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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ASIA ECONOMIC INSTITUTE, a California
LLC; RAYMOND MOBREZ an individual; and
ILIANA LLANERAS, an individual,

Case No.: SC106603

Plaintiffs,

COMPLAINT FOR:

vs.

XCENTRIC VENTURES, LLC, an Arizona
LLC, d/b/a as BADBUSINESS BUREAU
and/or BADBUSINESSBUREAU.COM and/or
RIP OFF REPORT and/or
RIPOFFREPORT.COM; BAD BUSINESS
BUREAU, LLC, organized and existing under
the laws of St. Kitts/Nevis, West Indies;
EDWARD MAGEDSON an individual, and
DOES 1 through 100, inclusive.

- (1) COMMON LAW DEFAMATION
- (2) UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES
- (3) VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. §, 1962(c)
- (4) VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d)
- (5) CIVIL CONSPIRACY
- (6) DEFAMATION PER SE
- (7) FALSE LIGHT
- (8) INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS
- (9) NEGLIGENT INTERFERENCE WITH PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS
- (10) BREACH OF CONTRACT
- (11) PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
- (12) PERMANENT INJUNCTION

Defendants,

CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

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Plaintiffs, Raymond Mobrez ("Mobrez"), Iliana Llaneras ("Llaneras"), and Asia Economic Institute ("AEI"), hereby allege as follows:

Advocacy, Business Remediation and Consumer Satisfaction Program" ("CAP"). In exchange for an exorbitant amount of money, Defendants will supplement the negative postings on their site with positive feedback. Additionally, Magedson change the original negative headings into a positive, thus allowing users of any popular search engine to view the positive commentary first. Likewise, Defendants post positive reviews about individuals or businesses enrolled in the CAP. These positive reviews are similarly placed ahead of the original, negative complaint. This has the effect of altering, supplementing, and/or adding to the posts by users thus exempting Defendants from immunity under § 230 of the Communication Decency Act. Without payment, however, Defendants refuse to take further steps related to the false and defamatory posts afflicting the reported business and individuals. Victims of Magedson's disparaging reports are thus faced with the dilemma of three unsatisfactory choices: (1) live with the worldwide publication of defamatory misinformation about the particular victim, (2) accede to Magedson's extortive money demands, or (3) initiate an expensive lawsuit against Magedson (who has a lengthy history of evading service of process). In our case, Plaintiffs, like the countless number of businesses affected by Defendants' conduct, faced an additional predicament -- loss of their business.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, AEI, is a limited liability company, and, at all times relevant hereto, organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of California. Plaintiffs' principal place of business is located at 11766 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 260, Los Angeles, California 90025. AEI, a USA entity, has been in business for the last nine

years as a free on-line non-governmental publication, that publishes current news that is not involved in sales or marketing. Plaintiffs' business is an asset to the economy. AEI was in the process of providing work opportunities for numerous Americans who are currently unemployed.

4. Plaintiff Mobrez is an individual and, at all times relevant hereto, a resident of California, County of Los Angeles.

5. Plaintiff Llaneras is an individual and, at all times relevant hereto, a resident of California, County of Los Angeles.

6. Defendant Xcentric Ventures, LLC ("Xcentric") is a limited liability company organized and existing in Arizona with its purported domestic address as P.O. Box 470, Phoenix, Arizona 85280. Xcentric does business as badbusinessbureau.com, ripoffreport.com and/or Badbusiness Bureau and/or Rip-off Report. Xcentric is owned and operated by Defendant Ed Magedson. The domain is hosted by Intercosmos Media Group, Inc. with servers located in Ankara, Turkey.

7. On information and belief, Defendants Badbusinessbureau, LLC ("Badbusinessbureau") is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of St. Kitts/Nevis, West Indies, with its principal place of business in the State of Arizona and does business as Badbusinessbureau.com, Ripoffreport.com and/or

Badbusiness Bureau and/or Rip-off Report. Badbusinessbureau is owned and operated by Defendant, Ed Magedson.

8. On information and belief, Defendant, Ed Magedson ("Magedson") is an individual, and, at all times relevant hereto, is a resident of the State of Arizona. Magedson is the owner and operator of Xcentric and badbusinessbureau. Magedson runs and manages Defendants' websites solo.

9. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, or otherwise, of Defendants DOES 1 to 10 are unknown to Plaintiffs at the present time, who therefore sues such Defendants by fictitious names, and will amend this Complaint to show their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that each of the defendants assigned as a DOE is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings herein referred to, and thereby proximately caused injuries and damages to the Plaintiffs.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

10. This action arises under California law and the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

11. Jurisdiction is proper pursuant to Cal. Civ. Pro. Code § 410.10. Each Defendant has sufficient minimum contacts with California, is a citizen of California, or otherwise purposefully avails itself of benefits from California or doing business in California so as

to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Specifically, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because of the following:

- a. In an email from Defendant, Magedson to Plaintiff, Mobrez, Magedson claims to reside in California;
- b. Defendants solicit donations from individuals and businesses in California;
- c. Defendants have received donations from individuals and businesses in California;
- d. Users of Defendants' websites reside in California;
- e. Individuals and businesses in California have purchased merchandise from Defendants' websites;
- f. Defendants sell advertising space to businesses located in California;
- g. Individuals and businesses located in California have and continue to be enrolled in the CAP program; and
- h. Defendants' legal directory – located on Defendants' websites – posts a listing of California attorneys who will litigate lawsuits (mostly class actions) for individuals and businesses who have complained on their site.

12. Venue is proper pursuant to Cal. Civ. Pro. Code § 395. Defendants' obligation and liability arises in this county because Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially occurs in this judicial district and Defendants solicit and engage in business within this judicial district.

FACTS

13. Xcentric and badbusinessbureau own and operate websites with the following URLs <http://ripoffreport.com> and <http://badbusinessbureau.com>. Any individual using the internet may access these websites for free. Xcentric and badbusinessbureau is owned, operated, and managed by Magedson.

14. Entering the preceding URLs: ripoffreport.com and badbusinessbureau.com, will direct internet users to identical websites with a common header identifying the website as "Ripoff Report." The Complaint will refer to these websites as Defendants' websites.

15. Defendants' websites pretend to be consumer advocacy websites. They describe themselves as a "worldwide consumer reporting Website and publication, by consumers, for consumers, to file and document complaints about companies or individuals." Defendants' websites publish so-called "rip off reports" and purport to cover every category of product or service imaginable. They further state that users can "[...] Browse the latest Reports, Search the Reports, or Submit your report now for FREE, by clicking on File Report."

16. Defendants' websites state that users may submit so-called "rip off reports" for free. Companies may submit rebuttals, but Defendants post them according to editorial guidelines that are more stringent than those applied to consumer complaints. On

information and belief. Defendants have also refused and regularly refuse to post rebuttals.

17. Defendants' websites allow users to sort through so-called rip-off reports by category, company or individual, city, state, country, and key words.

18. In addition, Defendants use their websites to organize class action lawsuits, including providing the contact information of attorneys who will litigate such cases. In other words, Defendants refer legal cases to the attorneys listed on their websites. Users can also search for an attorney by State. On information and belief, Defendants solicit monies from attorneys in exchange for referring legal cases, mainly class actions.

19. Defendants use its websites to solicit "non-tax deductible donations"¹ from individuals and businesses across the country, including California. The "donations" are to be sent to an Arizona Post Office Box. In addition, Defendants' websites contain advertisements that are sold to businesses, including those in California. On information and belief, those businesses that buy advertising space from Defendants may choose the State in which they wish to advertise. This is accomplished by using the IP address of the Internet users who visit Defendants' websites.

20. Defendants use their websites to publish defamatory information about individuals and businesses throughout the United States, including California, and worldwide. Defendants offer a program called CAP whereby they solicit significant

¹ Defendants' website admits these donations are "non-tax deductible."

amounts of monies (in some cases as much as \$250,000) from individuals and businesses that have been defamed on Defendants' websites. In exchange, Defendants allegedly conduct an independent investigation into the rip-off reports. After this "investigation," Defendants supplement and/or add to each posting a headline in order to reflect positive feedback (this essentially turns the negative post into a positive). Likewise, Defendants create positive posts about a business enrolled in CAP. These positive posts rebut each negative post and appear directly above each negative post. Defendants author these posts and headings. Further, if an individual or business is searched using an internet search engine, the positive posting from Defendants' website will appear, instead of the negative posts. In addition, if future negative posts are submitted, Defendants will not publish them.

21. Defendants use their websites to market their book entitled "Rip-Off Report.com Do-It-Yourself: How to get Rip-off Revenge." This book is sold on Defendants' website entitled Ripoffrevenge.com. There is a link to Ripoffrevenge.com on Defendants' websites. Defendants benefit commercially from owning and operating these websites. This book teaches individuals and businesses how to get revenge against businesses.

DEFENDANTS PROVIDE ACTUAL CONTENT FOR THEIR WEBSITES

22. Defendants provide actual content of their websites, including, but not limited to the following:

- A. Produce original content contained in the rip-off reports;
- B. Produce original content in editorials, sometimes under the name "Editor@ripoffreport.com";
- C. Create the titles for rip-off reports;

- D. Create "META tags" for rip-off reports, which make the defamatory posts appear higher on the search engines. For example, if an individual and/or business types in their name on a search engine such as Google.com, the rip-off report title authored by Defendants will appear, in most cases, within the top 5 (however, usually in the top two) search engine results. Defendants author and use these so called "META tags" in violation of Google's terms of service, as well as in violation of other search engines terms of service.
- E. Solicit individuals to submit so-called Rip-off reports with the promise that said individuals may receive compensation in exchange for their posts.²
- F. Offer to link posters with attorneys for the purpose of filing lawsuits, especially class action lawsuits.
- G. Upload content contained in the Rip-off reports; and
- H. Exercise editorial control over rip-off reports, as well as rebuttals that are posted at the discretion of Defendant, Magedson ([EDitor@ripoffreport.com](mailto:Editor@ripoffreport.com)).

23. Defendants exercise exclusive control over the content of the Rip-off report websites. Defendant, Magedson will not allow users to edit or remove their posts under any circumstances. In an email to Plaintiffs, Defendant, Magedson boasted that not even the Pope himself could succeed in having complaints (true or not) removed from his websites. Copies of Plaintiffs and Defendants emails are attached hereto, collectively, as Exhibit A.

DEFENDANTS' PUBLICATIONS

24. On or about February 2009, Plaintiffs conducted a search on Google.com ("Google") and/or Yahoo.com ("Yahoo") using the following terms: Raymond Mobrez, Mobrez, Iliana Llaneras, Llaneras, and Asia Economic Institute. The results were that said parties appeared on said search engines (usually in first 2-3 hits) as individuals who have been complained about on Defendants websites. This means that any individual who searches Plaintiffs' names on any search engine will yield results describing

² On information and belief, to date, Defendants have removed this content from its websites.

Plaintiffs as scam artists on Defendants' websites. This has severely injured Plaintiffs' reputations and virtually halted its business.

25. To date, there are four (4) reports regarding Plaintiffs on Defendants websites. In addition, numerous comments from the original poster, as well as other posters, appear below the heading and each post. These posts are defamatory, false, and malicious. They allege that Plaintiffs are engaged in criminal conduct, more particularly: racism, discrimination, fraud, money laundering, tax fraud, and violations of employment laws. Copies of these posts are attached hereto, collectively, as Exhibit B. To date, said "rip-off reports" still remain on Defendants' websites. Defendants have refused to remove the false, defamatory posts pursuant to a policy whereby they claim to refuse to remove any posting under any circumstances, even when presented with evidence that the posts are false. However, if Plaintiff opted to participate in the CAP and pay Defendants' extortionate demands, Defendants would have modified the posts by adding positive feedback.

26. In order to be eligible for the CAP Defendants require that a defamed business or individual admit that the posts are true and then take steps prescribed by Defendants in order to remedy the alleged problem areas as specified in the posts. Defendants require that a business wishing to join the CAP fill out a preliminary form, which can be found on Defendants' websites.

27. Defendants' websites publish negative, false, misleading, and defamatory statements regarding businesses and individuals.

THE SHAKEDOWN

28. On February 15, 2009, Plaintiff, Mobrez, sent Defendants a cease and desist letter asking them to remove the defamatory posts. On or about May 2009, Plaintiff, Mobrez contacted Defendants to inform them that he, his business partner and his business had been defamed on Defendants websites. Mobrez further informed Defendants that the postings were false and offered proof of their falsity. The defamatory posts included, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. "Asia Economic Institute lie cheat tax fraud. (sic)."
- B. "Promised work visas, reference letters, and numerous raises and they have failed every time."
- C. "They reduce pay illegally."
- D. "Knowingly take advantage of workers."
- E. "Internet sweatshop."
- F. "Complete disorganization."
- G. "They are laundering money."
- H. "They have no idea how to run any business and continue to ruin people's lives."
- I. "Credentials of Raymond Mobrez [...] and Iliana Llaneras, are as muddled as they possibly can be [...] The truth is there are no credentials to back up the scheme that they are running."
- J. "Raymond explained to me that he hires & fires based on race, religion, gender, etc. Raymond told me girls are good for administrative tasks, especially Filipinas, because they do what they are told. Raymond told me not to trust Persians and Muslims. He told me the 'blacks' only want to work in entertainment so you should not hire them. This is offensive and illegal. Obviously."
- K. "Asia Economic Institute it's a SCAM."
- L. "Mobrez and Llaneras deserve serious legal punishment for ruining my life."
- M. "[...] Raymond Mobrez ?? [...] sewage, unscrupulous, mendacious, buffoonish cretin."
- N. "They routinely ignore employment laws."

O. “[...] Shady business practices [...] in which he and Iliana engage.”

29. Mobrez offered to meet Defendant, Magedson to discuss Plaintiffs’ options. In an email response Magedson stated “I am in California, ... I live here now, (sic.)” but nevertheless refused to meet with Plaintiffs. See Exhibit A.

30. In response, Defendants informed Mobrez that it would not remove the defamatory posts even if they were false. Defendants further offered to enroll Plaintiffs in the CAP program for a fee of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000), plus a monthly monitoring fee. Defendants sent Mobrez lengthy information regarding the CAP.

31. In an email from Defendants to Plaintiffs, dated May 12, 2009, explained that the CAP works as follows:

☐ This program changes the negative listings on search engines into a positive along with all the Reports on Rip-off Report (Reports are never deleted).

☐ As a condition of joining this program, the Reported business allows us to email everyone who filed a complaint that the business has contacted Rip-off Report and wants to make things right. This weeds out false Reports and shows your commitment to your customers and is later Reported in our findings about your company [sic.]we post to every Report about your business.

☐ You must live up to your stated commitments through our program requirements.

☐ Read about this program and how it changes all the negative into a positive - fill out our Corporate Advocacy Program intake form.”

32. It is important to note that Defendant, Magedson, by his own admission, clearly states that the CAP “[...] changes the negative listing on search engines into a positive along with all the Reports on Rip-off Report...” As a result, Defendants can not be afforded protection under §230 of the CDA.

33. Defendants informed Mobrez that as a predicate to enrolling in the CAP program, he would have to admit his guilt and concede to the truth of the postings. Mobrez refused and informed Defendants, again, that the posts were false and offered to prove their fallacy. Defendants further informed Mobrez that it would not do anything about the posts until it was paid a fee of approximately five thousand dollars (\$5,000), plus additional monthly monitoring fees. Plaintiff, Mobrez pleaded with Defendants to change the posts; however Defendant, Magedson refused to do anything until he was paid.

34. The implication was clear that for a fee, Defendants would correct the content of the defamatory posts.

35. In summary, Defendants offered to provide a correction to reports that it knew or should have known to be false for a fee. Defendants offered to write editorials and headlines disputing the false and defamatory information posted on Defendants' websites in exchange for a substantial fee.

36. A significant portion of Defendants' revenue stream comes from the CAP. This is not an isolated incident and numerous individuals, as well as businesses, have been approached by Defendants with this identical scheme.

37. Defendants know that the information published on its websites will dissuade prospective customers from doing business with Plaintiffs, as well as individuals from applying to or working for Plaintiffs. Here, Plaintiffs have been severely affected by these defamatory posts. Businesses and individuals have refused to do business with Plaintiffs. In addition, individuals have been dissuaded from working with Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs' goodwill has been destroyed. For example, one of the posts on Defendants' websites reads as follows:

"I was considering starting a position at this company after having an interview with Raymond. [...] He told me to come into the office tomorrow at 11 am to start work, but as a result of these reports I am going to blow him off."

38. Defendants are aware that the complaints published on its websites are likely untrue. It is not difficult for Defendants to ascertain the legitimacy of complaints: Defendants can determine the veracity of posts by engaging in minimal contact with the "victim" that has written the report(s).

**DEFENDANTS ARE ACTING AS A REGULATORY BODY BY IMPOSING
PENALTIES AND CLOSING DOWN BUSINESSES**

39. Defendants represent themselves as consumer advocates, yet their actions are gilded by private, for-profit motives. They mislead the public in an attempt to sell merchandise, advertising space, solicit donations, and extort monies from individuals and businesses.

40. Defendants' misrepresentations to the public are numerous. For example, Defendants published (on their websites) Defendant, Magedson's editorial on the Better

Business Bureau ("BBB"). Defendants claim that the BBB should not be trusted because it solicits monies from the businesses that it is supposed to monitor. In reality, this is exactly what Defendants are doing. In fact, Defendants websites have a negative rating with the BBB.

41. Defendants do not describe their extortion scheme on their websites, thus giving the public the false impression that Defendants are consumer advocates without any interest in pecuniary gain. This could not be further from the truth. Defendants gain a substantial income from their extortion scheme.

42. Numerous businesses and individuals have been harmed financially as a result of Defendants extortion scheme. In addition, many businesses have been forced to close down. As a result of said conduct, at any given time there are a substantial number of lawsuits pending in state and federal courts against Defendants. There are also many websites, new reports, and investigative reports that criticize Defendants and their websites for operating an extortion scam.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
COMMON LAW DEFAMATION

43. Asia Economic Institute re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

44. Defendants published defamatory materials on Defendants' websites regarding Plaintiffs.

45. The publications contain false and misleading information and have brought Plaintiffs into disrepute among members of the marketplace. In addition, said defamatory comments have harmed Plaintiffs' integrity, good-will, reputation, and good name in the community. Plaintiff does not advertise and relies on word of mouth as its primary resource to gain customers.

46. Defendants knew or should have known that the defamatory posts would cause serious harm to Plaintiffs. Defendants intended that the defamatory posts impact the way the public views Plaintiffs, as well as their business.

47. Defendants knew that the publications included false information or otherwise acted with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity contained in their publications. Further, Defendants refuse to investigate the truth or falsity of such statements to the detriment of Plaintiffs, as well as other businesses and individuals.

48. Defendants' publications damaged Plaintiffs' business reputation and have prejudiced it in the conduct of its business, and have deterred customers and potential customers from dealing with it.

49. Plaintiffs have been injured in its reputation, business, and property by reason of Defendants' publications in an amount to be determined at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES, CALIFORNIA BUSINESS CODE § 17200

50. Asia Economic Institute re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

51. Plaintiffs have standing pursuant to California Business and Professional Code Section 17204. Plaintiffs allege violations of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 on behalf of themselves and the public (Private Attorney General).

52. Defendants' acts and practices as alleged herein constitute unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent business practices in violation of California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, *et seq.*

53. Defendants Magedson, Xcentric Ventures, and Badbusinessbureau.com are engaged in unlawful business acts or practices by, among other things:

(a) Defendants have repeatedly attempted to obtain AEI's property through wrongful use of actual or threatened fear by requiring payment to remedy the publication of false and defamatory statements that Defendants created and/or solicited. This conduct amounts to extortion under 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).

(b) Defendants have repeatedly and intentionally used their Websites as a scheme to obtain money from AEI and other companies by means of false and defamatory complaints created or solicited by Defendants. This conduct amounts to wire fraud under 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

54. Defendants Magedson, Xcentric Ventures, and Badbusinessbureau.com are engaged in unfair business acts or practices by, among other things:

- (a) Defendants have engaged in conduct the utility of which is outweighed by the gravity of the consequences to the Plaintiffs and the public.
- (b) Defendants have engaged in conduct that is immoral, unethical, unscrupulous, and substantially injurious to Plaintiff and the public.
- (c) Defendants have engaged in conduct that undermines and violates the policies set out in 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) and 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

55. Defendants Magedson, Xcentric Ventures, and Badbusinessbureau.com are engaged in fraudulent business acts or practices by, among other things:

- (a) Defendants represent themselves as consumer advocates. However, this description is false and misleading. Defendants not describe the aforementioned extortion scheme on its websites, thus giving the public the false impression that Defendants are consumer advocates without any interest in pecuniary gain. In fact, on information and belief, Defendants gain a substantial income from its extortion scheme.

56. Without injunctive relief, the Plaintiffs and others similarly situated will continued to be harmed by the Defendants' unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices. In addition, Plaintiff is entitled to recover its costs of suit and attorney.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), R.I.C.O.

57. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

58. Defendant, Badbusinessbureau is an "enterprise" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961(4) and 1962(c) and was engaged in activities affecting interstate commerce.

59. Defendant, Xcentric is an "enterprise" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C §§ 1961(4) and 1962(c) and was engaged in activities that affected interstate commerce.

60. Defendant, Magedson is a "person" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961(3) and 1962(c).

61. Magedson was and is associated with Defendants Badbusinessbureau and Xcentric and has control over these enterprises such that he can conduct and participate in the conduct of Defendants Ripoffreport.com and Xcentric Ventures.

62. On or about May 5, 2009, Mobrez, on behalf of AEL sent an e-mail to Ripoffreport.com advising it that it was posting false and defamatory information about the company. Magedson responded via e-mail describing the websites policies and referring the Plaintiffs to the "Rip-off Report's Corporate Advocacy, Business

Remediation and Customer Satisfaction Program.” The program promised, among other things, to “change[] the negative listings on search engines into a positive along with all the Reports on Rip-off Report.” The pair later spoke by telephone, during which Magedson offered to enroll the Plaintiffs in the abovementioned program for an initial fee of \$5,000 plus additional monthly monitoring fee. One week later, after Plaintiffs failed to fill out the appropriate paperwork, Magedson sent Mobrez an e-mail requesting he fill out the forms necessary to join the program.

63. Plaintiffs rejected Defendants’ attempt to wrongfully collect and extort monies from their funds. Nevertheless, Defendants’ program amounts to attempted extortion under 18 U.S.C. § 1951, which is a predicate act listed in 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1).

64. Additionally, the electronic and telephonic communication between Mobrez and Magedson constitute several predicate acts sufficient to establish a “pattern of racketeering activity” as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1) and (5).

65. In addition, Defendants and individuals associated with them have perpetrated this scheme upon other entities. According to court records, other individuals have had similar offers made to them from Ed Magedson and Ripoffreport.com to address negative, false, misleading, and defamatory posts.

66. The overall scheme and design of the websites as a means to extort money from companies such as Plaintiff and the fraudulent claims made in furtherance of that scheme

constitute violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1341, particularly here where all of the communications are made over the Internet.

67. The activities of Defendants described in this claim were taken intentionally and with full knowledge of the intended results of the scheme to extort money, including knowledge of false and fraudulent representations to unlawfully deprive Plaintiffs of their money for Defendants' pecuniary gain.

68. The Defendants' violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) has caused Plaintiffs to lose prospective employees and has damaged Plaintiff's business, goodwill, and reputation. The Defendants' unlawful conduct has caused damages to Plaintiff, in an amount to be determined at trial, and threatens to cause additional damage. Plaintiffs are also entitled to treble damages, as well as other relief which is necessary and proper, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d)

69. Asia Economic Institute re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

70. Magedson and other unnamed individuals associated with Badbusinessbureau and Ed Magedson, have conspired and agreed to violate 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) by agreeing to conduct an enterprise affecting interstate commerce, directly or indirectly, through a pattern of racketeering activity in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d). The acts in

furtherance of this conspiracy are alleged herein, including specifically (but not limited to) Paragraphs 57 to 68.

71. Plaintiffs have been injured in its business and property by reason of the foregoing violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) as alleged in this claim in an amount to be determined at trial. Plaintiff is also entitled to treble damages, as well as other relief which is necessary and proper, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
CIVIL CONSPIRACY

72. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

73. Defendants and persons unknown to the Plaintiffs at this time have had a common design by means of concerted action to solicit, develop, create, and publish on Defendants' websites false and defamatory statements about the Plaintiffs.

74. Defendants and persons unknown to the Plaintiffs at this time have solicited, developed, created, and published on the Websites such false and defamatory statements.

75. Defendants and persons unknown to the Plaintiffs at this time have created the CAP. Through this "program," Defendants offer to resolve disputes between targeted companies and complainants. This service is offered and advertised on Defendants' websites.

76. Plaintiff Raymond Mobrez informed Magedson of false statements regarding the Plaintiffs on its website.

77. Magedson demanded payment and participation in the CAP before taking any action to remedy the false and misleading statements.

78. These actions constitute civil conspiracy to use coercion to obtain Plaintiffs' property. These actions also constitute a civil conspiracy to create, solicit, and publish defamatory and false statements regarding Plaintiffs.

79. These actions have caused the Plaintiffs to incur loss and damages and entitled Plaintiffs to compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
DEFAMATION PER SE

80. Asia Economic Institute re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

81. Defendants published the statements attached hereto at EXHIBIT B.

82. The complaints published by Defendants regarding Plaintiff are false and were published with malice and reckless disregard for the truth or falsity of such stories with

intent to injure Plaintiff, its business reputation, and to illegally divert prospective employees from the Plaintiff's employ.

83. Defendants do not verify the truth or accuracy of the stories contained on their websites. Defendants publish the stories and hold Plaintiffs out to the public as a "rip-off."

84. The stories published and written by the Defendants contain false information about the Plaintiffs' business relationships and falsely allege the Plaintiffs are engaged in criminal conduct. Such statements include that AEI is "laundering money," that AEI "lie cheat tax fraud," "reduce pay illegally," and is a "SCAM." These false statements constitute defamation per se under all applicable laws.

85. The false statements of fact published on the Defendants' website are unambiguous and when read by the public searching for the Plaintiffs, the libelous nature of such statements are clear. A reasonable person would have understood these statements to mean that Plaintiffs have committed a crime.

86. As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiffs have been damaged in its good name and reputation, has suffered great loss of its goodwill, has suffered diminution in its value as a business entity, has lost prospective employees, and it continue to suffer increasing damages on a daily basis. Defendants' defamatory publication entitles AEI to compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
FALSE LIGHT

87. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

88. Defendants' statements have placed Plaintiffs in a false light by representing Plaintiffs as scam artists, criminals, racists, unqualified, and incapable of providing a valuable service to the community. It is important to note that Plaintiffs have provided valuable resources for the public and wish to continue to do so. However, Defendants so-called "rip-off reports" have tainted Plaintiffs business, so much so that Plaintiffs have lost and continue to lose countless business relationships and employees. In other words, the defamatory posts posted on Defendants' websites have halted Plaintiffs' business.

89. The false light in which Plaintiffs have been placed as a result of the Defendants' statements would be highly offensive to a reasonable person in the Plaintiffs' position.

90. Defendants knew that the statements were false, or Defendants acted in reckless disregard for the truth or falsity of those statements.

91. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful statements, Plaintiffs have sustained harm to their business in an amount to be proven at trial.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION
INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC
RELATIONS

92. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

93. AEI had valid contractual relationships with current and prospective employees and had expected relationships with persons who, but for Defendant's libelous publications, would have entered into valid contractual relationships.

94. Defendants knew, when falsely and publicly making these defamatory statements about the Plaintiffs, that Plaintiffs had these valuable contracts and business expectancies.

95. Defendants intentionally and wrongfully interfered with these relationships by knowingly publishing, creating, and soliciting negative, false, and defamatory content in exchange for their own business profit.

96. As a result of the Defendants' wrongful conduct, the relationship between the Plaintiffs and its employees has been disrupted. In fact, one complainant claims that he was "considering starting a position at this company..." until he "came home and googled his name, and found all these bad reports." The complaint further asserts that "as a result of these reports, [he is] going to blow him off."

97. As a direct and proximate results of the foregoing wrongful acts, Plaintiffs have been damaged in their good name and reputation. have suffered great loss of its goodwill, has suffered diminution in its value as a business entity, has lost current as well as prospective employees, and it continues to suffer damages. Defendants' tortious interference with AEI's business relations entitles AEI to compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION
NEGLIGENT INTERFERENCE WITH A PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC
RELATIONS

98. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

99. AEI had valid contractual relationships with current and prospective employees and had expected relationships with persons who. but for Defendant's libelous publications, would have entered into valid contractual relationships.

100. Defendants knew, when falsely and publicly making these defamatory statements about the Plaintiffs, that Plaintiffs had these valuable contracts and business expectancies.

101. Defendants negligently interfered with these relationships by knowingly publishing and creating negative, false, and defamatory content in exchange for their own business profit.

102. The relationships between the Plaintiffs and its employees were thereafter disrupted by the Defendants' conduct.

103. As a direct and proximate results of the foregoing wrongful acts, Plaintiffs have been damaged in their good name and reputation, have suffered great loss of its goodwill, has suffered diminution in its value as a business entity, has lost current as well as prospective employees, and it continues to suffer damages. Defendants' tortious interference with AEI's business relations entitles AEI to compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
INDUCING BREACH OF CONTRACT

104. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

105. AEI had a valid contractual relationships with current and prospective employees.

106. Defendants knew, when falsely and publicly making these defamatory statements about the Plaintiffs. that Plaintiffs had these valuable contracts.

107. Defendants intentionally and wrongfully interfered with these relationships by knowingly publishing and creating negative, false, and defamatory content in exchange for their own business profit. Defendants intentionally and wrongfully caused these employees to breach their employment contracts with Plaintiffs.

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109. Defendant's wrongful conduct is, therefore, a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

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ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

111. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

112. Defendants Magedson, Xcentric Ventures, Badbusinessbureau.com have wrongfully and unlawfully solicited, developed, and published on the Websites numerous false and misleading statements of fact concerning AEI and its owners.

113. On or about May 5, 2009, Plaintiff Mobrez requested that defendants remove these false and defamatory statements from the Ripoffreport.com website. Defendants have refused, and still refuse, to remove false and misleading statements after repeated requests by the Plaintiffs.

114. Plaintiffs have been and will continue to suffer immediate and irreparable damage if Defendants are not enjoined during the pendency of this lawsuit from disseminating or publishing false, misleading, and defamatory comments regarding AEI, Mobrez, and Lianeres. The dissemination or publication of these false, misleading, and defamatory posts continues to impact AEI's business opportunities and dissuades prospective clients from doing business with AEI.

115. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for the injuries being suffered as the Plaintiff will be forced to institute a multiplicity of suits to obtain adequate compensation for their injuries.

116. There is a substantial likelihood that Plaintiffs will prevail on the merits. Defendants have been repeatedly notified to cease and desist disseminating or publishing these defamatory statements concerning AEI and its business, but they have continued to

host such statements on their Websites with the understanding that such disparaging acts would be detrimental to the Plaintiffs.

117. Any harm associated with the entry of a preliminary injunction is outweighed by the potential damage to AEI's goodwill and reputation. Defendants will not suffer monetary losses if they are forced to remove the false and defamatory statements regarding the Plaintiffs.

118. Further, the public interest will be served by preventing the dissemination of false and misleading statements about other businesses and individuals.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
PERMANENT INJUNCTION

119. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as fully set forth herein.

120. Plaintiffs further ask the Court to set its application for injunctive relief for a full trial on the issue in this application, and after the trial, to issue a permanent injunction against Defendants from disseminating or publishing false, misleading, and defamatory statements concerning the Plaintiffs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against defendants:

1. For general damages according to proof;
2. For special damages according to proof;
3. For punitive damages according to proof;

4. For violations of sections 1962(c) and 1962(d) of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), codified at 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(c) and 1962(d), three times Plaintiff's actual damages;
5. For a preliminary injunction requiring Defendants to remove from the Website any false and defamatory statements concerning AEI or its employees and prohibiting Defendants from later publishing such statements on the Websites;
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7. For prejudgment interest at the legal rate;
8. For costs of suit incurred herein;
9. For attorneys' fees; and
10. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: January 26, 2010

Asia Economic Institute

By: _____

~~DANIEL E. BLACKERT~~
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EXHIBIT A

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From: Raymond <raymond@asiaecon.org>
Date: Wed. 20 Jan 2010 14:52:56 -0800
To: daniel@asiaecon.org, kristi@asiaecon.org

----- Original Message -----

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Date: Tue, 05 May 2009 11:35:22 -0700
From: Raymond <raymond@asiaecon.org>
Reply-To: raymond@asiaecon.org
To: Editor@ripoffreport.com, Info@ripoffreport.com

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Right or wrong.. true or false& Best to respond to the report. Be pleasant and show consumers what kind of person .. company you are& it works for other business. If you handle it the right way, it will bring you new found business. Consumers like to hear a 3rd party opinion. They like to see how a business handles problems, whether they be true or false, & if false, explain why. .. if true, who would not want to do business with a company that can admit, maybe they made a mistake. .. this shows a consumer that you have nothing to hide, it will show them that you want to take care of business, by taking care of that consumer, telling them to please contact you (in your rebuttal) so you can make things right for them. What consumer would not want to do business with someone that knows how to make things right& Just file a rebuttal.. the truth shall set you free.

We do hear what you are saying & and let us say we believe you & but, we never really know for sure about those who email us. ..as you can imagine people tell us all kinds of things, lying to us& just to try to convince us to remove the report about them. How are we to know who is telling the truth? And how could we afford to investigate all of the claims that are made by people who want their report taken down. Hopefully you realize the true value of Rip-off Report for consumers. ..the authorities and the media do..

Our assumption is that Rip-off Report is a permanent record just like when someone files a complaint in court. You can file a rebuttal, like when you file an answer in court when someone files a bogus law suit. .. the court will never remove the complaint from the public records either. They are now& being found on the search engines too... When we get sued, those court record law suits are found right on the same page with Rip-off Report.

Read below the usual email we send to people who ask us to remove Reports. .. some even threaten us with a law suit. So, we&ve included that information below. .. so please don't be insulted when we mention it below.

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We do remove social security numbers, bank account numbers, threats of violence, some foul language and links to places we do not know about. If we missed something and are notified about it, we will remove it.

This is the way the internet is.
we did not create the laws
we did not create the internet
we did not create the Reports- files

If you dont care what we have to say and don't want to read our philosophy below, you must read this first link below. Be warned. To those of you who threaten to sue, be prepared to go the long haul, and, when you want to do a walk away because you realize you cannot and will not win because you filed a frivolous law suit. ...you will be paying for our legal bill and in some cases and then some, before we will let you out of the case. ... Just ask anyone who has sued us for years. Many of them will not admit to you that they paid us.. but they do.. If you are thinking of suing us, I hope you are personally prepared for this. We are.

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You may be interested to know, since the above LINK was created, there have been a lot more legal superior court decisions, and other lower court decisions and some published decisions ... **ALL IN OUR FAVOR**.. and we have been sued more than 2 dozen times and never, that's **NEVER** lost a case. Suing us will only get you more publicity and additional listings on search engines.

Why do we win? and just do a Google search for Communications Decency Act and CDA.

below is for those who have read the case laws and/or those of you who have no intention of suing and are looking for ways to just make things right for your customers, or just setting the record straight: - and even if the comments are just about you personally, and remember, we will all be blogged. Good or bad, right or wrong, we WILL all be blogged, somewhere.. Best to set the record straight, here and now. Please read below.

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Please read some of our Philosophy -

I know the below copy is long winded - -

you do not want to miss any of what we are saying below - - many things are repeated so you understand our point,. this is all about NEW thinking for the 21st century... For many people, this just has not sunk in yet.

The short answer is ... A Rip-off Report cannot be taken off.

if you keep reading, you will understand how you will end up doing better with the Report staying up and not removing the Report.. by you setting the record stright now, you won't have to worry about other blogs as much.. Either way, those who want to get information out about you will.

You can simply file a rebuttal and explain your side of the story ... it's free ... and you don ' t have to even read any further, just log on and file a rebuttal telling your side of the story, best to not be combative or insulting.

still not convinced ?

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When the Reported business asks us, "why don't you check out these Reports before you post them" ... I ask you, where do we start and stop with evidence? ... No system is perfect.

Here is a perfect exampleâ€¦:

The United States of America puts people to death after 1 or 2 jury trials, all kinds of witnesses and countless appeals, to only find out 15 to 30 years later, ..oops! ... Gee, they weren't guilty after all! ... and businesses want Rip-off Report to figure out who is right and who is wrong? Where do we start and stop with evidence? We cannot play judge and jury..

FACT: CONSUMERS WANT TO HEAR A 3rd PARTY OPINION:

Most businesses ask: "In 2008, what good does it do if a consumer sees Rip-off Reports from back in 2005?" - - We tell them that this is THE most important benefit you can ever get from Rip-off Report! ... Yes, you the business, the person that was reported ... Any educated consumer who is surfing the web in July of 2008 and comes across a Rip-off Report on you personally or your business ... consider yourself lucky. ... Think about it. Remember, all businesses will get complaints: ALL!! If you address the complaint, rectify the situation, be nice and not combative, this will show the consumer that you were man/woman enough to address your issues ... This will also show how you are committed to making changes and committed to total customer satisfaction! ... What consumer would not want to do business with you after seeing how you took care of business by fixing a complaint and was nice about it ? .. to err on the side of the consumer.

For example, even if YOU were not wrong and the customer was being a real jerk ... Here's what you do: without insulting the consumer you explain in your rebuttal in a very nice way why they should not be getting a refund, but, in the name of good customer service we will make things right with you. However, it is always best to add some sort of an admission of at least the possibility you or your company did make a mistake or someone from the company might have made a mistake, so, in the name of "good customer service make a statement on how you will be giving the customer the benefit of the doubt and will just issue a refund." .. this will go a long way! imagine what the consumer is thinking when they read this ... Even the guilty businesses with real customer service issues will look responsive (like a hero) and, hopefully, will get tired of making refunds and change their ways. Yes, this has always been one of the main goals of Rip-off Report.

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT A BUSINESS = YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A REPORT(S) FILED AGAINST YOU?

Even if you are an individual and might have pissed off someone in the past, you need to do what you have to to just make it right with them Like we stated above. ... just give them the benefit of the doubt

... file a rebuttal to the nasty Report about you. state that you had made a mistake in the past and explain how you've contacted (or are contacting if the rebuttal is your sole method of contact) the author of the report to make things right with them. You can also state -- that you don't blame them for being upset with you. ... NOW, ... if you stated something like that on that nasty Report about you, ... after someone is looking you up on the Internet and reads what you wrote (what we've suggested here), ... please tell me, who would not want to do business with someone who took care of a situation like this! ?? We know it works -- from dead beat dads who did not pay child support to the business that actually ripped someone off ... they just show how they made things right. - You have to admit, if you read a complaint that way, you too would now trust that business. We are told this all the time by businesses. People who once threatened us, cursed us out and even businesses that sued us and lost (like they all do) .. they all say to us, they should have handles it this way from the very beginning as we've suggested to you hear in this email.

Rip-off Report did not invent the Internet,

and with or without Rip-off Report you would be blogged about your business or just you personally -- and again I say, ... this IS the 21st Century ... True or false or partly false, right or wrong, . we will all be blogged!

Because so many people just don't get the concept that we know works so well I must reiterate...

FACT: Businesses that admit they may have made a mistake, give their customer the benefit of the doubt, and show how they took care of the complaint. ... TELL ME, what consumer would not want to do business with them. Even if the complaint is totally false but the customer feels in their heart that they were wronged in some way, you can turn that around by explaining what you know in a nice way, maybe getting them to still do business with you by replacing the product, or the sales person, agent etc. If handled correctly, you will turn a negative into a positive.. Either way... The Internet is here to stay, and the tides have turned for the benefit of the consumer. **BIG BUSINESSES** with lots of money is no longer in control. ... This will not change.

Rip-off Report is thanked all the time

by businesses that first said, "this will not work, you are full-of-it!" ... Most Businesses admitted after doing what we suggested, they now get business from the Report, new found business they would have never had if the Rip-off Report did not exist.

Those of you that have many complaints and need more help can always look into Rip-off Report's Corporate Advocacy, Business Remediation and Customer Satisfaction Program... a win-win win for a program that does it for both the consumer and businesses alike.

AGAIN, YOU CAN FILE A REBUTTAL(S) FOR FREE

We DO NOT author the Reports. Consider yourself lucky the customer did not make up some sucks.com website on your company located in some 3rd world country where you could not respond to the charges like you can on Rip-off Report. We think if you handle your response in the correct way, that will say it all, and in your favor, turning that negative into a positive, taking the high road.

If a Report is responded to properly, any half intelligent consumer will know what kind of

company or individual you are! Â

The nicer you are, the more you turn around the possible negativity of a Rip-off Report. We live in the Internet age. Unless Al Gore pulls the plug on the internet, we are all stuck with it. :-)

Deal with it. and show what a good business or business person you are: put your best foot forward, go beyond the call of good customer service, then the Rip-off Report will work as a positive advertisement you will want ALL your customers to see. Better yet, Rip-off Report is a lot cheaper than these costly full page ads in the paper, advertisement on the Internet or on TV. Once you see this is working as a positive for your company, maybe you will think about donating some of those advertising dollars. As you will see, Rip-off Report WILL GET YOU NEW FOUND BUSINESS. if, but only IF, you handle the Report in a positive way. Anyone thinking of coming after Rip-off Report (filing a lawsuit) will get nowhere and will only, more than likely, get even more bad publicity, because that lawsuit is public information.

Rip-off Report has no way of determining whether you or the author of the report is telling the truth. We encourage you to post a rebuttal explaining your side of the story, but we have a uniform policy against removing reports posted by consumers.

I know at this point you don't want to hear it, but here are more reasons Why WE DO NOT Remove any Rip-off Reports:

If we remove a Rip-off Report, we would be no better than the BBB. Although we do not remove reports, we do provide for the Author of the Report an UPDATE feature that allows the Author of the Report to supply additional positive or negative information regarding your business dealings.

Do what's right or, what about going beyond the call of good customer service. The consumer will be surprised and post your response - - you won't have to worry about them saying anything bad.. just show that you understand their point, and make it right with them..!

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND OUR PHILOSOPHY:

If Rip-off Report removed a Report every time a business threatened, consumers would be back to where they were before. There would be no history of how the business took care of past problems. This Report on the business or individual can work as a positive or as a promotional tool if they respond properly and do the right thing by taking care of their customer. Consumers will see this and will want to do business with them in spite of what has been written about them. ...

That is why we supply a REBUTTAL feature so that the company reported has a chance to respond by agreeing, disagreeing, or apologizing and explaining what will be done to fix the issue.

By allowing consumers to view the original report, updates, and rebuttals, consumers will be able to make informed and educated decisions. This is mainly because consumers will be able to see how the company in question deals with complaints. All business get them from time to time.

Regardless, as a matter of policy, we do not remove a submitted Rip-off Report, and we never will. Some people claim that we remove reports for money, but that is just plain false. We have been offered as much as \$50,000 to remove just one Rip-off Report, but we declined because doing

so is in violation of our policy, and more importantly, goes against what we what we stand for ... Please understand our position.

Remember, all businesses will get complaints ... ALL! ... as stated above, at least file a rebuttal that is pleasant and, if you wish, mention that you support this forum and freedom of speech -- even if you disagree with what was said. Whining to consumers about how bad and unfair Rip-off Report is will only sour their opinion of you.

Also tell what the situation was at the time the Report was posted, even if it's a long time a ago and how you made improvements to your company to avoid this and similar things from happening again, and other positive comments about your company ... that is free. You can turn that negative into a positive! Consumers are probably finding your business on search engines that would never even know about you! If handled correctly, this can come permanent positive advertisement!

You may have not mentioned it, but, we know it's always in everyone's mind that they want to sue us -- usually it's the dishonest companies that cannot admit wrong doing and could never change their ways that threaten to sue us..

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- This program changes the negative listings on search engines into a positive along with all the Reports on Rip-off Report (Reports are never deleted).
- As a condition of joining this program, the Reported business allows us to email everyone who filed a complaint that the business has contacted Rip-off Report and wants to make things right. This weeds out false Reports and shows your commitment to your customers and is later Reported in our findings about your company we post to every Report about your business.
- You must live up to your stated commitments through our program requirements.
- Read about this program and how it changes all the negative into a positive - fill out our Corporate Advocacy Program intake form.

http://www.ripoffreport.com/corporate_advocacy.asp

This program now includes a "Rip-off Report Verified":

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Verified Seal

Click the above link to see how businesses use this to their benefit. =

Do a Google search for companies like:

One Stop Motors

The Tax Club

Those are just some of the hundreds of examples of our members...

We're always open for suggestions and improvements to our programs, even if we don't agree with you... :-)

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You never filled out anything. I ran my tech staff looking for something you never did.

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www.ripoffreport.com/cap/Join.asp

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You may have not mentioned it, but, we know it's always in everyone's mind that they want to sue us -- usually it's the dishonest companies that cannot admit wrong doing and could never change their ways that threaten to sue us.

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- This program changes the negative listings on search engines into a positive along with all the Reports on Rip-off Report (Reports are never deleted).
- As a condition of joining this program, the Reported business allows us to email everyone who filed a complaint that the business has contacted Rip-off Report and wants to make things right. This weeds out false Reports and shows your commitment to your customers and is later Reported in our findings about your company we post to every Report about your business.
- You must live up to your stated commitments through our program requirements.
- Read about this program and how it changes all the negative into a positive - fill out our Corporate Advocacy Program intake form.

http://www.ripoffreport.com/corporate_advocacy.asp

This program now includes a "Rip-off Report Verified:

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Verified Safe

Click the above link to see how businesses use this to their benefit. =

Do a Google search for companies like:

One Stop Motors

The Tax Club

Those are just some of the hundreds of examples of our members...

We're always open for suggestions and improvements to our programs, even if we don't agree with you... :-)

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From: Raymond [<mailto:raymond@asiaecon.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 11:35 AM
To: Editor@ripoffreport.com; Info@ripoffreport.com
Subject: Reports/0/417/RipOff0417493.htm=Report: #417493= Report: #423987]

Dear Editor.

I spoke with someone at your office yesterday, who asked me to send an e-mail to explain who I was, and why I was calling. Simply put, our company has shown up on your "Ripoff Report," (link: <http://www.ripoffreport.com/reports/0/417/RipOff0417493.htm>) (Report: #423987) and we have no idea who this person or persons are making the complaint/s. We have employed no one by the name/s registered on your website.

How can you assist us in removing these bogus posts from your website?

Yours truly,

Subject: Asia Economic Institute. AEI. WorldEcon - application about CAP
From: Raymond <raymond@asiaecon.org>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 14:51:59 -0800
To: daniel@asiaecon.org, kristi@asiaecon.org

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Date:Fri, 24 Jul 2009 17:28:34 -0700
From:Raymond <raymond@asiaecon.org>
Reply-To:raymond@asiaecon.org
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Dear Ed,

As I mentioned to you on the phone, our Institute is a free Online publication which publishes current news. It is Not involved in sales, service or marketing of any kind.

You may recall my mention that on your website my partner and I were accused of incredulous lies, posted by names unknown to our Institute, which included our being accused of "money laundering, running a "Scam," and calling into question my education. We are strictly a non-political publication focused on economic news, so we don't know how we can be labeled a scam. The other points are easily disproved.

Once again, we have No idea who would post such flagrant lies about us, or our Institute. We pride ourselves on possessing a longstanding high reputation in everything we do. You mentioned that you are not international, but you are viewed in other parts of the world where the USA laws do not have jurisdiction. Therefore, how do you handle that matter?

Having just returned from being out of the country, and reviewing the forms you e-mailed to me, and you asked me to complete them per your instructions, I realize that we cannot fill in the blanks as you have created them. It would not be prudent to stipulate to anything we did not do, and further are flagrant untruths. The form you sent to me, appears to be a "one size fits all" which clearly does Not apply to us:

We may have to deal with this the other way around Ed, I wonder if you ever come to Los Angeles. Perhaps we can meet in person to discuss your terms further. This has clearly harmed our good name, and we would like you to rectify this situation as soon as possible.

On a side note, meant to ask you, what is the name of your dog?

Meanwhile, I will await your response.

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Editor@time-report.com wrote:

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Dear Raymond,

You drove me crazy today.. why? .. because you never filled out the form as you said you did.

You never filled out anything. I ran my tech staff looking for something you never did.

You need to click on this LINK and fill out the form.

<http://www.ripoffreport.com/capJoin.asp>

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PO Box 310, Tempe, Arizona 85280

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Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 2:59 PM

To: ed.torres@ripoffreport.com

Subject: Re: Reports/0/417/RipOff0417493.htm=Report: #417493= Report: #423987]

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Read below the usual email we send to people who ask us to remove Reports, .. some even threaten us with a law suit. So, we've included that information below, .. so please don't be insulted when we mention it below.

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We do remove social security numbers, bank account numbers, threats of violence, some foul language and links to places we do not know about. If we missed something and are notified about it, we will remove it.

This is the way the Internet is.

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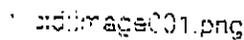
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This program now includes – Rip-off Report Verified:



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Click the above link to see how businesses use this to their benefit. =

Do a Google search for companies like:

One Stop Motors

The Tax Club

These are just some of the hundreds of examples of our members...

We're always open for suggestions and improvements to our programs, even if we don't agree with you... :-)

ED Magedson - Founder
Editor@ripoffreport.com

www.ripoffreport.com

Rip-off Report

baobusinessbureau.com
PO Box 310 Tempe, Arizona 85280

From: Raymond [<mailto:raymond@asiaecon.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 11:35 AM
To: Editor@ripoffreport.com; info@ripoffreport.com
Subject: Reports/0/417/RipOff0417493.htm=Report: #417493= Report: #423987]

Dear Editor,

I spoke with someone at your office yesterday, who asked me to send an e-mail to explain who I was, and why I was calling. Simply put, our company has shown up on your "Ripoff Report." (link: www.ripoffreport.com/reports/0/417/RipOff0417493.htm) (Report: #423987) and we have no idea who this person or persons are making the complaint/s. We have employed no one by the name/s registered on your website.

How can you assist us in removing these bogus posts from your website?

Yours truly,

[Fwd: RE: Asia Economic Institute. AEI. WorldEcon - application abo...

Subject: [Fwd: RE: Asia Economic Institute. AEI, WorldEcon - application about CAP]
 From: Raymond <raymond@asiaecon.org>
 Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 14:51:01 -0800
 To: daniel@asiaecon.org, kristi@asiaecon.org

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Asia Economic Institute, AEI, WorldEcon - application about CAP
 Date: Fri, 24 Jul 2009 18:31:30 -0700
 From: Editor@ripoffreport.com>
 To: raymond@asiaecon.org>
 References: 4A6A51B22000507@asiaecon.org>

I am in California. I live here now.

But, what's the sense of meeting? I want to help you. but, there is nothing we can do.
 We do not remove reports.

We've spent over 3.4 million in legal fees "never lost a case" people know, we DO NOT REMOVE REPORTS

You can file a rebuttal:

No amount of money can change this.

Even if you were the pope. It would not make a difference. The pope has access to a computer I'm sure.

Rip-off Report

PO Box 310, Tempe, Arizona 85280

From: Raymond [<mailto:raymond@asiaecon.org>]
 Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 5:29 PM
 To: Editor@ripoffreport.com
 Subject: Asia Economic Institute, AEI, WorldEcon - application about CAP

Dear Ed,

As I mentioned to you on the phone, our Institute is a free Online publication which publishes current news. It is Not involved in sales, service or marketing of any kind.

You may recall my mention that on your website my partner and I were accused of incredulous lies, posted by names unknown to our Institute, which included our being accused of "money laundering", running a "Scam," and calling into question my education. We are strictly a non-political publication focused on economic news, so we don't know how we can be labeled a scam. The other points are easily disproved.

Once again we have No idea who would post such flagrant lies about us, or our Institute. We pride ourselves on possessing a longstanding high reputation in everything we do. You mentioned that you are not international, but you are viewed in other parts of the world where the USA laws do not have jurisdiction. Therefore, how do you handle that matter?

Having just returned from being out of the country, and reviewing the forms you e-mailed to me, and you asked me to complete them per your instructions. I realize that we cannot fill in the blanks as you have created them. It would not be prudent to stipulate to anything we did not do, and further are flagrant untruths. The form you sent to me appears to be a "one size fits all" which clearly does Not apply to us.

We may have to deal with this the other way around Ed. I wonder if you ever come to Los Angeles. Perhaps we can meet in person to discuss your terms further. This has clearly harmed our good name, and we would like you to rectify this situation as soon as possible.

On a side note, meant to ask you, what is the name of your dog?

Meanwhile, I will await your response.

Raymond Mobrez
Asia Economic Institute
(310) 806-3000 x-223
Raymond@asiaecon.org

Editor@riporffreport.com wrote:

Raymond Mobrez
Asia Economic Institute
(310) 806-3000 x-223
Raymond@asiaecon.org

Dear Raymond,

You drove me crazy today.. why? .. because you never filled out the form as you said you did. You never filled out anything. I ran my tech staff looking for something you never did.

You need to click on this LINK and fill out the form.

<http://www.riporffreport.com/20090512n.asp>

Rip-off Report

PO Box 310, Tempe, Arizona 85280

From: Raymond [<mailto:raymond@asiaecon.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 2:59 PM
To: Editor@riporffreport.com
Subject: Re: Reports/0/417/RipOff0417493.htm=Report: #417493= Report: #423987]

Editor@riporffreport.com wrote:

Most things on the internet are anonymous if people don't want to get sued. We did not make up the rules..

Best to read below.

Right or wrong.. true or false? Best to respond to the report. Be pleasant and show consumers what kind of person, company you are? It works for other business. If you handle it the right way, it will bring you new found business. Consumers like to hear a 3rd party opinion. They like to see how a business handles problems, whether they be true or false, if false, explain why. ... if true, who would not want to do business with a company that can admit, maybe they made a mistake. ... this shows a consumer that you have nothing to hide, it will show them that you want to take care of business, by taking care of that consumer, telling them to please contact you (in your rebuttal) so you can make things right for them. What consumer would not want to do business with someone that knows how to make things right? Just file a rebuttal.. the truth shall set you free.

We do hear what you are saying if and let us say we believe you if but, we never really know for sure about those who email us. ... as you can imagine people tell us all kinds of things, lying to us? just to try to convince us to remove the report about them. How are we to know who is telling the truth? And how could we afford to investigate all of the reports that are made in people who can't be taken down. Hopefully you realize the true value of

Rip-off Report for consumers, ...the authorities and the media do..

...but our decision is that Rip-off Report is a permanent record just like when someone files a complaint in court. You can file a rebuttal, like when you file an answer in court when someone files a bogus law suit, .. the court will never remove the complaint from the public records either. They are now being found on the search engines too... When we get sued, those court record law suits are found right on the same page with Rip-off Report.

Read below the usual email we send to people who ask us to remove Reports. .. some even threaten us with a law suit. So, we've included that information below. .. so please don't be insulted when we mention it below.

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We do remove social security numbers, bank account numbers, threats of violence, some foul language and links to places we do not know about. If we missed something and are notified about it, we will remove it.

This is the way the internet is,
we did not create the laws,
we did not create the internet,
we did not create the Report(s) filed.

if you dont care what we have to say and don't want to read our philosophy below, you must read this first link below. Be warned. To those of you who threaten to sue, be prepared to go the long haul, and, when you want to do a walk away because you realize you cannot and will not win because you filed a frivolous law suit, ...you will be paying for our legal bill and in some cases and then some, before we will let you out of the case. .. Just ask anyone who has sued us for years. Many of them will not admit to you that they paid us.. but they do.. If you are thinking of suing us, I hope you are personally prepared for this. We are.

For those who are thinking of suing...
<http://www.ripoffreport.com/wantToSueRipoffReport.asp>

you may be interested to know since the above LINK was created, there have been a lot more legal superior court decisions, and other lower court decisions " some published decisions ... **ALL IN OUR FAVOR**.. and we have received more than 2 dozen times and never, that's **NEVER lost a case**. Suing us will only get you more publicity and bad press ratings on search engines..

As to the word "act" that is a Google search for Communications Decency Act " CDA.
...know a lot more who have read the case laws and/or those of you who have no intention of suing and are looking for ways to just make things right for your customers, or just setting the record straight ... etc. even if the comments are just about you personally, " remember, we will all be blogged. Good or bad, right or wrong, we WILL all be blogged, somewhere.. Best to set the record straight, here and now. Please read below

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please read some of our Philosophy -

I know the below copy is long winded - -

you do not want to miss any of what we are saying below - - many things are repeated so you understand our point,. this is all about NEW thinking for the 21st century... For many people, this just has not sunk in yet.

The short answer is ... a Rip-off Report cannot be taken off.
...and reading, you will understand how you will end up doing better with the Report

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staying up and not removing the Report.. by you setting the record stright now, you won't have to worry about other blogs as much.. Either way, those who want to get information out about you will.

You can simply file a rebuttal and explain your side of the story ... it's free ... and you don ' t have to even read any further, just log on and file a rebuttal telling your side of the story, best to not be combative or insulting.

still not convinced ?

This is the 21st century. Good or bad, right or wrong ... we will all be blogged.
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When the Reported business asks us, "why don't you check out these Reports before you post them" ... I ask you, where do we start and stop with evidence? ... No system is perfect.

Here is a perfect exampleâ€¦!

The United States of America puts people to death after 1 or 2 jury trials, all kinds of witnesses and countless appeals, to only find out 15 to 30 years later, ..oops! ... Gee, they weren't guilty after all! ... and businesses want Rip-off Report to figure out who is right and who is wrong? Where do we start and stop with evidence? We cannot play judge and jury..

FACT: CONSUMERS WANT TO HEAR A 3rd PARTY OPINION:

Most businesses ask: "In 2008, what good does it do if a consumer sees Rip-off Reports from back in 2005?" - - We tell them that this is THE most important benefit you can ever get from Rip-off Report! ... Yes, you the business, the person that was reported ... Any educated consumer who is surfing the web in July of 2008 and comes across a Rip-off Report on you personally or your business ... consider yourself lucky. ... Think about it. Remember, all businesses will get complaints: ALL!! If you address the complaint, rectify the situation, be nice and not combative, this will show the consumer that you were man/woman enough to address your issues ... This will also show how you are committed to making changes and committed to total customer satisfaction! ... What consumer would not want to do business with you after seeing how you took care of business by fixing a complaint and was nice about it? .. to err on the side of the consumer.

For example, even if YOU were not wrong and the customer was being a real jerk ... Here's what you do: without insulting the consumer you explain in your rebuttal in a very nice way why they should not be getting a refund, but, in the name of good customer service we will make things right with you. However, it is always best to add some sort of an admission of at least the

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AGAIN, YOU CAN FILE A REBUTTAL(S) FOR FREE

We DO NOT author the Reports. Consider yourself lucky the customer did not make up some sucks.com website on your company located in some 3rd world country where you could not respond to the charges like you can on Rip-off Report. We think if you handle your response in the correct way, that will say it all, and in your favor, turning that negative into a positive, taking the high road.

If a Report is responded to properly, any half intelligent consumer will know what kind of company or individual you are!

The nicer you are, the more you turn around the possible negativity of a Rip-off Report. We live in the Internet age. Unless Al Gore pulls the plug on the internet, we are all stuck with it. :-)

Deal with it, and show what a good business or business person you are: put your best foot forward, go beyond the call of good customer service, then the Rip-off Report will work as a positive advertisement you will want ALL your customers to see. Better yet, Rip-off Report is a lot cheaper than those costly full page ads in the paper, advertisement on the Internet or on TV. Once you see this is working as a positive for your company, maybe you will think about donating some of those advertising dollars. As you will see, Rip-off Report WILL GET YOU NEW FOUND BUSINESS, if, but only IF, you handle the Report in a positive way. Anyone thinking of coming after Rip-off Report (filing a lawsuit) will get nowhere and will only, more than likely, get even more bad publicity, because that lawsuit is public information.

Rip-off Report has no way of determining whether you or the author of the report is telling the truth. We encourage you to post a rebuttal explaining your side of the story, but we have a uniform policy against removing reports posted by consumers.

I know at this point you don't want to hear it, but here are more reasons Why WE DO NOT Remove any Rip-off Reports:

If we remove a Rip-off Report, we would be no better than the BBB. Although we do not remove reports, we do provide for the Author of the Report an UPDATE feature that allows the Author of the Report to supply additional positive or negative information regarding your business dealings.

Do what's right or, what about going beyond the call of good customer service. The consumer will be surprised and post your response -- you won't have to worry about them saying anything bad.. just show that you understand their point, and make it right with them..!

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND OUR PHILOSOPHY:

If Rip-off Report removed a Report every time a business threatened, consumers would be back to where they were before. There would be no history of how the business took care of past problems. This Report on the business or individual can work as a positive or as a promotional tool if they respond properly and do the right thing by taking care of their customer. Consumers will see this and will want to do business with them in spite of what has been written about them. ...

That is why we supply a REBUTTAL feature so that the company reported has a chance to

respond by agreeing, disagreeing, or apologizing and explaining what will be done to fix the issue.

By allowing consumers to view the original report, updates, and rebuttals, consumers will be able to make informed and educated decisions. This is mainly because consumers will be able to see how the company in question deals with complaints. All business get them from time to time.

Regardless, as a matter of policy, we do not remove a submitted Rip-off Report, and we never will. Some people claim that we remove reports for money, but that is just plain false. We have been offered as much as \$50,000 to remove just one Rip-off Report, but we declined because doing so is in violation of our policy, and more importantly, goes against what we what we stand for ... Please understand our position.

Remember, all businesses will get complaints ... ALL! ... as stated above, at least file a rebuttal that is pleasant and, if you wish, mention that you support this forum and freedom of speech -- even if you disagree with what was said. Whining to consumers about how bad and unfair Rip-off Report is will only sour their opinion of you.

Also tell what the situation was at the time the Report was posted, even if it's a long time ago and how you made improvements to your company to avoid this and similar things from happening again, and other positive comments about your company ... that is free. You can turn that negative into a positive! Consumers are probably finding your business on search engines that would never even know about you! If handled correctly, this can come permanent positive advertisement!

You may have not mentioned it, but we know it's always in everyone's mind that they want to sue us -- usually it's the dishonest companies that cannot admit wrong doing and could never change their ways that threaten to sue us.

For those who are thinking of suing...

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Yours truly,

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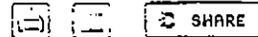
Read "Thank You" e-mails from consumers because Ripoff Report protects consumers out.

Please contact us at support@ripoffreport.com if you have any technical difficulties.



Report: #417493

Report: Asia Economic Institute, WorldEcon



Reported By: (Los Angeles California)

Asia Economic Institute, AEI, WorldEcon: Raymond Mobrez And Iliana Llaneras Complete exploitation as an employee. Do not work for the Asia Economic Institute its a SCAM! West Los Angeles California

... Don't let him win.

Asia Economic Institute, AEI, WorldEcon

www.asiecon.org
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Phone:
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Author Consumer Employee

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Category: Employers

Submitted: Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Last posting: Monday, August 17, 2009

This is a fair warning. If you or somebody you know is thinking about working or interning at the Asia Economic Institute or anything associated with the Asia Economic Institute, please read on. I have known and worked with many people from that same institute and the collective feeling is quite the same.

The Asia Economic Institute was supposedly found in 1999 by Raymond Mobrez and Iliana Llaneras, former bankers as far as I know. It is privately funded by the two who co-currently run another business that leverages their connections in the real estate industry. Asia Economic Institute has never made money and has gone back and forth as a non-profit to a for profit company many times.

The one thing they succeed at doing well is hiring vulnerable recent grads and international students to join this "firm." They have promised many previous workers work visas, reference letters for university, and numerous raises and they have failed to deliver every time. Not only have they failed their employees on their promises, they also reduce pay illegally according to the laws of California, and fight any unemployment benefit claim that would be brought up after termination of



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disorganization and no plan to make money, nothing ever moves forward.

There are a couple of theories that could explain this paradox. One is that they are laundering money and writing off the Asia Economic Institute as a loss to prop up their other real estate business. Logically, it would fit that they would keep hiring people to show they are trying to keep the business alive. Another reason, which I believe as equally as any other, is that they have no idea to run any business and just continue to ruin people's lives in the process.

Furthermore, the credentials of Raymond Mobrez, Director of the Institute, and Illana Llaneras, are as muddled as they can possibly be. He claims to be a Ph.D. in Human Resources or something of the other to increase his ability to reel you in during an interview. The truth is that there are no credentials to back up the scheme that they are running.

Please stay away from this place.

Ray
Los Angeles, California
U.S.A.

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- well put, Ray
Humblevictim [6/1/2009]
- Don't let him win.
Buttalhurts [8/17/2009]

REBUTTALS & REPLIES:

1 Author 1 Consumer 5 Employee

Consumer Comment: I would like to know more about this company
Chief - Los Angeles (U.S.A.)

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SUBMITTED: Can you shed more light on Raymond?



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Wednesday,
February 04,
2009

#2 Completely Agreed
Ex-EmployeeBbx - Terrance (U.S.A.)

Respond to this report!
[File a Rebuttal](#) ?

POSTED:
Thursday,
February 05,
2009

SUBMITTED: I used to work for this "company" and I have to completely agree with
Friday, everything you said. Mobrez and Llaneras deserve serious legal punishment
February 20, for ruining my life the same way you explained.
2009

POSTED: Where is justice when you need it?
Friday,
February 20,
2009

#3 Also...
Ex-EmployeeBbx - Los Angeles (U.S.A.)

Respond to this report!
[File a Rebuttal](#) ?

SUBMITTED: Check this out:
Friday, <http://www.ripoffreport.com/reports/0/423/RipOff0423987.htm>
February 20,
2009

Another person who feels just like we do about Asia Econ.

POSTED:
Friday,
February 20,
2009

#4 Shed more light on Raymond
Ex-EmployeeMobrez??
Charles - Los Angeles (U.S.A.)

Respond to this report!
[File a Rebuttal](#) ?

SUBMITTED: Nah--for the same reason we keep our sewage in underground septic tanks,
Wednesday, rather than letting it bask in the sunlight.
March 04,
2009

POSTED: Unless you're a psychologist or documentary filmmaker, I wouldn't waste
Thursday, your time with unscrupulous, mendacious, buffoonish cretins.
March 05,
2009

#5 Your Report is Spot On -- Raymond
Ex-Employeeand Iliana are Grade A Jerks
The Instigator - North Hollywood (U.S.A.)

Respond to this report!
[File a Rebuttal](#) ?

SUBMITTED: I completely agree with your report. It perfectly describes the modus
Thursday, operandi of Raymond Mobrez and Iliana Llaneras. As you noted, they
March 26, routinely ignore employment laws, and treat their employees like dirt. Since
2009 Raymond is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association, that
organization should be notified of the shady business practices in which he
and Iliana engage.

POSTED:
Thursday,
March 26,
2009

#6 Asia Economic Institute is saddened
Owner of by the false allegations posted on this
Company "RipOff "Internet gossip site
Asia Economic Institute - Los Angeles (U.S.A.)

Respond to this report!
[File a Rebuttal](#) ?

SUBMITTED: The Asia Economic Institute is distressed and profoundly saddened by the
Friday, April 03, 2009 false allegations posted on this "RipOff "Internet gossip site. Particularly as
they may reflect on the many fine people who have worked with and for us
over the years, including the Directors, Raymond Mobrez and Illana Llaneras
POSTED: and the numerous respected and trusted public servants in the international
Friday, April 03, 2009 banking system who count us as friends and associates, and the various
Government institutions that rely on our integrity. We know that the truth
will come out and are confident that appropriate remedies will be found by
our attorneys. If you have been similarly injured by this site, we would like
to hear from you. Please email us at Legal@AsiaEcon.org or call us at (310)
806-3000.

#7 well put, Ray
Ex-EmployeeHumblevictim - Los Angeles (U.S.A.)

Respond to this report!
[File a Rebuttal](#) ?

SUBMITTED: This is an accurate portrayal of Raymond and Illana Mobrez.
Monday, June 01, 2009
Do not work for them. They are terrible human beings.
POSTED:
Monday, June 01, 2009

#8 Don't let him win.
Butta/hurts - Los Angeles (USA)

Respond to this report!
[File a Rebuttal](#) ?

SUBMITTED: Everyone who has been ripped off by this son
Monday, August 17, 2009 of a bitch, fill out this forum, I am willing and already started
filing a suit against this scumbag, I had contact with the BBB (Better
POSTED: Business Bureau) and will be forwarding every name I have in my list to
Monday, August 17, 2009 make sure this bastard pays.

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dE1YMmg1RXRqYUF0SmhBenVYanE1NXc6M>
fill it out, ill send you a email, give you updates towards what has been
completed so far.

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Report: #423987

Report: Raymond Mobrez - Illiana Llaneras

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Submitted: Friday, February 13, 2009
Last posted: Saturday, April 04, 2009

I'd love to express my true feelings about Raymond Mobrez and Illiana Llaneras, but I have a feeling that they are litigious people, so I won't say it here, for fear they'd file a libel lawsuit against me (even though everything I would say would be true).

Suffice it to say, if you are desperate for a job or an internship and are considering working at the Asia Economic Institute, I assure you: scrubbing toilets on your hands and knees at the nastiest fast food joint would leave you with more dignity and self-worth than you would have after working at Asia Economic Institute. Plus, you probably wouldn't have to fight to get your paycheck.

If you feel like you have no choice but to work there, make sure you get everything Raymond Mobrez tells you IN WRITING BEFORE you begin work there. Oral contracts are nearly meaningless.

Charles
Los Angeles, California
U.S.A.

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EX-EMPLOYEE: Charles (U.S.A.)

SUBMITTED: Charles, I want you to know you're not alone. I agree with you 100% on everything you said about Mobrez and Llaneras. Also, I found another post on this [website](#) from another person just like us. Check it out:

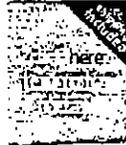
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I hope Raymond finally gets a taste of his own medicine through legal justice one day.

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SUBMITTED: The Asia Economic Institute is distressed and profoundly saddened by the false allegations posted on this "RipOff" internet gossip site. Particularly as they may reflect on the many fine people who have worked with and for us over the years, including the Directors, Raymond Hobrez and Liliana Llaneras and the numerous respected and trusted public servants in the international banking system who count us as friends and associates, and the various Government institutions that rely on our integrity. We know that the truth will come out and are confident that appropriate remedies will be found by our attorneys. If you have been similarly injured by this site, we would like to hear from you.
 Saturday, April 04, 2009
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Reported By: (Los Angeles California)

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Category: **Employers**

Submitted: Monday, June 01, 2009
Last posting: Monday, July 20, 2009

I was an employee of the Asia Economic Institute and a victim of their unethical, often illegal practices. Some of the practices are simply assenine, rather than illegal.

Here are a few of the practices which you can expect if you "work" for the Asia Economic Institute.

1. Underpaying for time worked - Raymond "refuses" to pay over-time, and yet expects his employees to arrive early and stay late. This is expected in a salary situation, however it is ILLEGAL in an hourly wage situation. If you show up for work 15 minutes late, they will dock your pay .25 hours. However, if you work late, do not expect overtime. This is illegal. It will happen to you if you work for them.
2. Deducting state taxes, but not paying the state - I was kept off of the payroll for as long as possible so Iliana could avoid paying out State taxes. These, however, were deducted from my paycheck each pay period. At the end of the year, I owed the State extra money which had already been deducted & never payed to the state or me. They will cut every corner possible to not pay you.
3. Raymond promises pay increases verbally, but refuses to act on them. This is perhaps one of the worst things that can happen to a young recent grad. You are working hard, told you have value, promised a raise, and then an excuse is made. The same thing happened when some employees were promised health insurance. The promise was not kept and excuses were made.
4. If you are hired, Raymond or Iliana may fire you for no apparent reason within 1 to 5 days. I saw this happen to several assistants, as well as content producers. Ask anyone who manages to stick around for a few months and they will back me up. Do not stop looking for work just because Raymond gave you an offer. He always offers everyone a job. He just doesn't keep you around.

After all this, I'd like to air more dirty laundry, because it makes me feel better after all

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the abuse I suffered at the hand of these robbers & cowards that run the Asia Economic Institute. I have no evidence as to the truth of any of these accusations except my own memory of conversations with Raymond, other employees, and my own perception of their actions.

Allegation #1 - Raymond explained to me that he hires & fires based on race, religion, gender, etc. Raymond told me girls are good for administrative tasks, especially Filipinas, because they do what they are told. Raymond told me not to trust Persians and Muslims. He told me the "blacks" only want to work in entertainment so you should not hire them. This is offensive and illegal. Obviously.

Allegation #2 - Raymond and Ilana are secretly married, but hide this fact very poorly. If you work there for a while and are trying to understand the nature of their relationship, it explains everything except for WHY they hide the nature of the relationship. Trust me, it makes no sense.

Allegation #3 - Ilana and Raymond *MAY* be using the Asia Economic Institute to funnel money out of Ilana's successful structured finance business, into Asia Economic Institute with the purpose to avoid paying taxes. I have no evidence of this, but after working there, you begin to wonder why the company exists in the first place.

Allegation #4 - Ilana and Raymond *ARE* absolutely batsh** crazy. They live in a strange "crazy" land in which they are normal, decent people. This could not be further from the truth. Working together, running their business together, living together, the two have become so delusional they think its OK to abuse employees. Furthermore, they are germophobes who spend more time worrying about hand sanitization than managing their little project.

Please keep in mind that this is only one opinion. Many other opinions can be found by searching for Asia Economic Institute on this site if you would like other opinions.

Humblevictim
Los Angeles, California
U.S.A.

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Ex-Employees An Employee - Santa Barbara (U.S.A.)

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SUBMITTED: Monday, July 20, 2009
I back you up , they are indeed crazy as hell or evil as hell or both. I worked there for a while , and the day i stopped working there was one of the best days of my life. I hope they both end up in jail, or worse.

POSTED: Monday, August 17, 2009

44 Raymond isnt going to sucker me!
Buttahurts - Los Angeles (USA)

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SUBMITTED: Monday, August 17, 2009
Everyone who has been ripped off by this son of a bitch, fill out this forum, I am willing and already started filing a suit against this scumbag, I had contact with the BBB (BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU) and will be forwarding every name I have in my list to make sure this bastard pays.

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Reported By: jmgrlp3 ()
USA

Asia Economic Institute, AEI, WorldEcon Asia Economic Institute, AEI, WorldEcon Potential Internship - Don't do it! I was swayed by this website Los Angeles, California
... Your gut feeling was correct.

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Category: Financial Services

Submitted: Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Last posting: Friday, October 09, 2009

Report's Reputation:

Author: 1 Consumer: 1 Employee: 0

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I was considering starting a position at this company after having an interview with Raymond. I was put off when I spoke to him previously on the phone and he didn't give his last name or his company name. I had an in-person interview today and found out his last name. During the interview I had a gut feeling that he was operating a very shady business, and the fact that I disagreed with the majority of his viewpoints on the real estate market did not help. I then came home and googled his name, and found all these bad reports. He told me to come into the office tomorrow at 11am to start work, but as a result of these reports I am going to blow him off. I am looking for work, but am not that desperate to get involved in a shady situation that will ultimately lead to disaster. I know it is hard to find a position in today's market, but this should not stand. In today's Internet world, Raymond's tactics will not work!!!! Everyone knows that you can't escape your reputation, and the likelihood that all these strangers with nothing in common would jointly agree that he is a lunatic without ever knowing one another is minuscule.

Raymond, get a life, stop taking advantage of people.

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#1 Your gut feeling was correct.
Consumer Comment: bigadaycoool - Wickliffe (USA)

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SUBMITTED: These people are EXCELLENT talkers! Yes, don't get me wrong, I do mean that in a POSITIVE manner. When my colleague and I interviewed with the company Raymond would start talking about his career highlights, travels, Asia Connections, etc. and that of Ilana's and it did indeed sound impressive, but quite BORING. We think it was his soft feminine voice with a hint of an accent that lost us within the first 6 minutes. We were dying to get out of there so that we could be put out of our misery. Had we known he had a passive and soft, feminine voice, we would have gotten a few drinks before the interview so that our senses would be dulled and the boredom would not be so intense.
Friday, October 09, 2009
POSTED: Friday, October 09, 2009

The most entertaining part of the whole interview process was when Ilana would interrupt Raymond and interject additional information. She wanted to impress us and to sound intelligent at the same time but it was a real turn-off. She presented herself not to be intelligent, but a complete idiotic fool, a buffoon if you may. But in her defense, when she did interject, what she contributed to the conversation was utterly ridiculous and it did make us laugh inside (at her and at Raymond too as he just sat there probably thinking how can I stifle her).

Raymond and Ilana do make the PERFECT co-worker team in this company. He seems passive and she seems aggressive; he has a passive voice and she has a strong voice; he seems to be smart (but not that much smarter than her, don't let the Dr. title fool you) and she seems to be not as smart; you get the picture.

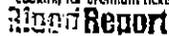
In reality they are not that bad. They are just trying to survive in this recessionary world like everyone of us. If they are trying to rip-off employees, vendors, etc. as one of the remarks seem to point then Capitalism is still alive; however, what comes around goes around.

I am not sure what their business operations are but they can't be doing too bad as they are in a nice building in a nice neighborhood. If they are losing money then they must be doing something horribly wrong or they are unaware of what each other is doing. It would be ironic if one of them was pulling the wool over the others eyes. This way we can test our hypothesis to see which is the clever of the two to get away with it. Wouldn't it also be ironic if Dr. Raymond was not the clever one of the two; i.e., he is a PhD of some sort.

Ok, I am becoming just as BORING as Dr. Raymond and I apologize for that.

If anyone has interviewed with them, worked for them, or is owed any money from them, please post it here so we can have a discussion about these two wonderful human beings, Raymond Mobarez and Ilana Llaneras.

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CASE NO. SC106693

NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT TO INDIVIDUAL CALENDAR COURT

**TO PLAINTIFFS AND PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS OF RECORD or PLAINTIFFS
IN PRO PER:**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this action shall be assigned to a Judge for all purposes, including trial, as follows:

JOHN L. SEGAL

Department: ○

Santa Monica Courthouse
1725 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Judge Richard A. Stone
Beverly Hills Courthouse
Department WE-X
9355 Burton Way
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT PLAINTIFF OR COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THIS ALL-PURPOSE CASE ASSIGNMENT by serving a copy of this Notice on all parties to this action at the time the Summons and Complaint are served, or, if not a served party, then when such party (including any cross-defendant or complainant-in-intervention) appears in the action.

CASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND CONFERENCE: Upon the filing of the Complaint, a Case Management Review and Conference will be calendared for hearing in the Court to which the case is assigned. The hearing date will be stamped upon the face of the Complaint. Plaintiff shall give notice of the Case Management Review and Conference to all named parties in conjunction with service of the Summons and Complaint and include any later appearing party such as a cross-defendant or complainant-in-intervention served within this time period. Proof of service must be brought to the hearing if not previously filed. Failure to timely file proof of service of Summons and Complaint within 60 days after filing the Complaint (CRC 3.110) may result in an Order to Show Cause re sanctions being issued. (CRC 3.110(f).)

If a case is assigned to Department X, located in the Beverly Hills Courthouse, all documents, pleadings, motions, and papers filed subsequent to the original Complaint shall be filed directly in the courtroom stamped upon the Complaint.

Pursuant to CRC 3.725, no later than 15 calendar days before the date set for the Case Management Conference or Review, each party must file a Case Management Statement and serve it on all other parties in the case. In lieu of each party's filing a separate Case Management Statement, any two or more parties may file a joint Statement.

The subjects to be considered at the Case Management Conference shall include the following (CRC Rule 3.727):

- (1) Whether there are any related cases;
- (2) Whether all parties named in the Complaint or Cross-Complaint have been served, have appeared, or have been dismissed;
- (3) Whether any additional parties may be added or the pleadings may be amended;
- (4) Whether, if the case is a limited civil case, the economic litigation procedures under Code of Civil Procedure Section 90 et seq. will apply to it or the party intends to bring a motion to exempt the case from these procedures;
- (5) Whether any other matters (e.g., the bankruptcy of a party) may affect the Court's jurisdiction or processing of the case;
- (6) Whether the parties have stipulated to, or the case should be referred to, judicial arbitration in courts having a judicial arbitration program or to any other form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process and, if so, the date by which the judicial arbitration or other ADR process must be completed;
- (7) Whether an early settlement conference should be scheduled and, if so, on what date;
- (8) Whether discovery has been completed and, if not, the date by which it will be completed;
- (9) What discovery issues are anticipated;
- (10) Whether the case should be bifurcated or a hearing should be set for a motion to bifurcate under Code of Civil Procedure Section 598;
- (11) Whether there are any Cross-Complaints that are not ready to be set for trial and, if so, whether they should be severed;
- (12) Whether the case is entitled to any statutory preference and, if so, the statute granting the preference;
- (13) Whether a jury trial is demanded and, if so, the identity of each party requesting a jury trial;

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**STIPULATION AND ORDER
RE BINDING ARBITRATION**

Status Conference Date:

At _____ a.m. in Department _____

THE PARTIES SHOULD CONSIDER BINDING ARBITRATION. BINDING ARBITRATION PROVIDES FINALITY AND ELIMINATES COURT APPEARANCES. THE ARBITRATION IS PROVIDED AT NO COST TO THE PARTIES. IF THIS STIPULATION IS SIGNED AND FILED DIRECTLY IN THE ABOVE DEPARTMENT, FIVE COURT DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE SET FOR THE STATUS CONFERENCE, NO APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED AT THE STATUS CONFERENCE.

The parties and their attorneys, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. The matter shall be submitted to binding arbitration and the parties waive their right to a trial de novo as provided in California Code of Civil Procedure, Section 1141.20.
2. _____, a member of The Superior Court Arbitration panel, shall serve as arbitrator.
3. All cross complaints have been filed.
4. All fictitious and named defendants/cross-defendants who have not filed an answer are dismissed.
5. The court retains jurisdiction over motions to enforce the arbitration award and other post-arbitration motions.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20__

Plaintiff

Attorney for Plaintiff

Defendant

Attorney for Defendant

ORDER

It is so ordered:

DATE: _____

JUDGE _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKAGE**
[CRC 3.221 Information about Alternative Dispute Resolution]

For additional ADR information and forms visit the Court ADR web application at www.lasuperiorcourt.org (click on ADR).

The plaintiff shall serve a copy of this Information Package on each defendant along with the complaint (Civil only).

What is ADR:

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is the term used to describe all the other options available for settling a dispute which once had to be settled in court. ADR processes, such as arbitration, mediation, neutral evaluation (NE), and settlement conferences, are less formal than a court process and provide opportunities for parties to reach an agreement using a problem-solving approach.

There are many different kinds of ADR. All of them utilize a "neutral", an impartial person, to decide the case or help the parties reach an agreement.

Mediation:

In mediation, a neutral person called a "mediator" helps the parties try to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of the dispute. The mediator does not decide the dispute but helps the parties communicate so they can try to settle the dispute themselves. Mediation leaves control of the outcome with the parties.

Cases for Which Mediation May Be Appropriate

Mediation may be particularly useful when parties have a dispute between or among family members, neighbors, or business partners. Mediation is also effective when emotions are getting in the way of resolution. An effective mediator can hear the parties out and help them communicate with each other in an effective and nondestructive manner.

Cases for Which Mediation May Not Be Appropriate

Mediation may not be effective if one of the parties is unwilling to cooperate or compromise. Mediation also may not be effective if one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

Arbitration:

In arbitration, a neutral person called an "arbitrator" hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence are often relaxed. Arbitration may be either "binding" or "nonbinding." *Binding arbitration* means that the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as final. *Nonbinding arbitration* means that the parties are free to request a trial if they do not accept the arbitrator's decision.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Be Appropriate

Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Not Be Appropriate

If parties want to retain control over how their dispute is resolved, arbitration, particularly binding arbitration, is not appropriate. In binding arbitration, the parties generally cannot appeal the arbitrator's award, even if it is not supported by the evidence or the law. Even in nonbinding arbitration, if a party requests a trial and does not receive a more favorable result at trial than in arbitration, there may be penalties.

Neutral Evaluation:

In neutral evaluation, each party gets a chance to present the case to a neutral person called an "evaluator." The evaluator then gives an opinion on the strengths and weaknesses of each party's evidence and arguments and about how the dispute could be resolved. The evaluator is often an expert in the subject matter of the dispute. Although the evaluator's opinion is not binding, the parties typically use it as a basis for trying to negotiate a resolution of the dispute.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Be Appropriate

Neutral evaluation may be most appropriate in cases in which there are technical issues that require special expertise to resolve or the only significant issue in the case is the amount of damages.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Not Be Appropriate

Neutral evaluation may not be appropriate when there are significant personal or emotional barriers to resolving the dispute.

Settlement Conferences:

Settlement conferences may be either mandatory or voluntary. In both types of settlement conferences, the parties and their attorneys meet with a judge or a neutral person called a "settlement officer" to discuss possible settlement of their dispute. The judge or settlement officer does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement. Settlement conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option. Mandatory settlement conferences are often held close to the date a case is set for trial.