19	Defendants.		
20	Plaintiffs Wealthy Inc. ("Wealthy") a	nd Dale Buczkowski (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), by	
21	and through their undersigned counsel, Culhane Meadows PLLC and Peterson Baker, PLLC,		
22	hereby file this complaint against Defendants John Mulvehill, John Anthony Lifestyle, LLC, and		
23	Optimal Lifestyle, LLC ("Defendants"), and in support thereof aver as follows:		
24	JURISDICTION AND VENUE		
25	1. This Court has subject matter j	urisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §	
26	1331 (federal question), § 1332 (diversity jurisdiction), § 1367 (supplemental jurisdiction) and		
27	under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1121(a) and 1125(a)(1)(B).		
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1	2. With respect to diversity jurisdiction, Plaintiffs and Defendants are residents of		
2	different states, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.		
3	3. With respect to the state law claims, this court has related claim jurisdiction pursuant		
4	to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1338(b) and 1367.		
5	4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants conduct		
6	business and/or caused harm and tortious injury in this judicial district.		
7	5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c).		
8	<u>PARTIES</u>		
9	6. Wealthy is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas with a		
10	principal place of business located in Houston.		
11	7. Mr. Buczkowski is a resident of Incline Village, Nevada.		
12	8. Upon information and belief, John Mulvehill is a U.S. citizen who currently resides		
13	in Brazil.		
14	9. Upon information and belief, John Anthony Lifestyle, LLC is organized under the		
15	laws of Wyoming and has a principal place of business in New York.		
16	10. Upon information and belief, Optimal Lifestyle, LLC is organized under the laws of		
17	Wyoming, and has a principal place of business in New York.		
18	11. Mr. Mulvehill conducts business in Las Vegas, Nevada. For example, on		
19	information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill conducted a bootcamp in Las Vegas, Nevada from September		
20	3rd to 6 th , 2021 (Labor Day Weekend).		
21	FACTUAL BACKGROUND		
22	WEALTHY AND DEREK MONEYBERG		
23	12. Mr. Buczkowski graduated from the University of Chicago Booth School of		
24	Business with a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree in 2015. An image of his		
25	diploma is annexed as Exhibit A.		
26	13. While at the Booth School of Business, Mr. Buczkowski earned the Dean's Prize for		
27	Building the Chicago Booth Brand. An image of the award trophy is annexed as Exhibit B. An		
28	image of the Chicago Booth School Dean (Sunil Kumar) presenting the award to Mr. Buczkowski 2		

1 is annexed as Exhibit C. A picture of the Assistant Dean (George Andrews) with Mr. Buczkowski 2 celebrating his receiving the award is annexed as Exhibit D.

3 14. Mr. Buczkowski graduated with a bachelors' degree in business management and 4 administration (BMA) from Bradley University with honors in 2005. An image of his academic 5 achievement award from Bradley University is annexed as Exhibit E.

6 15. Mr. Buczkowski had previously served as an Executive Coach and member of the 7 Board of Directors of Real Social Dynamics, the world's largest dating coaching company, since 8 November 2003.

9 Mr. Buczkowski is the President and Co-Founder of Larson Consulting, founded in 16. 10 2011, which is dedicated to helping leaders solve critical strategic issues, accelerate growth, and 11 improve the reputation and brand of their organizations in the context of strongly held values.

Wealthy is a leading entrepreneurship, finance, business, real-estate and self-17. improvement company owned and operated by Mr. Buczkowski, who operates the business under the federally registered trademark, Derek Moneyberg[®].

18. Wealthy offers several training programs to its clients.

16 19. Wealthy offers three entry level programs entitled Moneyberg[®] Mentoring, Markets 17 Mastery, and Real Estate Riches. These programs focus on entrepreneurship, financial markets, and 18 real-estate investing. These programs are currently offered at \$5,000 each.

19 Wealthy also offers its clients a program entitled Mastermind Network, which 20. 20 currently requires a \$20,000 initiation fee and a \$5,000 annual renewal fee. This program provides 21 a monthly coaching call and a forum for top students to network and exchange ideas in a high value 22 environment.

Wealthy also offers 1-ON-1 Training with Derek Moneyberg[®] which is currently 23 21. 24 offered at prices starting at \$60,000 and including prices of \$75,000 or more, for well qualified 25 applicants.

26 22. Wealthy actively markets its courses on various social media channels, including 27 YouTube, LLC (Derek Moneyberg), Instagram (@derekmoneyberg), Facebook

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(@derekmoneyberg), Twitter (@derekmoneyberg), LinkedIn (Derek Moneyberg), Spotify (The Derek Moneyberg Podcast), and Apple Podcast (The Derek Moneyberg Podcast).

23. Wealthy's YouTube channel, Derek Moneyberg, has approximately 134K subscribers, up from 23.7K subscribers in June 2021, and about 3.3 million views, up from 1.2 million in June 2021, according to YouTube. Wealthy's YouTube channel targets an audience interested in self-improvement in the areas of entrepreneurship, finance, business, and real-estate.

24. Mr. Buczkowski is focused on growing his entrepreneurship, finance, business, and real-estate focused clientele through Wealthy and the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand.

25. Mr. Buczkowski continues to provide services to his base of over one hundred and fifty clients in the dating and lifestyle niche that he began developing while at Real Social Dynamics, and plans to continue providing programs in that niche after restrictions due to the pandemic are lifted. Mr. Buczkowski has grown his business to over six hundred clients under the Moneyberg[®] brand.

14 26. Several of Mr. Buczkowski's clients whom he began working with in the dating and 15 lifestyle niche have continued to work with him and Wealthy in the areas of entrepreneurship, 16 finance, business, and real-estate.

17 27. Many of Mr. Buczkowski's clients in the areas of entrepreneurship, finance, 18 business, and real-estate were newly developed by Mr. Buczkowski under the Derek Moneyberg[®] 19 brand, and did not previously work with Mr. Buczkowski in the dating and lifestyle niche.

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JOHN MULVEHILL (A.K.A. JOHN ANTHONY)

21 28. John Mulvehill is a dating and self-improvement coach who markets his services under the brand John Anthony Lifestyle, and goes by the name of John Anthony. 22

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29. On information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill is the owner of John Anthony Lifestyle, LLC, and Optimal Lifestyle, LLC, which are companies focused on his teaching of dating and lifestyle concepts aimed at men.

26 30. Mr. Mulvehill acknowledges in the videos discussed below that he views Real 27 Social Dynamics, with which Mr. Buczkowski has been associated, as a direct competitor of his.

> 31. Upon information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill currently resides in Brazil.

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32. Messrs. Buczkowski and Mulvehill met in 2013 through a mutual acquaintance who was Mr. Mulvehill's roommate at the time.

33. Upon information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill has had a personal vendetta against Mr.Buczkowski since an encounter the two had in Las Vegas one evening in May 2013.

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34. Plaintiff Buczkowski and Mr. Mulvehill visited a Las Vegas nightclub that evening.

35. Later the same evening, Mr. Mulvehill was involved in an incident as a result of which Mr. Mulvehill, according to Las Vegas Township Justice Court records, eventually was arrested and charged with felony counts of: (1) kidnapping, 1st degree; (2) battery to commit mayhem/robbery/grand larceny; (3) kidnapping, 2nd degree; (4) coercion with force or threat of force; and (5) four separate misdemeanor counts of open/gross lewdness. A copy of the charging information for this incident is annexed as Exhibit F.

36. Mr. Mulvehill reached out to Mr. Buczkowski after Mr. Mulvehill's arrest requesting that Mr. Buczkowski testify on his behalf and against the female victim.

37. Mr. Buczkowski refused to return Mr. Mulvehill's calls and texts.

38. According to an article first published by the Daily Beast in 2015, available at
https://www.thedailybeast.com/the-pickup-artist-too-sleazy-for-pickup-artists, Mr. Mulvehill
"pleaded to lesser charges of conspiracy to commit coercion and received a one-year suspended
sentence, contingent upon the successful completion of impulse control counseling and a promise
to stay off the Vegas Strip." A copy of the article is annexed as Exhibit G.

20 39. Mr. Mulvehill operates a website www.johnanthonylifestyle.com, and a YouTube
21 page, entitled The John Anthony Lifestyle.

40. The John Anthony Lifestyle YouTube page has 127 K subscribers and just over 7.28
million views, according to YouTube.

41. Mr. Mulvehill has since carried out a scorched earth smear campaign against Mr.
Buczkowski and Real Social Dynamics, on the board of which Mr. Buczkowski previously served,
releasing several critical videos on his YouTube channel, John Anthony Lifestyle.

42. Mr. Mulvehill has also released several videos attacking the instructors of Real
Social Dynamics, his self-described direct competitor. Mr. Mulvehill has attacked Mr. Buczkowski

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as well, including his work with Real Social Dynamics and his more recent work with Wealthy
 under the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand.

43. Upon information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill has collaborated with Mr. Cornelia to
broaden Mr. Mulvehill's reach and extend his smear campaign to an audience relevant to Wealthy's
business, and to market Mr. Mulvehill's own dating and self-improvement business to that
audience.

44. Upon information and belief, Mr. Mulvehill owns and operates his dating and lifestyle businesses under John Anthony Lifestyle, LLC, and Optimal Lifestyle, LLC.

MR. MULVEHILL'S SMEAR CAMPAIGN

AGAINST DEREK MONEYBERG

45. In May 2020, Mr. Mulvehill began to release a series of videos containing false, misleading, and defamatory statements about Plaintiffs on his YouTube channel, titled John Anthony Lifestyle.

46. The initial video released on May 10, 2020 by Mr. Mulvehill achieved the most
views of this series of videos critical of Plaintiff, reaching 18,430 by June 2020 and a view count
of over 21 K views before being taken down:

 Derek Moneyberg (RSD Derek) Exposed. Shady Criminal Past + Terrible Reviews + Fake Results, uploaded May 10, 2020, available at – https://youtu.be/cV478KH4fw0 ("First JAL Video").

47. Mr. Mulvehill released several other videos critical of Plaintiffs. However, the
majority of those videos had received just under six thousand views as of June 2021, including the
following videos:

- "DEREK MONEYBERG ROAST REINSTATED!!!!," uploaded Jul 9, 2020, available at – https://youtu.be/S1_9vPRglI4 ("Second JAL Video").
 - "Derek Moneyberg (RSD Derek) -- Biggest SCAMMER On Earth," uploaded September 15, 2020, available at – https://youtu.be/FEhqQHntw M ("Third JAL Video").

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1	• "Derek Moneyberg (RSD Derek) Scam Program Reviews," uploaded Nov. 24, 2020,			
2	available at – https://youtu.be/Pwp6rj1rR1g ("Fourth JAL Video").			
3	• "Derek Moneyberg Scam Program Review (RSD Derek Review)," uploaded Dec. 22,			
4	2020, available at – https://youtu.be/gCog2kw6kwo ("Fifth JAL Video").			
5	• "How Derek Moneyberg Scammed A Guy For 35k Student Almost Became Homeless			
6	(RSD Derek Exposed)," uploaded Dec. 28, 2020, available at -			
7	https://youtu.be/8tQx4fn1_cA ("Sixth JAL Video").			
8	• "Derek Moneyberg Racism Against Blacks EXPOSED (with multiple sources) Brandon			
9	Carter Derek Collab?," uploaded Jan. 10, 2021, available at - https://youtu.be/iy8-			
10	wsBGrk0 ("Seventh JAL Video").			
11	• "Derek Moneyberg Instagram FAKE FOLLOWERS EXPOSED (RSD Derek			
12	Exposed)," uploaded Feb. 2, 2021, available at -https://youtu.be/eKzr8-qfK2w ("Eighth			
13	JAL Video").			
14	• "Derek Moneyberg's 3 Busted Girlfriends REVEALED By Insider!," uploaded Mar. 17,			
15	2021, available athttps://youtu.be/MMdEMam7-KY ("Ninth JAL Video").			
16	"Derek Moneyberg Instagram REMOVED!! Fake Followers PUNISHED LMAOOO			
17	RSD Derek," uploaded Feb. 10, 2021, available at - https://youtu.be/qbqOkKQZ9h8			
18	("Tenth JAL Video").			
19	• "Showing 3 Death Threats Ordering Me to Delete Derek Moneyberg Videos," uploaded			
20	May 13, 2021, available at - https://youtu.be/pBZw_2qRET4 ("Eleventh JAL Video").			
21	48. The First through Eleventh JAL Videos were taken down shortly after Mr. Mulvehill			
22	received a subpoena dated February 14, 2022 to obtain account information for the John Anthony			
23	Lifestyle YouTube channel in the pending lawsuit captioned Wealthy, Inc et al. v. Spencer Cornelia			
24	et al., Case No.: 2:21-cv-01173-JCM-EJY.			
25	<u>SPENCER CORNELIA</u>			
26	49. Spencer Cornelia operates an eponymous YouTube channel with approximately			
27	150K subscribers and over 13.8 million views, according to YouTube, where he publishes YouTube			
28	videos on a variety of topics including real-estate investing, business, and health & fitness.			
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1	50. Mr. Cornelia also publishes a series of videos entitled "Authentic or Charlatan" in					
2	which he asserts he seeks to expose "fake gurus on social media."					
3	51. Upon information and belief, the YouTube channel is owned and operated by					
4	Cornelia Media LLC and/or Mr. Cornelia.					
5	52. The "About" page for Mr. Cornelia's YouTube channel states "[t]he theme of the					
6	channel is to uncover truths that the world may struggle to notice."					
7	53. Mr. Cornelia's "About" page provides links to his other social media sites: Patreon					
8	(Spencer Cornelia), Instagram (@spencercornelia1), Facebook (spencer.cornelia), LinkedIn					
9	(spencercornelia), and TikTok (spencercornelia).					
10	54. Mr. Cornelia collaborated with Defendants, e.g., John Mulvehill (a.k.a. John					
11	Anthony), to produce a series of YouTube videos in the "Authentic or Charlatan" series that target					
12	Wealthy's business, Mr. Buczkowski, and the Derek Moneyberg® brand with false and defamatory					
13	statements that are at the core of this lawsuit.					
14	DEFENDANTS' FALSE AND DEFAMATORY VIDEOS MADE IN					
15	CONJUNCTION WITH SPENCER CORNELIA					
16	55. Between December 2020 and February 2021, Defendants, in collaboration with Mr.					
17	Cornelia, produced at least two videos released on Mr. Cornelia's YouTube channel containing					
18	false and defamatory statements about Mr. Buczkowski and the Derek Moneyberg® brand:					
19	• "Authentic or Charlatan: Derek Moneyberg RSD Derek", uploaded December 19, 2020,					
20	available at – https://youtu.be/47X1P03F-ls – (approximately 30.2K views as of June 7,					
21	2021) ("First Cornelia Video"); and					
22	• "Derek Moneyberg - Fake Guru?", uploaded February 19, 2021, available at -					
23	https://youtu.be/hg44-wFMaQg - (approximately 15.2K views as of June 7, 2021)					
24	("Second Cornelia Video").					
25	56. The First and Second Cornelia Videos involve Mr. Cornelia ("[SC]") interviewing					
26	Mr. Mulvehill ("[JM]").					
27	57. The First and Second Cornelia Videos include false and defamatory statements					
28	which are neither matters of opinion nor based on disputed anonymous accounts of potential 8					

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witnesses, but are unqualified and provably false statements of fact. These statements made by
 Defendants in the First and Second Cornelia Videos and published by Mr. Cornelia are among the
 subjects of this lawsuit.

58. These false and defamatory statements include at least the following factual assertions that Mr. Buczkowski: (1) lied about his educational achievement; (2) laundered money;
(3) manufactured and/or sold illegal drugs; (4) framed Mr. Mulvehill for his 2013 arrest in Las Vegas, leading to four felony and four misdemeanor charges; and (5) was involved in the death of the woman who was the alleged victim in the arrest of Mr. Mulvehill.

9 59. On information and belief, Defendants first made each of these false and defamatory
10 statements to Mr. Cornelia before and/or during their recording of the First and Second Cornelia
11 Videos, and prior to the publication of those videos with the reasonable expectation that Mr.
12 Cornelia would publish those videos on his YouTube channel.

60. The First and Second Cornelia Videos include the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski lied about his educational achievement:

- "[JM:] I'm Derek Moneyberg, I have this University of Chicago degree OK which is not even true . . . " (First Cornelia Video at 1:57–2:02).
- "[JM:] Yeah, he also like even his credentials, like someone said in one of the YouTube comments they provided proof that like that he never went to, like, you know, he never attended Chicago Business School, he did like some kind of online thing." (Second Cornelia Video at 9:34–9:46).
- "[JM:] He just repackaged content, and then made it out, he made himself out to be some kind of genius because he studied business but he doesn't have a real . . . uh, he never actually went to University of Chicago." (Second Cornelia Video at 19:31–41).
 - "[JM:] He's always saying like, well I have this Ivy League degree and he didn't attend Chicago Business School, some online thing." (Second Cornelia Video at 31:23–31:31).
- 61. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski lied about his level of educational achievement is false.
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62. Mr. Buczkowski obtained an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 2015. *See* Exhibit A.

3 63. Mr. Buczkowski also received an award from the University of Chicago Booth
4 School of Business entitled the Dean's Prize for Building the Chicago Booth Brand. *See* Exhibits
5 B–D.

64. The Second Cornelia Video includes the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski laundered money:

"[JM:] He has listed like that he had a business called like Larson Consulting which, which has like no you know substance behind it online, but it looks very well like it could be a front. [SC:] Yeah the address is right down the street from my house here too in Vegas. [JM:] It looks, it looks very well it could be a front for laundering money." (Second Cornelia Video at 7:11–7:30).

65. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski engaged in money laundering through his Larson Consulting business is false.

66. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski engaged in money laundering appears to be based on nothing other than wild speculation by Mr. Mulvehill.

67. The Second Cornelia Video includes the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski manufactured and/or sold illegal drugs:

"[SC:] That's shady yeah so the next note on my notes is the drug house. So you believe, well I guess with public record. He must have been running a drug operation, if it's a house tied to him, it was a house purchased using drug money. Is there any reason to believe that it was him running a drug operation. Do you think that's how he made his money. [JM:] I don't I don't know the details. I know, I know he was. He has listed like that he had a business called like Larson Consulting which, which has like no you know substance behind it online, but it looks very well like it could be. [SC:] Yeah the address is right down the street from my house here too in Vegas. [JM:] I tooks, it looks very well it could be a front for laundering money. " (Second Video at 6:45–7:31).

PETERSON BAKER, PLLC 701 S. 7th Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 702.786.1001 1 "[JM:] He has like a lengthy arrest record where he was involved with, you know 2 property forfeiture for manufacturing illegal drugs, for battery, all kinds of ... [SC:] it's 3 public record too like it's known it's public. [JM:] Yeah, yeah and yeah and he's tried to 4 hide all of it." (Second Video at 1:03–1:19). 5 68. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski engaged in illicit drug manufacture and/or sale 6 is false. 7 69. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski engaged in illicit drug manufacture and/or sale 8 appears to be based entirely on speculation by Defendants and Mr. Mulvehill about a prior litigation 9 involving asset forfeiture of property owned by Mr. Buczkowski's deceased grandmother, in which 10 Mr. Buczkowski temporarily served as the executor of the estate. The litigation in question was 11 resolved without any finding of wrongdoing by Mr. Buczkowski following a decision by the Court 12 of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit which reversed a decision of the District Court striking claims by 13 the estate as untimely, U.S. v. Real Properties Located at 7215 Longboat, 750 F.3d 968 (8th Cir. 14 2014). 15 70. Mr. Buczkowski has never been arrested for a drug crime, much less charged with 16 or convicted of a drug crime. 17 71. The First and Second Cornelia Videos include the following assertions that Mr. 18 Buczkowski framed Mr. Mulvehill for his 2013 arrest in Las Vegas, leading to four felony and four 19 misdemeanor charges: 20 "[JM:]That's why I don't give a fuck I'm saying all this stuff, they came out to me trying 21 to set me up for an arrest and pass the pass which we'll discuss in another video that 22 motherfucker." (First Video at 10:44–54). 23 "[JM:] I've never been accused or charged with rape that situation with Derek did not 24 involve any sex in the case or any kind of rape accusation. So, you know, like, it's very, 25 very frustrating that they'll play like as low and dirty as they possibly can. Even to the 26 point of setting people up for arrests, even in the point of using intimidation and bullying 27 and threats, and all this stuff." (Second Video at 14:51–15:14).

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• "[JM:] Yeah, I actually got arrested. My only time I've ever been arrested in my life was hanging out with this motherfucker one on one, okay he is like one of the worst human beings I've ever met. I didn't know at the time, but he was using aliases, okay. His real name is Dale Buczkowski. He goes by the alias, he was going by the alias RSD Derek had his face hidden everything, we can show you. I'll send you a picture of when he came to visit me in Vegas, basically I got a text and said, Hey, I'm coming to Vegas. Don't, don't let anyone know I'm in town, I'll explain later, okay never explained, without going into all the details of what happened, you know, it's, it's very obvious that he was involved there." (Second Video at 0:16–0:53).

• "[SC:] At the time of your arrest for a guy that's been in this dating world for so long you've had basically one night, that ended in an arrest and it happened to be with Derek, or Dale is his real name. [JM:] And were one-on-one as well. [SC:] You were one-on-one and there I know there was a lot of shady stuff too where he disappeared. He changed his number or something, and then it's like he's your friend he's hanging out with you and you get arrested and then he's gone. [JM:] He was using a burner phone, and he was using an alias at that time. And he claimed to not know the girls that we approached, and then it turns out that one of the main girls in the group was working like a block from where he lives in Chicago, and then that girl ended up dead." (Second Video at 5:45–6:45).

19 72. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski framed Mr. Mulvehill for Mr. Mulvehill's 2013
20 arrest involving four felony and four misdemeanor charges is false and is based solely on
21 speculation by Mr. Mulvehill.

The Second Cornelia Video includes the following assertions that Mr. Buczkowski
was involved in the death of the woman who was the alleged victim in the arrest of Mr. Mulvehill:
"[JM:] That girl a 28 year old, living in Las Vegas who's like the primary witness in the
case ended up dead, and I couldn't find the cause of death I searched for it. 28 doesn't
make much sense. [SC:] Wow, that was really bizarre. [JM:] That was the link to him."

(Second Video at 5:45–6:45).

PETERSON BAKER, PLLC 701 S. 7th Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 702.786.1001 • In reply to a comment on the Second Video's YouTube page stating the following: "And then that girl ended up dead' Whoa that escalated quickly. RIP"; Mr. Cornelia stated "looked up the women in Clark County records and she definitely passed. Tried to find the cause of death but they required a lawyer's consent in order to attain those documents."

74. The assertion that Mr. Buczkowski was involved in the death of the woman who was the alleged victim in the arrest of Mr. Mulvehill for four felony and four misdemeanor charges is false.

9 75. Mr. Buczkowski did not know the woman before the night in question, and did not
10 have any further contact with the woman afterward.

76. The assertions that Mr. Buczkowski (a) framed Mr. Mulvehill for his 2013 arrest and (b) was involved in the death of the alleged victim appear to have been made by Mr. Mulvehill in an effort to absolve himself for his own actions in connection with which he was charged by the authorities with (1) kidnapping, 1st degree; (2) battery to commit mayhem/robbery/grand larceny; (3) kidnapping, 2nd degree; (4) coercion with force or threat of force; and four separate misdemeanor counts of open/gross lewdness.

17 77. In addition to the above false and defamatory statements, Mr. Mulvehill made
18 several additional statements that were asserted to be made by former clients and/or former
19 colleagues of Plaintiffs to Mr. Mulvehill, and which Mr. Mulvehill relayed to Mr. Cornelia.

78. These additional statements are also false, defamatory and/or misleading, and
which, even if they were first uttered by third parties, were published by Defendants in a manner
that is at least misleading, if not false and defamatory in their own right.

79. These additional statements include, among others, assertions that Mr. Buczkowski
(1) engaged in illegal activity in helping his clients obtain credit; (2) did not author any of his own
content; and (3) coerced his clients to provide testimonials.

80. These additional statements were provided without any context and were made to
seem more credible due to the false and defamatory statements discussed above, namely the
assertions that Mr. Buczkowski (1) lied about his educational achievement; (2) laundered money;

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1 (3) manufactured and/or sold illegal drugs; (4) framed Mr. Mulvehill for his 2013 arrest in Las 2 Vegas, leading to four felony and four misdemeanor charges; and (5) was involved in the death of 3 the woman who was the alleged victim in the arrest of Mr. Mulvehill.

4 81. Mr. Mulvehill's statements about Plaintiffs in the First and Second Cornelia Videos 5 and his conversation with Mr. Cornelia in the lead up to making those videos further demonstrate 6 his reckless disregard for the truth, and actual malice.

7 82. Mr. Mulvehill's statements regarding Mr. Buczkowski, Wealthy and the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand are full of vitriolic language, including his concluding remarks on the First 9 Cornelia Video in which Mr. Mulvehill gestured toward his fist and stated about Mr. Buczkowski: 10 "This is what that motherfucker needs right in his motherfuckin' nose the brass knuckles." (First 11 Cornelia Video at 18:50–18:54)

83. Mr. Mulvehill's reckless disregard for the truth is demonstrated by his failure to properly investigate the charges he made, his motivation to compete with Mr. Buczkowski in the dating and lifestyle niche, his anger at Mr. Buczkowski for not testifying on his behalf regarding Mr. Mulvehill's 2013 arrest involving four felony and four misdemeanor charges, and by Mr. 16 Mulvehill's vitriolic language throughout the First and Second Cornelia Videos.

17 84. Mr. Mulvehill's remarks under the circumstances noted above, and his collaboration 18 with Mr. Cornelia which foreseeably led to Mr. Cornelia publishing the videos on his own channel, 19 exhibited negligence and/or reckless disregard for the truth.

20 85. The First through EleventhJAL Videos that Mr. Mulvehill published on his own 21 YouTube channel, The John Anthony Lifestyle, contain similar false and defamatory statements 22 against Plaintiffs.

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86. Defendants' promoted their services on Mr. Cornelia's channel as shown by the following passages:

"[JM:] Very much appreciate it. Yeah, for those of you that want real dating advice, John Anthony Lifestyle, on YouTube, Platinum dating system as I mentioned earlier ..." (First Video at 15:08–15:18).

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"[SC:] Okay, but, but yeah. Thanks everyone for watching. Thanks John for coming on. [JM:] Yeah, thanks for having me. So yeah, check out John Anthony Lifestyle YouTube, and platinum dating system dot com. I've got a whole ton of free content on YouTube as well to get your feet wet with the dating stuff that's very real and practical advice. So, but yeah, Thanks for having me. It was fun." (Second Video at 35:36–35:54).

87. Mr. Mulvehill further promoted his services by requesting that Mr. Cornelia provide links from his videos to John Anthony Lifestyle's website, YouTube channel, and the program entitled "Platinum Dating System."

9 88. Defendants compete directly with Mr. Buczkowski in providing dating and lifestyle advice, and directly with Wealthy and the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand in the area of lifestyle 10 11 improvement.

Defendants compete indirectly with Wealthy and the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand in 89. that many clients interested in the dating and lifestyle improvement niches tend to overlap with clients interested in the entrepreneurship, finance, business, and real-estate niches.

15 90. Mr. Mulvehill greatly expanded his reach through his collaboration with Mr. 16 Cornelia, which Mr. Mulvehill acknowledged in the First Cornelia Video, stating: "But yeah, I 17 really appreciate you bringing me on here you have more reach than my channel ... I like that you're, 18 you're going to take these guys on, so yeah, ... I definitely go more head on, you're more objective 19 and shit, and explore both sides there's no other side here." (First Cornelia Video at 17:02–17:17).

20 91. Plaintiffs have suffered significant harm as a result of Defendants' false and 21 defamatory statements due to the nature of the false assertions involving deceit and illegal activity. 22 92. Plaintiffs have suffered significant harm as a result of Defendants' false and 23 defamatory statements through verbal and written cancellations, and declination of contracts for services. 24

25 93. Plaintiffs observed shortly after the release of the First Cornelia Video, a significant 26 loss in clients resulting in lost revenue on the order of \$5.3 million in total lifetime value of those 27 clients.

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1 2	94. Defendants in the Second Cornelia Video admit that Plaintiffs' clients pay up to		
	\$75,000 per program for Wealthy's 1-on-1 coaching:		
3	• "[JM:] So even as like a \$75,000 weekend training with him personally, for a weekend .		
4	[SC:] that might be the most expensive fake guru course." (Second Video at 1:47-		
5	1:54).		
6	• "[SC:] You mentioned earlier 75,000 for a business training like I mean dude, you better		
7	be a VC with connections in Silicon Valley. [JM:] A weekend, that's for a weekend, and		
8	it's funny because I don't really watch much of his videos." (Second Video at 16:20-		
9	16:32).		
10	• "[SC:] When I see Derek Moneyberg, I'm like, wait a second, and I rarely comment on		
11	people's physical appearance, I think that's a low blow, but I think in this case, it is fair,		
12	when you're trying to charge 75,000 for a business course and you dress like a bum. Your		
13	hair is like hideous, and he just, he does not present himself as what he is trying to be the		
14	image he's trying to portray." (Second Video at 17:19-17:42).		
15	• "[JM:] So, I can teach them like an hour. So, you know, if they're just, they're just really		
16	like upping the upping the stakes on the scamming. Why not, you know, why not charge		
17	75k for a weekend, why not. [SC:] If so, if you're a sociopath, and you have no empathy,		
18	why not charge the most if people want to pay it, why not, but that's the problem is these		
19	people have a certain mix of personality traits that form this concoction of, I don't want		
20	to say, evil, but in a way it is like you're just taking people's money and not delivering at		
21	all." (Second Video at 34:00–34:27).		
22	95. Further, the false and defamatory videos have been used by those seeking to spread		
23	negative commentary about the Plaintiffs. The First Cornelia Video was posted in a comment on		
24	an October 22, 2020 Facebook Post on the Derek Moneyberg® page advertising One-on-One		
25	consulting calls, where the commenter stated: "For anyone who's looking to be a victim of Dale		
26	Buczkowski (aka Derek Moneyberg), please watch this first - https://youtube/watch?v=47X1P03F-		
27	ls." A copy of this comment is annexed as Exhibit H.		
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96. Since the Defendants' and Mr. Cornelia's publication of the false and defamatory videos, Plaintiffs have received reports from their clients and potential clients that they have been 3 contacted on Instagram by accounts with zero posts or followers that repeat the false and 4 defamatory assertions published by Defendants. A copy of a comment by such an account named 5 "dale buczkowski" is annexed as Exhibit I.

97. On information and belief, images widely published by Defendants as the thumbnail and main images for the First and Second Cornelia Videos have been used by at least one account on Twitter entitled "Derek Moneyberg Hate Account" at the "@moneyberg hate" Twitter address, which was created on April 2021. A copy of the Derek Moneyberg Hate Account showing this image is annexed as Exhibit J. A copy of the thumbnail images used in the First and Second Cornelia Videos is annexed as Exhibit K.

98. In addition to monetary harm, the false and defamatory statements in Defendants' videos have caused Mr. Buczkowski severe emotional distress.

99. Mr. Buczkowski grew up in difficult circumstances. He has spent much of his adult life distancing himself from the criminal environment of his childhood, where both his father and his uncle were convicted and incarcerated for drug-related crimes.

17 A large part of improving his life and distancing himself from his childhood 100. 18 environment involved achieving great academic success, including earning an MBA from the 19 prestigious Chicago Booth School of Business and an undergraduate degree from Bradley 20 University with academic honors.

21 Mr. Mulvehill's false and defamatory statements about Mr. Buczkowski's level of 101. 22 educational achievement and involvement with illegal activities brought back terrible emotional and childhood trauma for Mr. Buczkowski. 23

24 Aside from losing clients as a result of the defendants' false statements alleged in 102. 25 this Complaint, Mr. Buczkowski has endured significant mental anguish, including anxiety, 26 tension, lost sleep and overeating as a result of Mr. Mulvehill's false and defamatory statements.

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1 **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF** 2 AS AND FOR A FIRST CLAIM 3 **UNFAIR COMPETITION AND FALSE ADVERTISING** UNDER THE LANHAM ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 4 5 103. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs as though set forth at length. 6 104. The statements made and published by Defendants and set forth above were false, 7 misleading, and defamatory. 8 105. Defendants' publication of false, misleading, and defamatory statements regarding Mr. Buczkowski, the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand and Wealthy's products and services, and of other 9 10 false and misleading statements praising the products, programs, and plans with which Defendants 11 are affiliated and/or receive compensation from, constitutes unfair competition and/or false PETERSON BAKER, PLLC 701 S. 7th Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 702.786.1001 12 advertising. 13 106. The social media channels of Defendants and Mr. Cornelia purport to serve as an 14 independent review that provides viewers with an objective resource, but actually are conduits for 15 the promotion of products, programs, and plans with which Defendants are affiliated and/or from 16 which they receive compensation. 17 Plaintiffs and Defendants compete with each other through the lifestyle self-107. 18 improvement niche. 19 108. 20

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In promoting those other products, programs, and plans, and disparaging Mr. Buczkowski, the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand and Wealthy's products and services, Defendants are making false and misleading statements about Wealthy's products and services, including but not limited to the statements alleged herein.

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23 109. Defendants' false and misleading statements are material, in that they deceive, and 24 are likely to deceive, customers and potential customers of Plaintiffs and adversely influence their 25 purchasing decisions.

26 110. Defendants' false and misleading statements were made on the internet and 27 published to tens of thousands of potential customers throughout the United States and beyond, and 28 therefore were made in interstate commerce.

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111. Defendants' false and misleading statements are likely to cause and have caused 2 competitive commercial injury to Plaintiffs, including the lost sales mentioned herein.

112. Defendants' acts constitute willful, deliberate, false, and misleading representations of fact as to the nature and characteristics of Wealthy's services in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(l)(B).

AS AND FOR A SECOND CLAIM

DEFAMATION

113. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs as though set forth at length.

9 114. The statements about Plaintiffs published and made by Defendants that are set forth 10 above were false and defamatory.

The statements were published by Defendants to many people on YouTube who 115. would have had no way of judging the veracity of those claims.

116. On information and belief, at the time Defendants published the above-mentioned statements, they knew that the statements concerning Mr. Buczkowski, the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand and Wealthy's products and services were totally false or, in any event, that Defendants' false statements were made with an utter and reckless disregard of their truth or falsity.

17 Defendants' false and defamatory statements have severely injured Plaintiffs, in that 117. 18 they have tended to blacken and besmirch (a) Mr. Buczkowski's reputation, (b) Wealthy, and (c) the Derek Moneyberg[®] brand. 19

20 118. Each of the complained-of defamatory statements was understood by third parties 21 to pertain to, and to defame Plaintiffs.

22 The statements made by Defendants concerning Plaintiffs and set out above were 119. made with malice, because Defendants published the statements with intent to cause harm to 23 24 Plaintiffs and with knowledge of their falsity, or because Defendants made the statements with 25 reckless disregard for whether or not they were true.

26 120. Defendants' defamatory publication of the complained-of statements was so 27 outrageous and malicious as to warrant the imposition of punitive damages.

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1 121. As a proximate result of Defendants' malicious, intentional, or reckless conduct as 2 set forth above, Plaintiffs are entitled to such damages as will compensate them for the injury to 3 their professional reputations and lost income, and for punitive damages as well to punish 4 Defendants for their conduct and deter Defendants and others similarly situated from like acts in 5 the future.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CLAIM

INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

122. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs as though set forth at length.

Defendants committed the acts and made the statements alleged previously with the 123. intention of, or with reckless disregard for the possibility of, causing severe or extreme emotional distress to Plaintiff Buczkowski.

124. Plaintiff Buczkowski suffered severe or extreme emotional distress as a proximate consequence of the acts and statements of Defendants alleged previously.

By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff Buczkowski is entitled to actual damages for 125. his emotional distress caused by Defendants' statements and acts complained of as well as punitive damages.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH CLAIM

BUSINESS DISPARAGEMENT

126. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs as though set forth at length.

20 127. The statements made and published by Defendants concerning Plaintiffs and set out 21 above were false and disparaging.

22 The statements made by Defendants and set out above were understood by third 128. 23 parties to pertain to and to disparage Plaintiffs.

24 The statements made by Defendants concerning Plaintiffs and set out above were 129. 25 made with malice, because Defendants published the statements with intent to cause harm to 26 Plaintiffs and with knowledge of their falsity, or because Defendants made the statements with 27 reckless disregard for whether or not they were true.

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1	130. As the proximate result of Defendants' publication of the statements set out above,			
2	Plaintiffs suffered pecuniary loss and also suffered a general decline in their business and income.			
3	PRAYER FOR RELIEF			
4	WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:			
5	1. For a declaratory judgment that:			
6	a. Defendants engaged in false advertising in violation of Section 43 of			
7	the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125 et seq.;			
8	b. Defendants defamed Plaintiffs under common law;			
9	c. Defendants intentionally inflicted emotional distress on Plaintiff			
10	Buczkowski; and			
11	d. Defendants disparaged Plaintiffs' business under common law;			
12	2. That the Court enter judgment against Defendants that acts they committed as set			
13	forth in this Complaint were willful, making this an exceptional case;			
14	3. That the Court issue a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining and			
15	restraining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns, and all other			
16	persons acting in concert or in conspiracy with or affiliated with Defendants, from:			
17	e. Engaging in false advertising concerning Plaintiffs;			
18	f. Engaging in further defamation of Plaintiffs;			
19	g. Engaging in further infliction of emotional distress on Plaintiff			
20	Buczkowski; and			
21	h. Engaging in further business disparagement of Plaintiffs' business;			
22	4. That the Court enter judgment against Defendants for compensatory, consequential,			
23	and/or incidental damages in an amount not less than Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00);			
24	5. That Defendants be ordered to account for and disgorge to Plaintiffs all amounts by			
25	which Defendants have been unjustly enriched by reason of the unlawful acts complained of herein;			
26	6. That Plaintiffs be awarded exemplary or punitive damages against Defendants in an			
27	amount appropriate to punish Defendants and to make an example of Defendants to the community;			
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1	7.	That Plaintiffs be awarded an amount sufficient to reimburse Plaintiffs for the costs				
2	of corrective advertising;					
3	8.	That Plaintiffs be awarded pre-judgment interest on all appropriate damages;				
4	9.	That Plaintiffs be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this				
5	action; and					
6	10.	For such other and further relief at law or in equity which the Court deems proper.				
7	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL					
8	Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial as provided by Rule 38(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil					
9	Procedure.					
10	Respe	ectfully submitted this 9 th day of May, 2022.				
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