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5 6 7 8	vs. 2:30 p.m 2:56 p.m. GADI BEER, et al., Volume 1 Defendants. Pages 1 to 20			
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(Call to order of the Court at 2:30 p.m.) 1 2 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Calling Case 02:30PM 3 No. 25-CV-23202-Becerra, Khorashi vs. Beer, et al. 02:30PM 4 Counsel, please state your appearances for the record, 02:30PM starting with the plaintiff. 5 02:30PM MR. SHARP: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Christopher 6 02:30PM Sharp for the plaintiff. I am lead counsel. And with me today 7 02:30PM 8 are my cocounsel Omar Saleh and Ahmed Khan from the Council on 02:30PM 9 American Islamic Relations. 02:30PM 10 MR. SALEH: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 02:30PM 11 MR. KHAN: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 02:30PM 12 MR. TURKEL: Judge, how are you? Ken Turkel, Turkel Cuva 02:30PM 13 Barrios Guerra. And with me is Jaclyn Clark, of the Lawfare 02:31PM 14 Project as cocounsel. I think I'm designated lead, but don't hold 02:31PM 15 me to it. That can be objectively verified. 02:31PM 16 MS. CLARK: You are. 02:31PM 17 MR. TURKEL: Yeah, okay. 02:31PM 18 THE COURT: And you represent for the record, sir? 02:31PM 19 MR. TURKEL: The defendant, Your Honor. 02:31PM 20 THE COURT: All right. So before the hearing started, I 02:31PM 21 heard commentary from counsel that they were surprised having a 02:31PM 22 hearing in federal court. I have oral argument on all my motions 02:31PM 23 to dismiss and all motions for summary judgment. Pretty much any 02:31PM motion that's not routine and/or is opposed gets a hearing in 24 02:31PM 25 front of me. 02:31PM

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So what you don't get is a Zoom hearing. Typically it's an in-person hearing. We're only doing this by Zoom today because I have a criminal matter where depositions, interestingly enough, had to be taken, and the parties are using my courtroom to do so.

And so if we are, for whatever reason, are back on another motion in this case or you have any other matter before me, expect to come to court.

All right. I'm here on the defendant's motion to dismiss. Let's proceed to argument, please.

MS. CLARK: Thank you, Your Honor.

We appreciate the opportunity to present oral argument on defendant's motion. Our position here is straightforward.

Even taking every allegation in plaintiff's complaint as true, she has not pled a viable cause of action under Florida law. Our position rests on three independent grounds; each of which is fatal to plaintiff's claim.

One, the only alleged conduct by defendants is the publication of truthful publicly available information which cannot, as a matter of law, constitute unjustified interference.

Two, the complaint itself affirmatively negates causation and shows that plaintiff's former employer terminated her based on its own independent judgment about her social media posts, not anything defendants did.

And three, the complaint targets protected speech on a matter of public concern; and therefore triggers Florida's

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Anti-SLAPP protections and the First Amendment.

Turning to our first point, Your Honor, I want to first begin with outlining what this case is and what it is not.

This is not a case about false or defamatory statements. It is not a case about confidential data or insider information or coercive contact with an employer. None of that is alleged.

What is alleged is simply that defendants posted a hyperlink, nothing more, to plaintiff's already public law firm profile. That is the only alleged conduct by defendants that plaintiff's entire tortious interference claim rests on; a comment on a trending Instagram post about plaintiff's controversial social media content, linking to plaintiff's law firm profile.

Florida law is absolutely clear that you cannot base a tortious interference claim on the dissemination of truthful publicly available information like defendants are alleged to have done here. This is binding legal precedent.

The Eleventh Circuit's decision -- the Eleventh Circuit's 1994 decision in Worldwide Primates vs. McGreal is especially instructive here. In that case the defendant actually contacted a party to the business relationship directly. They sent letters criticizing the plaintiff, attached damaging government reports, and plainly hoped that the parties to the business relationship who was receiving the letters would sever ties with the plaintiff as a result.

Yet the court still held that there was no interference

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as a matter of law because the defendant conveyed only truthful publicly available information.

In doing so, the court emphasized that providing truthful information, even if unsolicited, even if critical, even if intended to influence a third-party's decision, is categorically justified and cannot constitute tortious interference as a matter of law.

If the far more direct conduct in Worldwide Primates is legally insufficient, then plaintiff's theory here necessarily fails. Notably, in Worldwide Primates the court also found that the record supported the imposition of Rule 11 sanctions against plaintiff for advancing a plainly frivolous claim.

Here the allegations of the complaint make clear on her social media account plaintiff used her real name. She used her law firm headshot. She identified herself as a lawyer. She regularly posted controversial contact by a hot button geopolitical conflict, and she acknowledges that anyone could identify her workplace with minimal effort.

So even taking all allegations in the complaint as true, the information the defendants allegedly disclosed was nothing more than a link to what plaintiff herself had already chosen to make publicly available.

Florida courts are clear; such conduct cannot give rise to a tortious interference claim as a matter of law. Not only do the cases cited by plaintiff in her response not hold otherwise,

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but they also actually undermine her theory.

Plaintiff relies heavily on Salit, but Salit involved knowingly false statements made within a corporate structure as part of an alleged scheme to oust someone from a position. That case emphasizes falsity, not truth.

She cites Ethyl, claiming it supports her claims. But Ethyl actually reversed a judgment because causation was too speculative. That case helps defendants, not plaintiff.

She cites Drewes, but that was a case about fiduciary duties and exploitation of insider access, including the targeting of vulnerable clients. It is not even remotely similar to the fact of this case.

Each case that plaintiff relies on involves something that defendants did not do. Misrepresentations, falsity, coercion, insider information, here there is none of that. The complaint should be dismissed for this reason alone.

Turning to my second point, Your Honor, even if plaintiff could somehow convert truthful public speech into unjustified interference, which she can't, her complaint independently fails on the element of causation. Here plaintiff's own allegations negate causation as a matter of law.

She admits Chartwell already knew about her social media posts. She admits that Chartwell terminated her because, quote, "her social media activities did not align with the firm's values and beliefs," end quote.

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She admits Chartwell received a flood of communications after stopantisemitism.org posted about her; not after anything defendants did. She does not allege that defendants contacted her employer. She does not allege that defendants asked anyone to call the employer. She does not allege the defendants made a statement about her to her employer. And she has not alleged that her employer saw defendants' posts, let alone relied on them. This is fatal and warrants dismissal.

Chartwell's independent judgment is front and center in the complaint. Even taking all of plaintiff's allegations as true, defendants are not the reason the plaintiff was fired. Plaintiff was fired because of her own posts on social media and because of Chartwell's independent decision that those posts didn't align with the firm's values. Dismissal is warranted for this reason as well.

Your Honor, this leads me to my third point. The lawsuit in this case targets protected speech on a matter of public concern, and that means that it is barred both by the First Amendment and by Florida's Anti-SLAPP statute.

THE COURT: I don't really need to hear much argument on that because, quite frankly, I don't think your motion really seriously or significantly makes that argument, and so I don't intend to rely on that argument for my ruling.

Let me ask you just one thing about causation. The complaint alleged that the law firm didn't know about the posts,

1 and they found out about the posts through your client's behavior. 02:39PM Wouldn't that be a different argument with respect to 2 02:39PM 3 causation? 02:39PM No, Your Honor, because the law firm would 4 MS. CLARK: 02:39PM still be making an independent decision as to whether or not they 5 02:39PM 6 wanted to terminate the plaintiff. 02:40PM 7 In Worldwide Primates there was direct contact with the 02:40PM 8 party to the business relationship, and the court held that even 02:40PM with direct contact, even if you're contacting the party to the 9 02:40PM 10 dismissed relationship with the intent to sever that relationship, 02:40PM 11 it is still not enough, unless you prove that the relationship was 02:40PM 12 actually severed because of your conduct. 02:40PM 13 And here, no matter if they found out about the posts 02:40PM 14 from the defendants -- which they didn't, and the complaint admits 02:40PM 15 that -- the law firm alone has the authority to terminate 02:40PM Defendants have no sort of authority to make that 16 plaintiff. 02:40PM 17 decision for them. 02:40PM 18 THE COURT: Let me hear the response. 02:40PM 19 MR. SHARP: Thank you, Judge. 02:40PM And in this case the main elements that are contested on 20 02:40PM 21 the claim are elements three and four, but I want to talk about 02:41PM briefly about elements one and two because it really puts this 22 02:41PM 23 case in context. 02:41PM The first and second elements are the existence of 24 02:41PM 25 employment relationship and the defendants' awareness of that. 02:41PM

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Now, in defense counsel's argument she focused on the events on February 18, 2024, when my client's publicly accessible information was posted on the Jew Hate DB website. Let's talk about prior to that because these people knew each other before.

Mr. Gadi Beer was the CFO of the Chartwell Law Firm until early 2023 when he left, so he knew very well that my client worked there. He probably had information about her salary, I don't know. But he was the CFO. He knew who she was.

Beth Gellman Beer had started posting on my client's social media, we allege this in the complaint, in October 2023. As soon as my client began posting her concerns about people getting killed in Gaza, Beth Gellman Beer popped up under an assumed name, Beth Margo. At this time Ms. Gellman Beer is an attorney in the Department of Education civil rights division with the Biden administration.

For two or three months she posted the most vile comments on my client's social media. We have summarized them in the complaint. But she said things like my client's not fit to be a mother, she shouldn't be an attorney, all sorts of stuff. My client tried to engage with her and defuse it; it didn't work out. She eventually blocked her from her site.

After Ms. Gellman Beer was blocked from the site is when the doxxing -- or when the Jew Hate DB website comes into play.

And so here you have a website. And if you go to the website -- we have alleged this in the complaint -- this is not a place to

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have a reasoned discourse about current events. It's a hate site. You go there and you put somebody's name in, they post them up. If they don't know the name: Hey, does anybody know this person because we want to harm them? The sole purpose for the existence of this website is to harm people who these people decide must be anti-semites. So they act as judge, jury, and executioner on these websites. Again, with no possible proper purpose here.

So on this website my client's posts appear. They're doctored a little bit to make some kind of a point that she must be an anti-semite, which she's not obviously. And within the same day it's posted, Ms. Gellman Beer and her husband both pop up in the comment session. Did they just happen to be wandering the Internet that day and go in there? I doubt it, but they appear.

And just as anticipated, when her picture and her -- or when her post is put on that website, people start asking because that's the purpose of the website: Where does she work? We're going to go get her fired because you've a rogues' gallery here of people you have had fired, this is what we want to do. Where does she work? And Ms. Gellman Beer and her husband happen to just be there and provide the link to the website.

Now, granted it may have been publicly available, but none of the other people on that website went out and found it. They did it and they knew it. They knew she worked there.

My client does not post any information about her -- where she works on her private website. She says she's a lawyer.

1 She does not say where she works. Uses the same picture that's in 02:44PM 2 her law firm profile. But again, nobody would have known where 02:44PM 3 she worked except the Beers because they knew it. So they --02:44PM 4 THE COURT: Well, I'll just take a short issue with that. 02:44PM 5 If you're a lawyer, it is pretty easy. You go to the 02:44PM 6 Florida Bar website, and you know exactly where she works. Forget 02:44PM 7 about Googling. 02:44PM 8 MR. SHARP: Oh, sure, absolutely. 02:44PM But the reason why this is tortious interference is 9 02:44PM 10 because the defendants appear on a website that's designed to harm 02:44PM 11 people, get them fired. A mob has formed saying: We want to go 02:44PM 12 get this person. Where does she work? They give the address. 02:44PM 13 And again, it could have been somebody else. Maybe those 02:45PM people would have found her on their own, but they didn't. The 14 02:45PM 15 Beers provided it to them. 02:45PM 16 And then Beth Beer -- Beth Gellman Beer chimed into the 02:45PM comment: Oh, they think that law firm's Jewish clients would want 17 02:45PM 18 to know that this kind of person works there. Again, encouraging 02:45PM 19 what they knew was very likely to happen on this website because 02:45PM that's what it exists for. So in some sense, Judge --20 02:45PM 21 THE COURT: But the problem is that the activity or the 02:45PM 22 action doesn't take place by that website; it takes place by the 02:45PM 23 law firm. 02:45PM 24 The law firm gets this information and could certainly 02:45PM 25 have concluded that it's speech that is in line with their values 02:45PM

1 or speech that they otherwise have no issue with or speech that 02:45PM 2 they allow or anything else. 02:45PM 3 I mean, at the end of the day, her damage comes from the 02:45PM 4 firm's decision to fire her over speech. 02:45PM MR. SHARP: Well, and Your Honor, if I could speak to 5 02:46PM that point. 6 02:46PM 7 The complaint does not allege that she was fired solely 02:46PM 8 for the content of her social media posts. And in fact, to 02:46PM 9 correct Your Honor, the firm was already aware of all of her 02:46PM 10 social media posts. 02:46PM 11 THE COURT: Right. So that's really the issue on the 02:46PM 12 causation --02:46PM 13 MR. TURKEL: But they were aware. 02:46PM 14 THE COURT: Excuse me, sir. 02:46PM 15 So they were aware of it. And so this conduct that the 02:46PM defendants were involved in might have -- accepting all those 16 02:46PM 17 allegations as true, how can it be -- how can it cause, right, the 02:46PM 18 interference with the law firm, when the law firm not only knew of 02:46PM 19 the comments? 02:46PM Actually, what you allege is that the law firm ended up 20 02:46PM 21 acting upon totally different comments that the Beers have nothing 02:46PM 22 to do with. 02:46PM There, Judge, that's not entirely correct. 23 MR. SHARP: 02:46PM 24 And I apologize if that's the impression you got from the 02:46PM 25 complaint. 02:46PM

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But I think what we alleged -- and we got this from the law firm's EEOC statements, they said that she was fired for the fact that the controversy that was caused by the second doxxing (unintelligible) anti-semitism website.

And in fact to answer Your Honor's question, they had met with my client before and told her: We're monitoring your social media. We're looking at everything. And they didn't ask her to take anything down. They kind of in hindsight: Oh, we have a problem with some of these posts.

But the reason they fired her is because they said this public doxxing that was precipitated by the Beers giving contact information caused such a controversy. They had phone calls. They claimed their employees were threatened by people from the Internet.

So it wasn't the social media posts; it was the controversy that resulted from the way the social media posts were manipulated, taken out of context, and presented through two different hate sites; well-known hate sites where people are doxxed and people's careers are ruined. So it's --

THE COURT: Are the Beers involved in the two different sites? Because I thought that the Twitter site had nothing to do with them.

MR. SHARP: No, they are -- they are actually related sites, and I think we have alleged this, Judge.

If you go to the StopAntisemitism website --

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THE COURT: No, no, I don't need to go to any website. (Crosstalk.)

MR. SHARP: We've alleged this in the lawsuit, Judge.

THE COURT: Show me.

MR. SHARP: On the front page of the Jew Hate DB website it says: We are a project of StopAntisemitism. They are absolutely related. They're related websites. And it is not uncommon for someone to be doxxed on the Jew Hate DB website, which is a smaller audience, and then later on the larger exposure on the StopAntisemitism.

So this is something that was foreseeable; and that if the Beers are posting on a well-known website that doxxes people, this is what they intended. It's sort of a two-part process, but that's the way these two websites work hand in hand. And so again, putting the name out on the Jew Hate DB directly leads to the second doxxing. Nobody else put the name out.

And then the second doxxing, again, it's not the social media posts, it's the controversy created by them, and that was started by the Beers. I mean the Beers gave the mob with the pitchforks the address to go to to harass that employer and try to talk them into getting rid of her. And we know how that works. I mean we've seen this on social media. Everyone says terrible things, the employer feels the pressure, negative publicity.

But that was why she was fired, and that wasn't an independent decision of the law firm.

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THE COURT: So she's fired because the law firm made the determination that someone with this kind of social media platform or statements created a situation that was bad for business. I'm not saying that was a good decision by the law firm or the right decision by the law firm. That's not before me.

I'm still having difficulty as you have pled this complaint linking up the activity of the Beers with her actual damages, which was her eventual termination, which was a decision that the law firm made based in its best interests.

MR. SHARP: And I think we've alleged, Judge, but for the doxxing, they wouldn't have terminated her because, again, all of her social media posts had been reviewed by the law firm.

And I can plead more facts here if that's what we need to do to connect it and make it clearer that the law firm had every opportunity to fire her for the content of her social media posts for months, and they didn't. They met with her --

THE COURT: What your complaint says is that her social media content, which precipitated the doxxing, did not align with the firm's values. That's how you pled it.

MR. SHARP: And that's quoting from the EEOC position statement, and I have an "and" there; "and" the way it fell into the law firm's lap for the docket. So, Your Honor, I can certainly replead it and make it more clear, but the position statement of the EEOC was clear that it was the doxxing that precipitated it.

1 Again, all the social media posts were known to the firm. 02:51PM 2 They had spoken to her about them. They didn't ask her to take 02:51PM 3 down a single post. And then the doxxing happens, and all the 02:51PM 4 posts that they had told her were okay suddenly are a problem 02:51PM 5 because employees are getting threatened. They claim that people 02:51PM 6 felt unsafe working around her now. They worked around her for 02:51PM 7 months; same posts. 02:51PM 8 So again, if the pleading is not clear on that, I can 02:51PM certainly address it because --9 02:51PM 10 I am going to dismiss the complaint without 02:51PM 11 prejudice. I do think you have to clarify that because I'm just 02:51PM looking at paragraphs in the complaint, and that's not what the 12 02:51PM 13 complaint says. 02:52PM 14 I understand that that's your argument today, and I 02:52PM 15 understand that's the reading that you have. Obviously, you know 02:52PM the facts. But I'm looking at the four corners of the complaint, 16 02:52PM which is all I can look at. I can't go to those websites. 17 02:52PM 18 MR. SHARP: Sure, Judge. 02:52PM 19 THE COURT: I can't do that. 02:52PM So I think that there are a couple of deficiencies that 20 02:52PM 21 have to be addressed. And so one of the deficiencies that have to 02:52PM 22 be addressed -- and again, this is part of the argument that they 02:52PM 23 raise -- that the truthful information can't constitute tortious 02:52PM 24 interference. 02:52PM 25 You respond that it can if it's done with malice or a 02:52PM

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legitimate purpose. I just note for the record that the cases you cite don't hold that. And so I don't know if this is just an issue that tortious interference perhaps is not the cause of action that fits the facts you're alleging. But on that, I think if you look at Westlake Financial or Worldwide Primates, which were cited by the defense, I think there is an issue there.

I think the causation is also a significant issue because at the end of the day, it is the firm that takes that position, that fires them for speech that, by the way, wasn't personal. So it's not, for example, you have a doxxing case where somebody's address, right, which is not otherwise publicly available is provided or some statement that somebody made in a private setting, right, a recording, something like that, and it's put out there that's not public information.

This has public information. This is public. It was clearly public. I mean you have conceded that the law firm even knew of it. And so I think you're going to have to amend this complaint. Either amend the tortious interference allegations -- I don't know how you're going to amend it. You may decide to do something else with it, I don't know. I can't tell you how to amend it necessarily or whether or not you want to do something different with it.

But I can tell you as pled, it is insufficient and I am granting the motion without prejudice --

MR. SHARP: Your Honor --

Excuse me, sir. You can't speak over me. 1 THE COURT: Ι 02:54PM 2 can't get a record that way; especially on Zoom. 02:54PM 3 So I'm granting the motion without prejudice so that you 02:54PM 4 can amend the complaint. How many days do you need to amend, sir? 02:54PM MR. SHARP: With the holidays coming up, Judge, I would 5 02:54PM ask for 20. 6 02:54PM 7 THE COURT: I have no problem with at that. We'll give 02:54PM 8 you 20 days to amend the complaint. 02:54PM MR. SHARP: And, Judge, if I could just ask a quick 9 02:54PM 10 question. 02:54PM 11 I know we have essentially alleged in here that it's 02:54PM 12 but-for causation. We didn't obviously -- obviously, there can be 02:54PM 13 more than one but-for cause of an event. Based on what the law 02:54PM 14 firm said, and I will represent this is what they said, it was 02:54PM 15 because of the controversy resulting from. So even if it was in 02:54PM part because of the posts, if they say that the straw that broke 16 02:54PM 17 the camel's back here was the fact there was a public doxxing and 02:55PM 18 we got all this fallout at the law firm --02:55PM 19 Maybe that's what you should allege next time THE COURT: 02:55PM 20 because sometimes when you know a case well, I think you should 02:55PM 21 look specifically at how this was pled and replead it and then 02:55PM 22 we'll see after you replead it whether there is another motion or 02:55PM 23 not. 02:55PM 24 If there is another motion, just to let you all know, 02:55PM 25 like I said, it will be in person. I don't want anybody to get 02:55PM

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02:55PM	7	MR. SHARP: Thank you, Judge.
02:55PM	8	THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much, and have a
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02:55PM	10	MR. TURKEL: Thank you.
02:56PM	11	MS. CLARK: Thank you.
02:56PM	12	MR. TURKEL: You too, Your Honor.
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	15	I hereby certify that the foregoing is an accurate
	16	transcription of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.
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