

bar complaint against randall scott newman

Filing with:

1. Attorney Grievance Committee, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department
2. The State Bar of California, Office of Chief Trial Counsel

Jurisdictional Note: Newman was admitted in the Second Department but maintains his office at 99 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005 (New York County). Jurisdiction over attorney discipline is based on office location, not department of admission. New York County falls within the First Judicial Department. (Source: <https://www2.nycourts.gov/attorneys/grievance/complaints.shtml>)

California Jurisdictional Note: Newman is admitted to the California State Bar (Bar No. 190547, active status). Under California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.5, the State Bar of California retains disciplinary authority over any member of the California bar regardless of where the conduct occurs. (Rule 8.5: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/rules/New-Rules-of-Professional-Conduct-8.pdf>)

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- California License Status: Active

Date: February 2026

summary

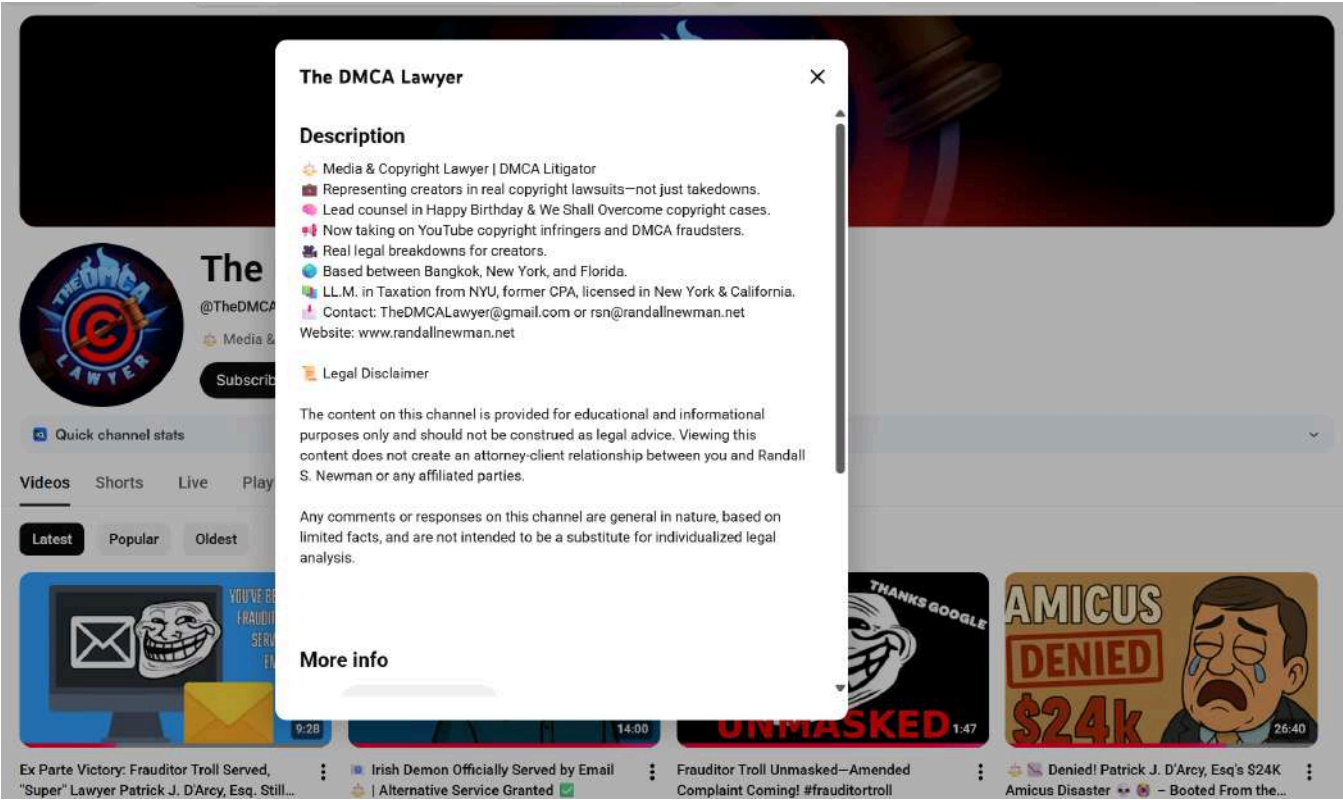
This complaint presents documented evidence that Randall Scott Newman, an attorney licensed in New York & California, has engaged in a pattern of professional misconduct spanning from approximately September 2025 through January 2026. The most serious documented conduct includes:

1. encouraging another person to commit suicide in writing
2. acknowledging the conduct & expressing concern about disbarment;
3. communicating indirectly with a represented party to extract case-related information through a third party
4. targeted harassment of disabled individuals, religious individuals, & opposing parties in pending litigation.

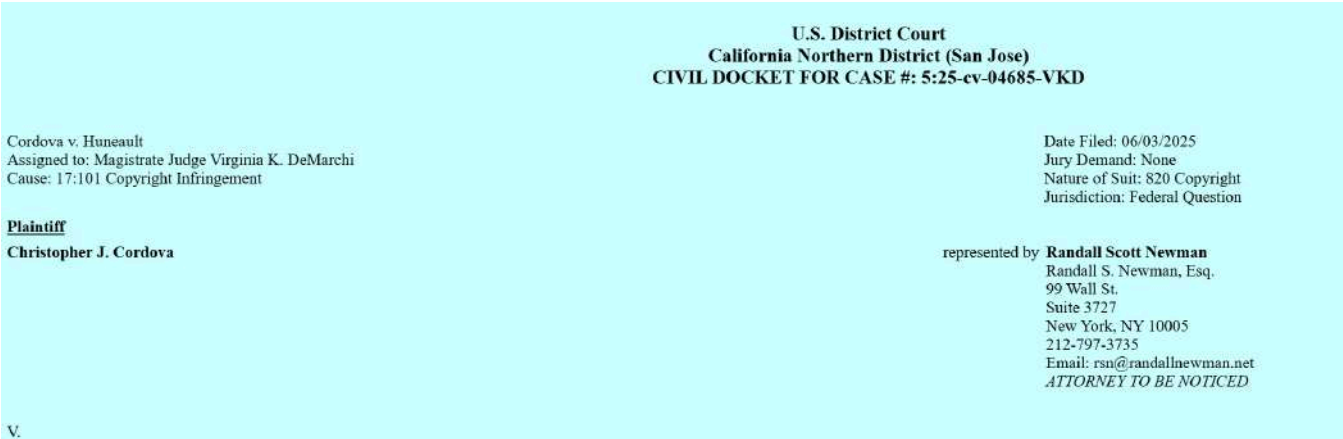
This was all conducted through business social media accounts Mr. Newman uses to advertise his legal services & discuss active cases. Each allegation below is supported by screenshots, video timestamps, or email records.

professional capacity:

Newman has a YouTube channel called "[The DMCA Lawyer](#)" & a Discord account under the handle "**RSN.**" These are not private personal accounts. The YouTube channel advertises Newman's legal services & displays the same business email he uses in litigation filings. See Exhibit 1.



The channel prominently promotes his business contact information. See Exhibit 2.



Newman also operates the Discord account "**RSN,**" which he uses while discussing his active cases. See Exhibit 3.

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RSN

rsnlaw



3 Mutual Friends • 1 Mutual Server



Message



Voice Call



Video Call



Add Friend

Member Since



Jun 11, 2025 •



Jul 21, 2025

Roles

☒ Resident

Note (only visible to you)



Every act described below was committed through these business-facing accounts. This complaint does not address private conduct; rather, **we're focusing on conduct performed under the banner of Newman's law practice.**

#1: encouraging suicide & acknowledging risk of disbarment

Rule broken:

New York:

NY RPC Rule 8.4(b): A lawyer or law firm shall not engage in illegal conduct that adversely reflects on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer. (22 NYCRR 1200.0, Rule 8.4(b); full text at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/new-york/22-NYCRR-1200.8.4>)

Encouraging suicide may constitute a criminal offense under [New York Penal Law Section 120.30](#), which provides that a person is guilty of promoting a suicide attempt when he intentionally causes or aids another person to attempt suicide. Promoting a suicide attempt is a class E felony.

NY RPC Rule 8.4(d): A lawyer or law firm shall not engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

NY RPC Rule 8.4(h): A lawyer or law firm shall not engage in any other conduct that adversely reflects on the lawyer's fitness as a lawyer.

California:

[California Business & Professions Code § 6106](#): "The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of his relations as an attorney or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not, constitutes a cause for disbarment or suspension." This is the single most powerful California disciplinary provision; it covers all conduct in any context & requires no criminal conviction.

Encouraging suicide is a **felony** under [California Penal Code § 401\(a\)](#): "Any person who deliberately aids, advises, or encourages another to commit suicide is guilty of a felony" punishable by 16 months, 2, or 3 years in state prison. A felony conviction involving moral turpitude triggers **summary disbarment** under [B&P § 6102\(c\)](#).

[California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4\(b\)](#): A lawyer shall not "commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects."

[California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4\(d\)](#): A lawyer shall not "engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice."

evidence

On December 1, 2025, Newman engaged in an argument with another user on the [Discord server "Really Cool News"](#) & told the user "Go Kill yourself," followed by "Everyone will be happier." Discord moderators deleted the message for violating terms of service. The deleted message is visible in a quote reply that reads "Original message was deleted." See Exhibit 5.

just stating the obvious." See Exhibit 8.

3:52



RSN >



RSN 3:39 PM

That piece of shit started with me and he's truly a miserable fuck so I don't feel bad.

3:42 PM

Don't... I don't know him. But I will say someone told me they were going to shoot me in the head if they saw me. Did I stoop to their level? No! I reported it and kept playing with them without ad homs or death threats. You lose when you do! EVERY TIME! (edited)



RSN 3:43 PM

I didn't threaten him. I suggested his family would be happier if he killed himself which is probably true.

I'm just stating the obvious.

3:45 PM

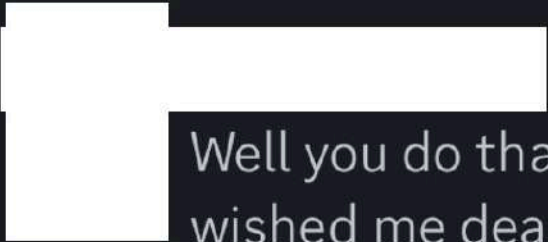
Stop I don't wanna know anymore! Thanks Justification is showing you know you were wrong!

wrong.



RSN 3:47 PM

I wasn't wrong. I secretly wished bone cancer on him and his family as well.



3:48 PM

Well you do that a lot. I am sure you have wished me dead a few times... 🙄



Message @RSN



2:23



← # the-new-and-improved-fig... >

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Lobber 12/01/2025 4:20 PM
Copyright



RSN 12/01/2025 4:20 PM
She left me? 🤔🤔🤔
Dumbass



Lobber 12/01/2025 4:21 PM
Bootlickers, Wife Beaters, Lens Lickers, Oh
My.



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Or copyright

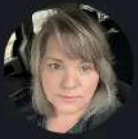
Rising Class of Patriot Content Creators
I'm going to let you have this room Randy. I
won't be back. Enjoy it until you wear out
your welcome.



RSN 12/01/2025 4:27 PM

Everyone will be happier

 *Original message was deleted*



Mistress Cordelia  NSR3 12/01/2025 5:31 PM

Hey hey hey not ok man!!! This can get this discord report...



@Mistress Cordelia  NSR3 Hey hey hey not ok man!!! This can get this discord report...



RSN 12/01/2025 5:33 PM



Message #the-n...





When confronted by other users, Newman confirmed the statement & doubled down. He wrote: "Violation of what? This is fight zone. I didn't threaten him, I offered him a suggestion to end his miserable existence. Unfortunately, I doubt he will take my advice." See Exhibit 6.

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 @Mistress Cordelia  hey hey hey not ok man!!! This can get this discord report...

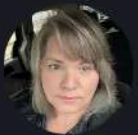


RSN 12/01/2025 5:33 PM

Pardon me? What's the problem?



@RSN Pardon me? What's the problem?



Mistress Cordelia  12/01/2025 5:35 PM

It is gone now. Do not tell ppl to do that... it is a violation



@Mistress Cordelia  It is gone now. Do not tell ppl to do that... it is a violation



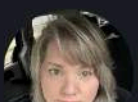
RSN 12/01/2025 5:35 PM

Violation of what? This is fight zone. I didn't threaten him, I offered him a suggestion to end his miserable existence.

Unfortunately, I doubt he wil take my advice



@RSN Violation of what? This is fight zone. I didn't threaten him, I offered him a suggestion to end his



Mistress Cordelia  12/01/2025 5:37 PM

Yeah don't do that... the server can get reported for that. Isn't that one of the rules? A server rule? Could be wrong but I was under the impression that anything that could put the server in jeopardy was off limits



Fraudilicious 12/01/2025 5:38 PM
Blocking works great



Message #the-n...



In a private conversation forwarded to the complainant by a concerned third party, Newman expressed awareness that this conduct could result in disbarment. The exchange reads:

RSN: Do you have a screen shot of me telling Lobber to kill himself?

Cicero: Nope. Someone does.

RSN: Who?

Cicero: & your comments after. I don't though. Nope. Not doing that.

RSN: I may get disbarred...lol

See Exhibit 7.

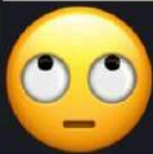
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RSN >



RSN 3:21 PM

Do you have a screen shot of me telling Lobber to kill himself?



3:33 PM

Nope

Someone does



RSN 3:34 PM

Who?



3:34 PM

And your comments after I don't though

Nope

Not doing that



RSN 3:35 PM

I may get disbarred....lol

3:35 PM

Sure... mkay... whatever

If a lawyer got disbarred for every shitty thing they said, there would be no lawyers. Not my problem though, so....

You should laugh... that was a lawyer joke! 🤔



Message @RSN



Despite this acknowledged risk, Newman repeated the conduct. In a subsequent conversation, he stated: "I didn't threaten him. I suggested his family would be happier if he killed himself which is probably true.

On January 2, 2026, Newman told the same individual "There is still time if you know what I mean." See Exhibit 9.

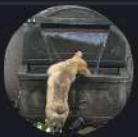
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Gia



ARTY

01/01/2026 7:14 PM



January 2, 2026



@Joe Ad Hey just checking in, has RSN won a lawsuit yet?



Lobber 01/02/2026 2:31 PM

Yeah, super interesting.



@Joe Ad Hey just checking in, has RSN won a lawsuit yet?



Absolute Police State Vo... 01/02/2026 9:11 PM

No.



@Lobber Yeah, super interesting.



RSN 01/02/2026 10:12 PM

What kind of moron thinks you win a lawsuit
in 6 months?

There's still time loser if you know what I
mean.

January 3, 2026



Message #new...



He then posted a meme depicting a woman pretending to hang herself, removing any ambiguity about the meaning. See Exhibit 10.

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New Year, new try: C'mon...

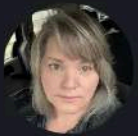


Lobber 01/04/2026 10:02 AM

Growing class of YouTube content creators.



@RSN New Year, new try? C'mon...



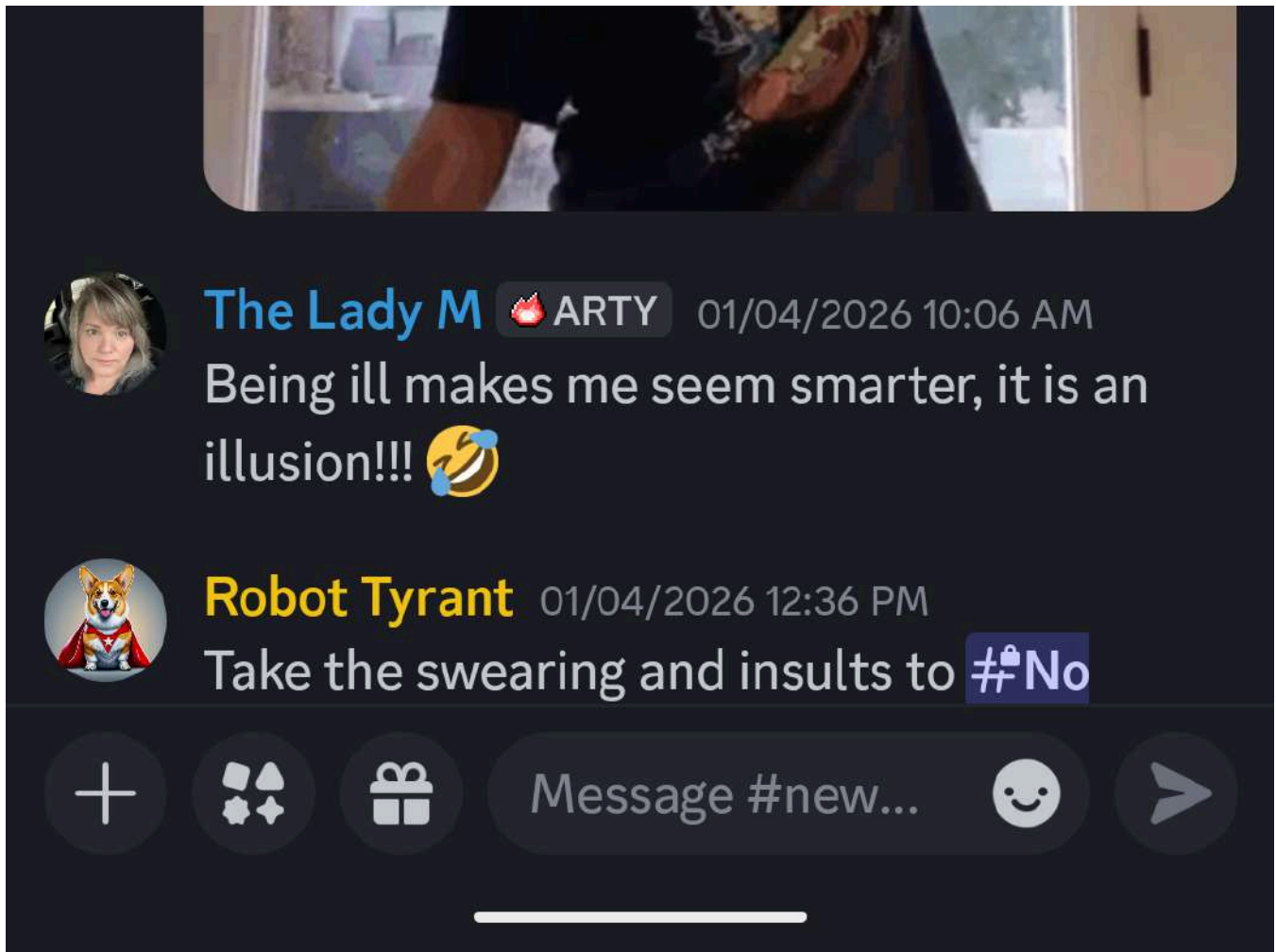
The Lady M 🔥 ARTY 01/04/2026 10:02 AM

Shut up



RSN 01/04/2026 10:03 AM





why this is worth investigating

Newman told another person to kill himself, confirmed the statement when challenged, acknowledged in private that it could lead to disbarment, & then repeated the same conduct weeks later. The progression from the initial statement through private acknowledgment of its severity to repetition shows that this is a pattern a pattern.

[Exhibit 4](#)

#2 improper contact with a represented party through a third party

rule:

New York:

NY RPC Rule 4.2: In representing a client, a lawyer shall not communicate or cause another to communicate about the subject of the representation with a party the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer in the matter, unless the lawyer has the prior consent of the other lawyer or is authorized to do so by law. (22 NYCRR 1200.0, Rule 4.2; full text at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/new-york/22-NYCRR-1200.4.2>)

NY RPC Rule 8.4(a): A lawyer or law firm shall not violate or attempt to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another.

California:

California Rule of Professional Conduct 4.2(a):

"In representing a client, a lawyer shall not communicate directly or indirectly about the subject of the representation with a person the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer in the matter, unless the lawyer has the consent of the other lawyer." Comment [3] to Rule 4.2 explains that the prohibition against communicating "indirectly" is intended to address situations where a lawyer seeks to communicate with a represented person through an intermediary such as an agent, investigator, or the lawyer's client. (See also: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/legal-professionals/rules/rules-professional-conduct/current-rules-professional-conduct/chapter-4-transactions-persons-other-clients>)

California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(a): A lawyer shall not "violate these rules or the State Bar Act, knowingly assist, solicit, or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another."

[Cal. State Bar Formal Opinion No. 1993-131](#) established the controlling test: when the content of a communication with an opposing party originates with or is directed by the attorney, it is prohibited regardless of the method of transmission.

facts:

On or about September 19, 2025, Newman contacted Peter Coventry, an acquaintance of the complainant, by email. The purpose of the communication was to obtain information from the complainant concerning the pending litigation (*Cordova v. Huneault et al.*, No. 5:25-cv-04685, N.D. Cal.). At the time of this contact, Newman knew the complainant was represented by attorney Steven Vondran. Newman's own emails confirm this awareness; he wrote that he had "predicted" the complainant would retain "Vondran." See Exhibit 41.



In a later communication, Newman asked Coventry to secretly ask the complainant whether he had deleted certain videos. See Exhibit 42.

On Fri, Sep 19, 2025 at 9:25 PM Peter Coventry

wrote:

He says they are gone, just said so clearly in the live stream, and I believe him for reasons I can't disclose without violating confidentiality. Meanwhile I found the two cases I had asked you about. One ruling gives credence to my theory that you scoffed at: reaction videos are now part of the landscape. Otoh I did confirm I was wrong about anti-SLAPP and you were right.

On Fri, Sep 19, 2025 at 5:52 PM DMCA Lawyer <thedmcalawyer@gmail.com> wrote:

Can you ask him what he means when he said the 1,700 videos are gone forever? Did he retain the videos and data?

On Fri, Sep 19, 2025 at 2:22 PM Peter Coventry

wrote:

So you want me to report what you just told me? When YouTube lifts my ban? I'll listen to Really Cool News. Wanna shoot me the name of those cases? I'm free this afternoon so I'd like to read them during my YouTube ban.

Coventry informed the complainant about these communications & provided screenshots at the complainant's request. See Exhibit 43.

Disclosures / Randall

Inbox x



Peter Coventry

Sat, Sep 20, 8:30 AM



to me ▾

1 You said on the livestream that you didn't want your adversaries to know how much you've raised, so you're only disclosing to donors. But that means if they wanted to know they could have a straw man whose name you wouldn't recognize throw in ten or twenty bucks to find out. Not a big deal, but thought I'd mention it.

2 FYI I promised Randall I'd keep our personal correspondence confidential although he only asked me to keep one email confidential. But I had also told him that I would never participate in any litigation against you. Last night he started throwing a shit fit because no doubt someone told him what you said or what they think you said on the livestream about the videos you took down. He asked me to ask you if it was true. I told him all I know is what I think I heard on the livestream, to go listen to it himself. He said that if you destroyed all the videos and data that would be a violation of some order. I said maybe you did it before the order. He sent me the order. I said that wouldn't contradict anything I just said. This went on for another few emails, with him insisting I read the order and me declining. Again, this may be irrelevant but thought you might want to know or find it amusing. I wouldn't be telling you this but I had clearly told him I wouldn't be participating in any litigation against you and he repeatedly asked me to do so last night, so there we are.



Frauditor Troll <frauditortroll@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 20, 10:02 AM



to Peter ▾

wow so he is asking a 3rd party to extract information out of a defendant? That sounds pretty damn unethical. Randall is misunderstanding that order, he is reading what he wants to read. The judge told him that he asked for the videos to be taken down and I obliged and that's why she denied it.

This is the most important violation.

Rule 4.2 is one of the most strictly enforced rules in attorney discipline because it protects the attorney-client relationship. Newman's own emails demonstrate he knew the complainant was represented. Rather than contact opposing counsel, he used a third party to attempt to extract case-related information. This is a textbook Rule 4.2 violation compounded by a Rule 8.4(a) violation for attempting to circumvent the rules through the acts of another.

3: Solicitation of Clients

rule broken:

New York:

NY RPC Rule 7.3(a): A lawyer shall not engage in solicitation by in-person or telephone contact, or by real-time or interactive computer-accessed communication unless the recipient is a close friend, relative, former client, or existing client. (22 NYCRR 1200.0, Rule 7.3(a); full text at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/new-york/22-NYCRR-1200.7.3>)

NY RPC Rule 8.4(a): A lawyer or law firm shall not violate or attempt to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct through the acts of another.

California:

California Rule of Professional Conduct 7.3(a): "A lawyer shall not by in-person, live telephone or real-time electronic contact solicit professional employment when a significant motive for doing so is the lawyer's pecuniary gain, unless the person contacted: (1) is a lawyer; or (2) has a family, close personal, or prior professional relationship with the lawyer." (See also: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/legal-professionals/rules/rules-professional-conduct/current-rules-professional-conduct/chapter-7-information-about-legal-services>)

California Rule of Professional Conduct 7.3(e): "'Solicitation' and 'solicit' refer to an oral or written targeted communication initiated by or on behalf of the lawyer that is directed to a specific person and that offers to provide, or can reasonably be understood as offering to provide, legal services." The phrase "on behalf of" means using a third party to solicit clients constitutes solicitation by the attorney.

California Business & Professions Code §§ 6151-6154: Separately criminalize using "runners" & "cappers"; agents who solicit business for attorneys; as misdemeanors punishable by up to a \$15,000 fine or one year in jail. Contracts obtained through runners or cappers are void under § 6154.

California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(a): Prohibits achieving prohibited results through the acts of another.

[Cal. State Bar Formal Opinion No. 1997-148](#) held that an attorney who assists non-lawyers in marketing living trusts violates multiple Rules of Professional Conduct, including the prohibitions on improper solicitation (former Rule 1-400) and aiding the unauthorized practice of law (former Rule 1-300). The opinion establishes the broader principle that an attorney cannot circumvent ethical prohibitions by acting through non-lawyer intermediaries.

Factual Basis

Newman used YouTube's "@" tagging feature in community posts on his "**The DMCA Lawyer**" channel to send direct notifications to specific individuals with whom he has no prior professional relationship, directing them to email him. See Exhibits 11 & 12.



The DMCA Lawyer 4 hours ago (edited)

If you think deleting evidence is going to save you... think again.
[@TrollMediaGroup](#) went from 858 videos to 64 in just three days.

No takedown notice.
No lawsuit.
Not even a warning.

Just a "frivolous lawsuit" that will get laughed out of Court. 3,000+ troll videos have been deleted in the past 2 weeks...

But, but, but...it's Fair Use....

The Trolls are scared...
Who is next? Hint, a new lawsuit is dropping this weekend.

Deleting the evidence won't erase the intent let's check the WayBack Machine...
We see you.
And so will the Court.

[#SpoliationSeason](#)
[#DigitalPaperShredder](#)
[#TMGmeltdown](#)
[#FairUseMyAss](#)
[#YouTubeLawIsReal](#)

[@DenverMetroAudits](#)
[@TrollMediaGroup](#)
[@FirstAmendmentProtectionAgency](#) (Email Me)
[@siberiantiger1925](#) (Email me)
[@jcnewsnow5601](#) (Email me)
[@AuditingAmerica](#) (Email me)
Show less



The DMCA Lawyer 4 hours ago

AUDITORS!

Ever seen your face—on some troll's merch?



Before you laugh it off... watch this.

This isn't parody. This is unauthorized commercialization of your identity.

New video:

"Merch ≠ Fair Use: Why Mailroom Mania's Merch Might Get Him Sued"

We're talking state Right of Publicity laws and the federal Lanham Act.

If they're profiting off you, it might be time to hit back.

@FrauditorMania

@DenverMetroAudits

@jcnewsnow5601

Show less



Merch ≠ Fair Use: Why Mailroom Mania's Merch Might Get Him Sued

The DMCA Lawyer • 63 views • 5 hours ago 13 VPH

Mailroom Mania is out here selling merch with auditors' faces and quotes... like he invented satire law in his basement. But here's the thing: Merch ≠ Fair Use. You can't just slap...

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In video comment sections, Newman asked specific individuals to contact him so they could "get in on the action." See Exhibit 13.



@EyesOnTheState 1 hour ago

these updates bring so much joy to my day :}

2 Reply

1 reply



@TheDMCALawyer 1 hour ago

Email me if you want in on the action.

2 Reply

On a livestream, at 1:03:43 - <https://youtu.be/Gn5P3KkmjyI?t=3823> -

"I've been trying to get a hold of him for weeks.... I've sent him a couple of messages"

Newman admitted on camera that he knew he was not permitted to directly email potential clients, & that he was using the "@" tagging feature to circumvent this restriction.

This screenshot shows a YouTube live stream from the channel 'The Unhinged Attorney'. The host, a man with a beard wearing a red Nike t-shirt and a white Jordan 6 cap, is speaking. A chat bubble from user 'JJ WA' says, 'so you're going to hide me on showing my face, but not your lawyer?'. The video title is 'He Cries "Free Speech" After Stealing My Content - Classic Narcissist Move (But Says I'm a Narc)'. The transcript on the right shows the following text:

1:19:23 don't care about people showing their face. You do. Whoa, whoa, whoa. This is the guy! This is This guy here. First Amendment FAPA.

1:19:40 I've been [...] I wanted to get in touch with this [...] for like weeks. He's like the biggest maybe the

1:19:48 big They're using his footage more than anyone's at the moment. I've been trying to get a hold I sent him a couple

1:19:53 messages. He doesn't respond. You got to email me, bro.

1:19:59 Yeah, First Member Protection Agency. What up, bro? Um, I've seen a bunch of your videos on their channels, too, man.

1:20:06 And, uh, I actually have my personal channel. It's called Christopher Coriova. Some of these people in here know about it. And uh I always say that

1:20:14 I'm I don't know like who the new auditors are and all that kind of stuff and I don't know anything that's going

1:20:19 on because I don't really watch audits anymore. I'm just always so busy with my own stuff. And people were talking about

1:20:24 you, man. And they're like, "Oh, you got to check out First Amendment Protection Agency." And like, "Whoa that?" And I think we even played one of your videos.

1:20:31 I think, on that channel. And uh I've I've seen I've seen some of your

English (auto-generated)

On the same livestream at 1:19:04, Newman stated he wanted to contact "Johnny Somali" because people frequently use his content. A third party present on the stream then told viewers: if anyone knows how to reach Johnny Somali, email Randall. See Exhibit 15.

This screenshot shows the same YouTube live stream from 'The Unhinged Attorney' at a later point. The host is now with his hand to his chin. A chat bubble from user 'Que The Audit' says, 'Next time on the 2.0 channel peeps!!'. The transcript on the right shows the following text:

1:19:23 bigger, right? Okay. Uh, I would love to get in touch with him and because he hates 15

1:19:30 minutes. He hates Monro, too. I have no idea how to get in touch with

1:19:35 him though. No idea. So, if anyone knows how to get in touch with him, uh, email Randall.

1:19:42 Johnny Somali. Johnny Somali. Johnny Somali. And, um,

1:19:48 I was going to say something I forgot. Uh, it's okay, though.

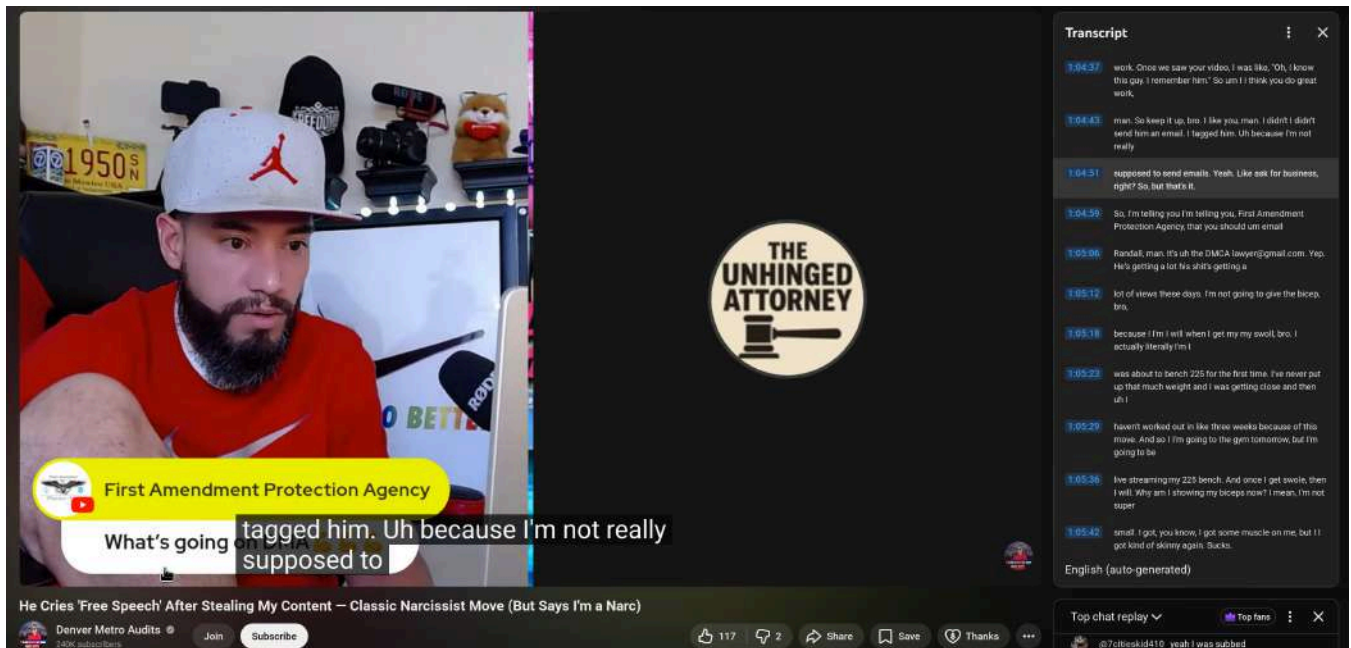
1:19:55 All right. Yeah. So, next time on the 2.0 channel, guys, we're going to try it. I only had 50 people in here anyways

1:20:00 on this one. So, I think that that's a good sign that the people that are going to watch it on this channel are going

1:20:07 to, you know, this is probably what we get. About 50 people. Um, it's not going to be the hundreds and hundreds like the

1:20:13 other ones are. So, but be uh be on the lookout on the

English (auto-generated)



He acknowledges the rule & tries to get around it

Newman's own on-camera admission that he knows direct email solicitation is prohibited, combined with his stated strategy of using YouTube tagging as a workaround, establishes both knowledge of the rule & intent to circumvent it. The use of a third party on the livestream to solicit on his behalf compounds the violation under Rule 8.4(a).

#4: harassment & intimidation of opposing parties in pending litigation

rules

New York:

NY RPC Rule 4.4(a): In representing a client, a lawyer shall not use means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay, or burden a third person, or use methods of obtaining evidence that violate the legal rights of such a person.

NY RPC Rule 8.4(d): Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

NY RPC Rule 3.6(a): A lawyer who is participating in or has participated in the investigation or litigation of a matter shall not make an extrajudicial statement that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know will be disseminated by means of public communication and will have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicative proceeding in the matter.

California:

California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d): A lawyer shall not "engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice."

California Rule of Professional Conduct 3.6(a): "A lawyer who is participating or has participated in the investigation or litigation of a matter shall not make an extrajudicial statement that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know will (i) be disseminated by means of public communication and (ii) have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicative proceeding in the matter."

California Business & Professions Code § 6106: Acts involving moral turpitude constitute grounds for disbarment or suspension, whether committed in the course of the attorney's practice or otherwise.

California's anti-doxxing statutes; Penal Code § 653.2 (criminal; prohibits electronic distribution of personal identifying information with intent to cause harassment, a misdemeanor) and Civil Code § 1708.89 (the "Doxing Victims Recourse Act," effective January 1, 2025; provides a private right of action for victims of doxxing with statutory damages, punitive damages, and attorney's fees); provide remedies for publishing someone's personal identifying information with intent to harass. A violation of Penal Code § 653.2 could independently constitute the "criminal act" contemplated by California Rule 8.4(b).

evidence

Newman created & published degrading images targeting the complainant & the complainant's wife, Nneka Ohiri, who are defendants in Newman's client's lawsuit. After the complainant mentioned in a livestream that his hair was thinning, Newman created an image depicting him as bald. See Exhibit 16.




The DMCA Lawyer 11 minutes ago

Bombshell was more like a drip. Give the hypocrite your money sheep



After the complainant described his wife as beautiful during a livestream, Newman created & published an AI-generated image mocking her physical appearance. See Exhibit 17. Newman later removed this image from his channel.

making fun of defendent's wife


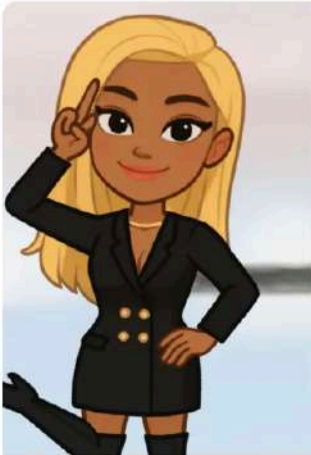


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16 hours ago




"She's smoking hot!"

-Frauditor Troll




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@TheDMCALawyer

1 hour ago

Savage 🤔🤔

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The DMCA Lawyer 1 day ago (edited)

Sounds familiar.



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After the complainant launched a GoFundMe to help pay legal fees, Newman published an image depicting the complainant as a homeless beggar. See Exhibit 18.

The case is being litigated on a contingency basis for the plaintiff, while the defense must pay out of pocket. Newman is making fun of the fact that he is costing someone money by bringing a suit against them as an experienced attorney.



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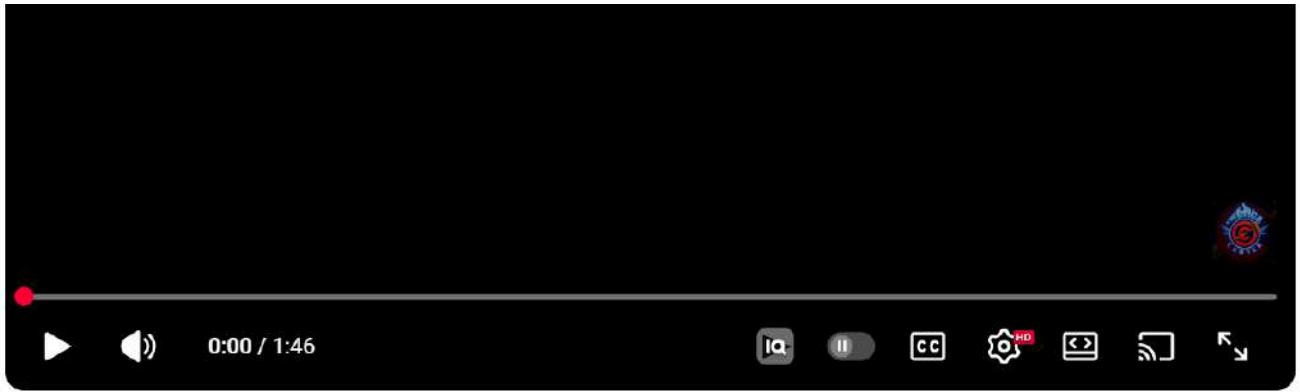
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doxxing

Newman published the complainant's full residential address on his YouTube channel & personal website without redacting it. Newman then bragged about "unmasking" the complainant's identity & created an image depicting the complainant as a homeless man hiding in a cardboard box. See Exhibits 22 & 23.



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Frauditor Troll is officially UNMASKED. Thanks to Google's quick compliance with my Rule 45 subpoena, I now know who owns the channel, and I'm working on an Amended Complaint. No pushback, no games, just results.

This is a huge step forward in holding reaction channels accountable for copyright infringement and misuse of "fair use." If you've been following the Cordova v. Huneault and related cases, you know this is only the beginning.

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#FrauditorTroll #Unmasked #FairUseFail #DMCA #CopyrightLaw #YouTubeLaw #FrauditorCommunity
#FirstAmendmentAuditors #lawsuitupdate
@DenverMetroAudits



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🔗 FRAUDITOR TROLL: You can run, but you can't hide.

🕒 Premiering at 2:00eastern— don't miss it.

👉 Subscribe to @TheDMCALawyer

I'll see 👁️ you in the chat !! 🍷 100 🍷



The Waiver of Service Email:...



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📄 We Gave Frauditor Troll 30 Days – The Clock Is Ticking ⌚ In this video, DMA and I break down th...

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accusation of stealing money

On that same livestream, the plaintiff's representative stated the complainant was "stealing money" from viewers through a GoFundMe. Newman did not deny or correct this claim. See Exhibit 39.

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stealing

DMA

Executive Director of Copyright Strikes

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Transcript

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10:28 that arrogant, dude. You know, even the

10:31 exposor said, "I'm not doing auditor

10:33 videos anymore." You know, like he's the

10:37 only one that is just that dumb or he's

10:39 that arrogant and he's just stealing

10:40 money from you guys, man. So, I tried to

10:44 warn you, but when this when this is

10:46 done and he loses, say, "I told you so.

10:49 You guys are just so dumb, man. Stop

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In a separate comment section, Newman wrote that the complainant was "ripping off the subs until they realize it's a scam." See Exhibit 40. The complainant has raised approximately \$27,000 through GoFundMe & has spent approximately \$40,000 on legal fees in this matter; receipts are available upon request.

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@Arm-Hammergeddon

7 days ago

<https://youtu.be/QAVHXX6vAEE?si=Qt6oTzvg9A7EkiQI>

I put this link on one of your posts the other day, it disappeared. This seems like your wheelhouse

Like

Reply

@Arm-Hammergeddon

7 days ago

Man, they're really acting like an ant mound that's been stepped on: busy, angry and biting. FT is spinning very small observations into desperation or damning evidence. But it just seems like rage bait to mobilize the gofundme

Like

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@TheDMCALawyer

7 days ago

Exactly, rip off the subs until they realize it was a scam.

Like

Reply

@W.Stryker

2 days ago

[@TheDMCALawyer](#) can you say the same about DMA?

Like

Reply

he's publicly harassing the person he is suing.

These actions serve no legitimate litigation purpose. They're designed to degrade, humiliate, & pressure opposing parties into settlement by making the litigation experience as personally painful as possible. Newman is the plaintiff's attorney in this case; he has a direct financial interest in the outcome due to his contingency fee arrangement. The publication of the complainant's home address, combined with the pattern of public ridicule, constitutes conduct with no substantial purpose other than to embarrass & burden a third person under Rule 4.4(a). The public statements accusing the complainant of fraud are extrajudicial statements by a litigating attorney that risk prejudicing potential jurors, given that a jury trial has been demanded.

#5 harassing disabled individuals

rules:

New York:

NY RPC Rule 8.4(g): A lawyer or law firm shall not engage in conduct in the practice of law that the lawyer or law firm knows or reasonably should know constitutes harassment or discrimination on the basis of disability, among other protected characteristics. (As amended by joint order of New York's four Appellate Division departments, effective June 10, 2022; filed in the NYS Register July 6, 2022; codified at 22 NYCRR 1200.0, Rule 8.4(g).)

NY RPC Rule 8.4(h): Conduct adversely reflecting on the lawyer's fitness.

California:

California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4.1: Prohibits discrimination & harassment based on protected characteristics, including "physical disability" & "mental disability" (Rule 8.4.1(c)(1)), in conduct occurring (a) "in representing a client, or in terminating or refusing to accept the representation of any client" or (b) "in relation to a law firm's operations." (Effective November 1, 2018.)

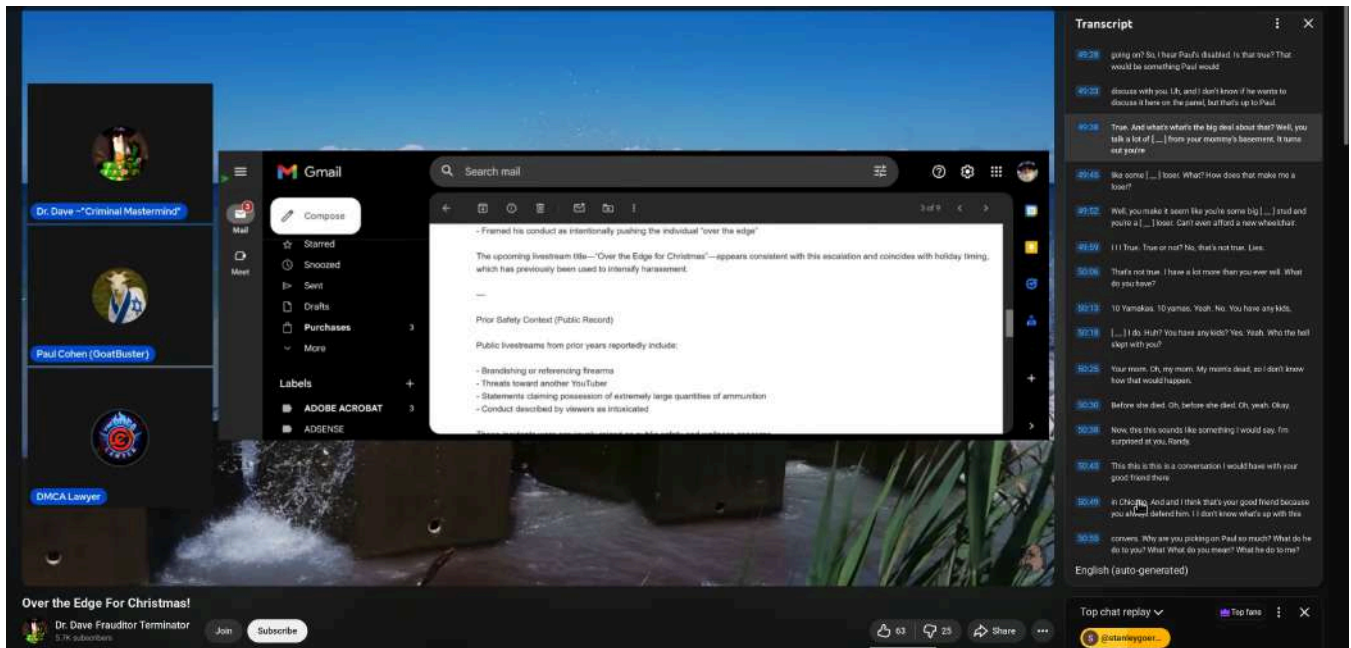
California Business & Professions Code § 6106: Acts involving moral turpitude committed in any context; including outside the practice of law; constitute grounds for disbarment or suspension. Publicly mocking disabled individuals with slurs on business social media constitutes conduct showing "a flagrant disrespect for societal norms" under the moral turpitude standard established in *In re Lesansky* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 11. B&P § 6106 is the stronger companion authority because it has been actively enforced for decades & has no practice-of-law limitation, unlike Rule 8.4.1.

evidence:

Using his business social media accounts, Newman created & published degrading images targeting individuals who use wheelchairs, tagging them directly within the community of people where he solicits new clients & business.

On stream, Newman says

"turns out you're some fuckin loser.... well you make it seem like you're some big fuckin's tud & turns out you're a fuckin loser... Can't even afford a new wheelchair"



See Exhibits 24 & 25.



The DMCA Lawyer 10 hours ago

@pauljcohen2007 and @tbushman1 hanging out in the basement eagerly awaiting @DrDaveFrauditorTerminator's livestream tonight. #RollOnBoys #TwoMoronsOnWheels



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2:26

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The DMCA Lawyer



2 hours ago

[@pauljcohen2007](#) Have you heard of Elf on a Shelf? How about a Gimp on a Chimp? Maybe your mommy will roll you out of the basement for Christmas...err, I mean  ...





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Newman created an image depicting a disabled man on a bus alongside a depiction of the man's wife as a grossly overweight woman, after learning she was overweight. See Exhibit 26.



The DMCA Lawyer 2 hours ago

@tbusman1



Newman posted comments insulting a person specifically because the person uses a wheelchair. See Exhibit 27.

2:30

85

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Comment on "Shady Shade Raps About Hating Jewish Peo...



@pauljcohen2007 • 1d ago



Yet we are the antisemitic ones, right, right?

👍 17



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@TheDMCALawyer • 20h ago



Wait wait wait...you are in a wheelchair? Is that true? Omg, that would be epically hilarious if that's true...please please tell me it's true my favorite Jew.



@pauljcohen2007 • 20h ago :

[@TheDMCALawyer](#) why
is that funny? It's funny
that someone is



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Newman made comments ridiculing a man who was paralyzed after being shot by police. See Exhibit 28.



@TheDMCALawyer 4 hours ago



[@tbusman1](#) Keep listening to Patrick gimp. Remind me who attacked a cop with a knife and got shot and paralyzed....hmmm, that was you loser. The King of Dumb. You and the other gimp should team up and sue me. I'd love that. Two gimpy morons.



Reply



@tbusman1 4 hours ago



[@TheDMCALawyer](#) keep in mind I was never convicted of that. If I was Jacob Blake you wouldn't say that. If you were to say I was a cop killer you would have to prove I was charged in that shooting with a felony. I was never charged in it so as far as the justice system is concerned I am in the clear. Keep in mind you're make fun of me, and yet you don't make fun of Jacob Blake for doing the same thing. Look at what I got out of the deal, the kids got college money, I'm pulling a decent ...

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@TheDMCALawyer 4 hours ago



[@tbusman1](#) The evidence shows you are paralyzed because of your own stupidity. Have fun with that loser.




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Newman described two wheelchair-bound individuals as "broke losers" & "lame gimps." See Exhibit 29.

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@auditingthefrauditorsauditors 6 hours ago

This is crazy work..



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@ReganBenson 7 hours ago

No clue what this is about but I burst out laughing. 😂😂😂😂



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@auditingthefrauditorsauditors 6 hours ago

Whats up with you Mrs. Benson. 😏



Reply



@pauljcohen2007 6 hours ago

Why am I not surprised that you would burst out laughing about making fun of a disabled person? You are such an evil witch that it is no surprise whatsoever. We see how you keep this so that you're trying to help. Crawl back on the rock came out from.



Reply



@TheDMCALawyer 50 minutes ago

@pauljcohen2007 We need to make sure everyone knows you are a lame gimp sitting in your basement making fun of everyone else. Truly truly ironic.



Reply



@TheDMCALawyer 48 minutes ago

So, Paul Cohen is this loser gimp who simps for Dr. Dave and Gurka. Turns out he's some broke loser in a wheelchair. I just found this out due to some posts by the Angry Vet.



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why this should be investigated

New York's amended Rule 8.4(g) (effective June 10, 2022) prohibits harassment or discrimination on the basis of disability in conduct related to the practice of law. The rule covers "interacting with witnesses, coworkers, court personnel, lawyers, & others, while engaging in the practice of law" (Comment [3] to Rule 8.4(g)).

Because Newman conducted this harassment through the same professional accounts he uses to advertise his legal services & discuss his active cases, it constitutes conduct related to the practice of law. The term "lame gimps" directed at wheelchair-bound individuals goes beyond any definition of "petty slights or trivial inconveniences" that the rule's comments exclude.

#6: harassment targeting religious faith

rules:

New York:

NY RPC Rule 8.4(g): Prohibits harassment or discrimination on the basis of religion in conduct related to the practice of law.

NY RPC Rule 8.4(h): Conduct adversely reflecting on the lawyer's fitness.

NY RPC Rule 4.4(a): Respect for rights of third persons.

California:

California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4.1: Prohibits harassment or discrimination on the basis of "religious creed," which is explicitly listed as a protected characteristic in Rule 8.4.1(c)(1). The rule applies to conduct in representing a client or in relation to a law firm's operations.

California Business & Professions Code § 6106: Acts involving moral turpitude in any context constitute grounds for disbarment or suspension.

California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d): Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

evidence

Patrick D'Arcy, a YouTuber who covered Newman's cases & offered criticism, had previously posted a video about a personal spiritual experience involving Jesus (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTYNN8tonIM>). After discovering this video, Newman launched a sustained campaign targeting D'Arcy's faith.

Newman published AI-generated images targeting D'Arcy's spiritual experience. See Exhibits 30, 31, & 32.



The DMCA Lawyer 4 months ago



🔥 New Short just landed... and this one's a miracle. 🙏⚡

In today's installment of "Things You Can't Make Up"... Patrick J. Duh Arcy, Esq. has decided to take on his boldest opponent yet — not me, not Merb, not the law... but a 40-foot Electronic Jesus 🏠🤖 who apparently hurt his fee-fees by calling him a sinner. 😊💔

That's right — while some lawyers are out here not doing trials, Duh Arcy is in his backyard debating the Messiah (now with Wi-Fi) 📶✝️. No word yet if he plans to file a Defamation lawsuit against Jesus, but I'm guessing the jurisdiction's... tricky. 📖👁️

(Hint: Serve him with a 512(h) subpoena, Mr. "Master of Subpoenas")
📄⚡

#BiglyMad #WeGoodBro #40ftJesus #TheDMCALawyer
#PatrickDuhArcy #MasterOfSubpoenas #ICanEatMoreHotDogs

@hoyaloya

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⚡🙏 Patrick J. Duh Arcy, Esq... ⋮

The DMCA Lawyer •

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In today's episode of 'Things You Can't Make Up,' Patrick J. Duh Arcy, Esq. is still bigly mad, and this...



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The DMCA Lawyer 1 month ago (edited)



Happy Thanksgiving to the DUMBEST lawyer on YouTube Patrick J. D'Arcy, Esq. Today I'm thankful that you never get anything right. 13-1 means there is a 13 you dummy. You can fool your moron subs but you can't fool me. [@hoyaloya](#) ...

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The DMCA Lawyer 1 month ago (edited)

For any anyone who hasn't heard about Patrick J. D'Arcy, Esq.'s run-in with Electronic Jesus in his backyard, watch his video. 🤪🤪🤪🤪

Lord how can you love a sinner like me? I imagine Patrick talking to a tree....

@hoyaloya what a dope.

And you fools listen to this goof.

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Large Image Of Jesus Christ...

Hoya Loya Videos ·

196 views · 1 year ago

Hello! My first video! I have created a new channel entitled "Hoya Loya Videos," which will take a fun...

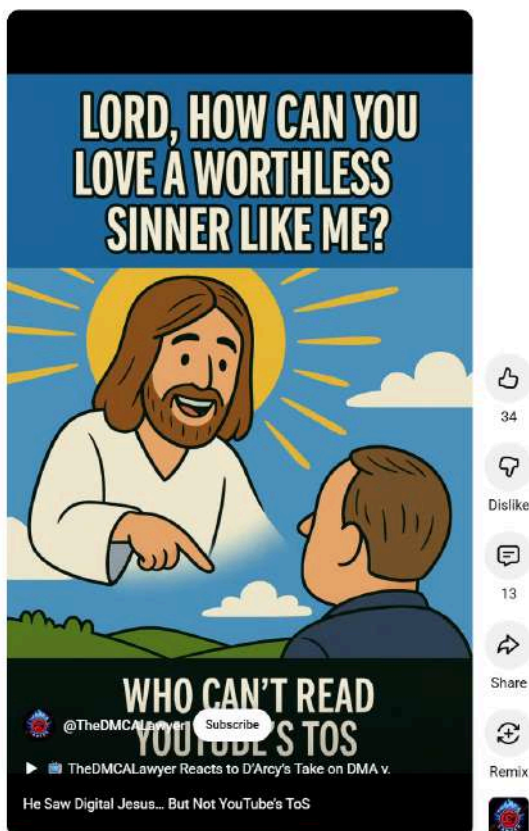


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Newman published a video comparing D'Arcy's spiritual experience to the use of hallucinogenic mushrooms. See Exhibit 33 (video: https://www.youtube.com/shorts/4GBzsQF_DR8).



Comments 13



@fraudieYT 6 months ago

Hahahaha.. He really pissed you off didn't he.



Reply



@TheDMCALawyer 6 months ago

Not really.



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Reply



@TonyG-pk5wc 6 months ago

Are you talking about Jesus Christ or Patrick J. D'Arcy? 🤪



Reply



@TheDMCALawyer 6 months ago

@TonyG-pk5wc 🤪 ** I saw a 40-foot electronic Bigfoot in my backyard over the weekend—but at least my sighting is plausible. I ate a ton of mushroom gummies. What's your guy's excuse?



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Reply



@ReganBenson 4 months ago

@TheDMCALawyer LMAO!! 🤪🤪🤪🤪



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@TonyG-pk5wc 6 months ago

As I've said before, you aren't fit to carry Mr. D'Arcy's briefcase. You are a horrible person.



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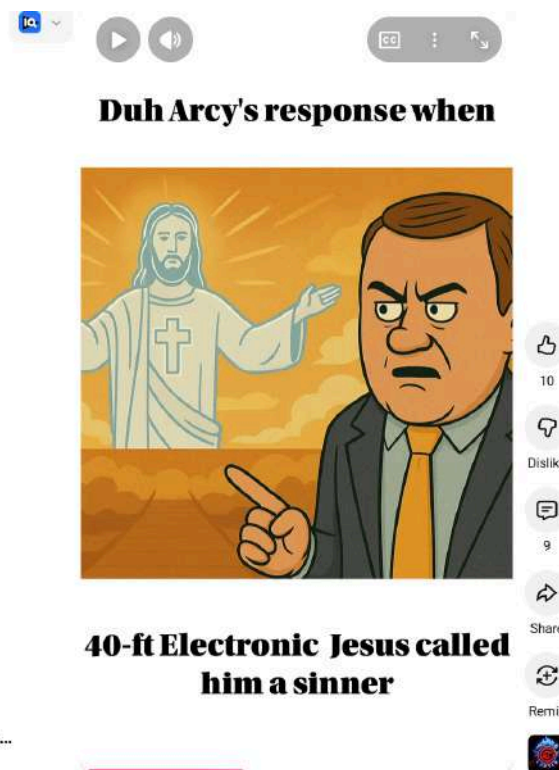


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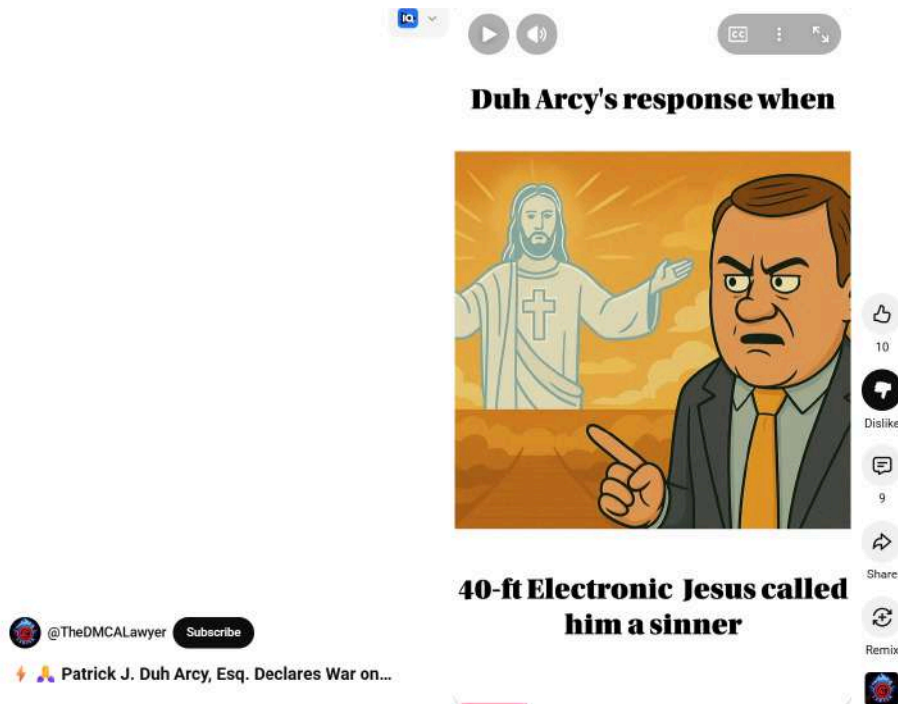
Newman published additional AI-generated videos mocking Jesus. See Exhibit 34 (video: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/1BJFIYSTmQA>).





Newman published another video harassing D'Arcy & mocking Jesus. See Exhibit 35 (video: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/SWPWUJ7ot0Q>).

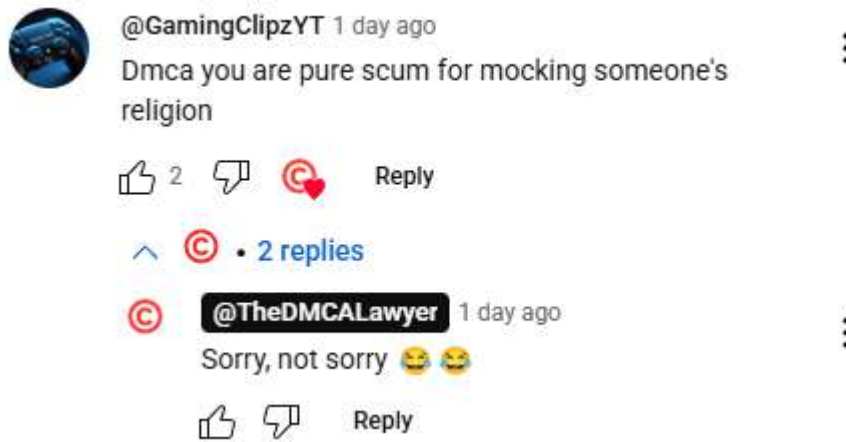


Newman used AI to clone D'Arcy's voice & create a video disrespecting D'Arcy's faith. See Exhibit 36 (video: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/wudLzsuXVbg>).



When viewers criticized this conduct, Newman responded by saying he was not sorry & told people to "Cry Harder." See Exhibits 37 & 38.

-  **@GamingClipzYT** 1 day ago
Not gunna lie. Mocking someone's faith or religion is pretty damn low.
No wonder you get along so well with auditors.
- 👍 5 🗨️ 🔄 Reply
- 👤 • 5 replies
-  **@TheDMCALawyer** 1 day ago
Awww, cry harder 😏😏
- 👍 1 🗨️ Reply
-  **@KFARR** 23 hours ago (edited)
@TheDMCALawyer does this make DMA fair use for when he claimed he was near enlightenment because he kept repeating numbers over and over again?
- Or when he cried about being a civil rights activist ?...
- Read more
- 👍 2 🗨️ Reply
-  **@TheDMCALawyer** 23 hours ago
@KFARR I have no idea what you are talking about but I do find it funny that D'Arcy said he saw electronic Jesus in his backyard yet he can't read YouTube's ToS. 😏😏😏
- Have to admit that short is hilarious.
- 👍 1 🗨️ Reply
-  **@KFARR** 23 hours ago (edited)
@TheDMCALawyer I think it's a bit funnier that Christopher has said a bunch of mentally questionable things in the past..
- I'm planning a charity event if Christopher wants in
- 👍 2 🗨️ Reply
-  **@TheDMCALawyer** 22 hours ago
@KFARR Charity event? Only if electronic Jesus is gonna show up.
- 👍 2 🗨️ Reply



why this is important

This campaign lasted months, where AI-generated videos & images were made to target D'Arcy for his religious faith. It was conducted entirely through Newman's professional business accounts. Under the amended Rule 8.4(g), "religion" is an explicitly protected category. The sustained nature of the campaign, spanning multiple videos, images, & responses to criticism, eliminates any argument that this was a one-time lapse in judgment.

#7: fictitious office address & practicing from Thailand through a virtual mailbox

rules:

New York:

[New York Judiciary Law § 470:](#)

"A person, regularly admitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor, in the courts of record of this state, whose office for the transaction of law business is within the state, may practice as such attorney or counsellor, although he resides in an adjoining state."

The New York Court of Appeals held in *Schoenefeld v. State of New York*, 25 N.Y.3d 22 (2015) that this statute "requires nonresident attorneys to maintain a physical office in New York." In *Maritime District Development Co., LLC v. Toledano*, the trial court held that "[b]y definition, a virtual office is not an actual office" (60 Misc.3d 1203A [Sup. Ct. NY County 2018]). The Appellate Division, First Department, agreed that an attorney's use of a virtual office solely as a mailing address and for service of process is insufficient to satisfy the physical office requirement under *Schoenefeld* (174 AD3d 431 [1st Dept 2019]). Virtual offices with only mailbox services do not satisfy § 470.

[NY RPC Rule 8.4\(c\)](#): A lawyer or law firm shall not "engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation."

[NY RPC Rule 7.1](#): A lawyer shall not make false or misleading communications about the lawyer or the lawyer's services.

California:

[California Rule of Professional Conduct 7.1:](#)

"A lawyer shall not make a false or misleading communication about the lawyer or the lawyer's services."

[California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4\(c\)](#): A lawyer shall not "engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or reckless or intentional misrepresentation."

evidence

Newman lists his office as **99 Wall Street, Suite 3727, New York, NY 10005** on bar registrations, court filings, & his professional website. This address is a virtual mailbox operated by [PhysicalAddress.com](#), a mail-forwarding service starting at \$19.98/month. Customers select their own "suite" number at signup.

The building at 99 Wall Street is a **25-story** building. "Suite 3727" implies a 37th floor that does not exist. The suite number is fabricated.

Newman's actual location is established by his **own sworn court filing**. In *Cordova v. Huneault*, Case No. 25-cv-04685-VKD (N.D. Cal.), [Document 23-1](#), filed September 2, 2025, Newman signed a Declaration under penalty of perjury with the execution line: **"Executed on this 2nd day of September, 2025, in Bangkok, Thailand."**

In that same declaration, Newman describes retaining a process server to serve someone at "99 Wall Street"; & the process server **"was unable to locate a suite"** at that address.

why this warrants investigation

Every element is independently verifiable: the building has 27 floors (public records), PhysicalAddress.com operates a virtual mailbox there (visit the website), customers choose their own suite numbers (signup flow), & Newman swore under oath he was in Thailand (PACER docket). Violation of § 470 results in disqualification from New York cases, inability to collect legal fees, & disciplinary referral. Listing a non-existent suite number on court filings & bar registrations is an affirmative misrepresentation under Rule 8.4(c).

#8: trial publicity violations through YouTube livestreams

rules:

New York:

[NY RPC Rule 3.6\(a\)](#): "A lawyer who is participating in or has participated in the investigation or litigation of a matter shall not make an extrajudicial statement that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know will be disseminated by means of public communication and will have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicative proceeding in the matter."

[NY RPC Rule 8.4\(d\)](#): A lawyer shall not "engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice."

California:

[California Rule of Professional Conduct 3.6\(a\)](#): "A lawyer who is participating or has participated in the investigation or litigation of a matter shall not make an extrajudicial statement that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know will (i) be disseminated by means of public communication and (ii) have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicative proceeding in the matter."

[California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4\(d\)](#): A lawyer shall not "engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice."

evidence

Newman conducted regular YouTube livestreams where he discussed pending litigation in prejudicial detail, including legal strategy, specific evidence, & characterizations of judicial statements from off-the-record hearings.

On **July 12–13, 2025**, Newman & client Cordova livestreamed on Cordova's YouTube channel discussing *Cordova v. Huneault* in detail, including over 2,000 video takedowns, subpoena filings, & litigation strategy. (Source: [ReallyCoolSite coverage of Dr. Dave livestream, Sept. 23, 2025](#))

In **August/September 2025**, after a status hearing, Newman & Cordova livestreamed publicly characterizing **Judge DeMarchi's off-the-record statements**; claiming she "attempted to dissuade Vondran from filing a motion to dismiss" & "wanted to hear debate on some of the claims." Off-the-record judicial statements are confidential; publicly broadcasting them on YouTube undermines the court's ability to manage cases informally. (Source: [ReallyCoolSite coverage of jurisdiction hearing, Nov. 19, 2025](#))

Newman announced on YouTube that YouTube had disclosed identity information in response to his subpoenas, & that attorney Reed had provided Frauditor Roundup's identity, before this information appeared on the public docket. (Source: [ReallyCoolSite coverage of DMA Sunday livestream, Sept. 23, 2025](#))

why this warrants investigation

These are not isolated comments. Newman systematically uses YouTube livestreams to discuss pending litigation in detail that goes far beyond what Rule 3.6 permits. Disclosing a judge's off-the-record comments to a public YouTube audience is a direct violation: those statements are confidential by their nature. Newman also includes his YouTube channel URL in his federal court filing signature block, effectively using court documents to direct opposing parties & the public to a channel where he attacks defendants & discusses case strategy.

#9: suing opposing attorneys for filing DMCA counter-notices

rules:

New York:

[NY RPC Rule 4.4\(a\)](#): "In representing a client, a lawyer shall not use means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay, or burden a third person, or use methods of obtaining evidence that violate the legal rights of such a person."

[NY RPC Rule 3.1](#): "A lawyer shall not bring or defend a proceeding, or assert or controvert an issue therein, unless there is a basis in law and fact for doing so that is not frivolous, which includes a good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of existing law."

California:

California Rule of Professional Conduct 3.1(a): A lawyer shall not: "(1) bring or continue an action, conduct a defense, assert a position in litigation, or take an appeal, without probable cause and for the purpose of harassing or maliciously injuring any person; or (2) present a claim or defense in litigation that is not warranted under existing law, unless it can be supported by a good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of the existing law."

California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d): A lawyer shall not "engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice."

evidence

Newman filed federal lawsuits against at least two attorneys for the act of filing DMCA counter-notices on behalf of their clients; the statutory mechanism Congress created under [17 U.S.C. § 512\(g\)](#) for a person who believes their content was wrongly taken down:

- **Robert Alan Reed;** Sued in two separate cases:
 - [Liberty Troll LLC v. Reed, 5:25-cv-06878 \(N.D. Cal.\)](#); filed Aug. 14, 2025
 - [Executive Lens LLC v. Reed, 5:25-cv-07150 \(N.D. Cal.\)](#); filed Aug. 24, 2025
- **Lee Rapkin;** Sued in [Executive Lens LLC v. Rapkin, 5:25-cv-06048 \(N.D. Cal.\)](#); filed Jul. 17, 2025

Filing a DMCA counter-notice is a core legal function; the equivalent of filing an answer to a complaint. Newman sued these attorneys under § 512(f) for "knowing misrepresentation" in the counter-notices. The § 512(f) "knowing misrepresentation" standard is subjective per *Rossi v. MPAA*, 391 F.3d 1000 (9th Cir. 2004), making these claims exceptionally difficult to prove.

The chilling effect has been documented: Reed's law practice has reportedly closed, & his DMCA counter-notice service (counterdmca.com) now returns a 404 error. (Source: [ReallyCoolSite, "Liberty Troll Sues Frauditor Roundup, Attorney," Aug. 14, 2025](#); [ReallyCoolSite, "DMCA v. DMCA; Attorneys Duke it Out," Nov. 18, 2025](#))

Newman publicly described one of these cases as "what happens when you mix YouTube bullying with legal malpractice lite"; publicly accusing an opposing attorney of malpractice outside of any disciplinary proceeding.

why this warrants investigation

Suing attorneys for performing their core professional function; filing counter-notices on behalf of clients; has the substantial purpose of deterring future legal representation. The pattern of filing three separate lawsuits against two attorneys suggests a deliberate strategy to chill the willingness of lawyers to represent clients in DMCA disputes. The documented closure of Reed's practice provides concrete evidence of the chilling effect.

#10: frivolous litigation & abuse of legal process

rules:

New York:

[NY RPC Rule 3.1](#): "A lawyer shall not bring or defend a proceeding, or assert or controvert an issue therein, unless there is a basis in law and fact for doing so that is not frivolous, which includes a good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of existing law."

[NY RPC Rule 8.4\(d\)](#): A lawyer shall not "engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice."

California:

[California Rule of Professional Conduct 3.1\(a\)](#): A lawyer shall not: "(1) bring or continue an action, conduct a defense, assert a position in litigation, or take an appeal, without probable cause and for the purpose of harassing or maliciously injuring any person; or (2) present a claim or defense in litigation that is not warranted under existing law, unless it can be supported by a good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of the existing law."

[California Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4\(d\)](#): A lawyer shall not "engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice."

the legal standard for frivolous litigation

Rule 3.1 does not require that a lawsuit succeed; it requires that there be a "basis in law & fact" at the time of filing "that is not frivolous." The question is whether a reasonable attorney would have concluded there was a good-faith basis to bring the case.

In copyright cases specifically, the landmark case *Hosseinzadeh v. Klein*, 276 F. Supp. 3d 34 (S.D.N.Y. 2017) held that YouTube reaction/commentary videos constitute fair use as a matter of law. After this decision, any attorney filing copyright claims against YouTube commentary/reaction videos must contend with this precedent.

Under California law, *Zamos v. Stroud*, 32 Cal.4th 958 (2004) holds that attorneys may be liable for malicious prosecution for **continuing to prosecute** lawsuits discovered to lack probable cause. In *In re Scott*, 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 446 (2002), an attorney was **suspended** for filing four related harassing/vindictive lawsuits.

California's [anti-SLAPP statute \(CCP § 425.16\)](#) provides a mechanism to strike lawsuits that target protected speech, with mandatory attorney fee awards.

evidence of the pattern

Newman filed at least **eight federal lawsuits** in the Northern District of California within approximately three to four months (June–September 2025) on behalf of YouTube content creators, despite his clients & defendants residing in Colorado, Florida, Canada, & Pakistan.

In *Helping Hands for Dignity Coalition v. Gurka* (N.D. Cal.), **Judge William H. Orrick directly questioned why he had jurisdiction** over a case where the plaintiff lives in Colorado & the defendant lives in Florida. Newman admitted he was "unaware of case law establishing the jurisdiction in the Northern District of California." (Source: [ReallyCoolSite, "Jurisdiction Issue to Derail Regan Benson v BlackHartKnight?", Nov. 19, 2025](#))

In *Filax v. Tayyab* (5:25-cv-07600, N.D. Cal.), Newman sued a Pakistan-based YouTuber despite the copyright not being registered; limiting available damages. Newman stated the lawsuit was primarily to give Tayyab **"incentive to settle quickly & remove the video"** & that he "was not concerned about the monetization status of the channel or video as he could not get infringement damages." (Source: [ReallyCoolSite, "John Filax Sues Pakistan Based YouTuber for Copyright"](#))

Filing a lawsuit where the attorney acknowledges no damages are available, solely to coerce a settlement, is a textbook statement of improper purpose under both Rule 3.1 & [FRCP Rule 11\(b\)](#).

Newman also uses YouTube to publicly harass & berate the same individuals he sues; creating AI-generated degrading images, mocking them on livestreams, publishing their home addresses, & calling them scammers. This isn't the conduct of an attorney pursuing legitimate copyright claims in good faith. Rather, it's use of the legal system as one component of a broader harassment campaign.

YouTube itself reviewed & restored multiple videos as fair use in several of Newman's DMCA disputes; suggesting the original takedowns lacked a good-faith basis. When the platform's own review process concludes the use is fair, it becomes increasingly difficult for the attorney to argue he had a good-faith basis for the takedown. (Source: [ReallyCoolSite, "DMA Copyright Strike Campaign Hits 1A Audits Exposé"](#))

why this warrants investigation

The combination of (1) filing copyright claims against commentary videos likely protected by fair use, (2) YouTube restoring videos as fair use, (3) filing in a jurisdiction without supporting case law, (4) admitting to filing a suit solely to coerce settlement when no damages were available, & (5) simultaneously conducting a public harassment campaign against the same defendants establishes a pattern that goes beyond aggressive-but-legitimate litigation. The legal system is being used as a weapon in a coordinated campaign of harassment.

pattern of conduct

The allegations above aren't isolated incidents. It spans from approximately September 2025 through January 2026 & reflect a constant pattern.

Newman uses his professional business accounts to harass, degrade, & intimidate individuals, then doubles down when confronted. **His private acknowledgment that the suicide encouragement could lead to disbarment, followed by repeating the same conduct weeks later, demonstrates that he is aware these actions violate professional standards & has chosen to continue regardless.**

The newer allegations (#7-#10) reveal that the misconduct extends beyond personal conduct on social media into Newman's litigation practice itself: practicing through a fictitious address from a foreign country, systematically violating trial publicity rules through YouTube livestreams, suing opposing attorneys for performing their professional function, & using the courts to coerce settlements in cases he admits lack recoverable damages.

Filing Information

New York

Newman's office is at 99 Wall Street, Suite 3727, New York, NY 10005 (New York County). The appropriate body is:

Attorney Grievance Committee

Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department
61 Broadway, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10006

Phone: (212) 401-0800

Email for new complaints: Complaints@agcfirst.com

Source: <https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad1/Committees&Programs/DDC/index.shtml>

Note: The AGC for the First Department has relocated from its former address at 180 Maiden Lane to 61 Broadway. The fax number has been removed as the AGC now accepts new complaints by email. Verify the current address at the source URL before mailing.

California

The State Bar of California accepts misconduct complaints via an online form or by mail:

Online: <https://apps.calbar.ca.gov/complaint/>

Phone: 800-843-9053 (in California) or 213-765-1200 (outside California)

Mail: State Bar of California, 845 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Source: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/public/file-complaints-claims/file-attorney-complaint/how-file-complaint-against-attorney>