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20 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 21 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 22 SAN JOSE DIVISION

23 CAROL LOEB SHLOSS,

24 Plaintiff,

25 vs.

26 SEÁN SWEENEY, in his capacity as trustee of the  
 Estate of James Joyce, and THE ESTATE OF  
 27 JAMES JOYCE,

28 Defendants.

Case No. CV 06-3718 (JW) (HRL)

**AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR  
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

1 Plaintiff Professor Carol Loeb Shloss (“Shloss”), by and through her attorneys, brings this action  
2 and alleges against Defendants as follows:

3 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

4 1. This is a civil action seeking declaratory judgment that Shloss’s use of certain written  
5 works on her proposed website does not constitute infringement of any copyrights that Defendants are  
6 authorized to assert against Shloss.

7 2. This case arises out of copyright litigation threats defendant Estate of James Joyce (the  
8 “Estate”) made against Shloss through its trustee, defendant Seán Sweeney (“Sweeney”), and other  
9 agents of the Estate, such as Stephen James Joyce (“Stephen Joyce”).

10 3. Defendant’s threats caused, and were intended to cause, Shloss and Farrar, Straus & Giroux  
11 (“the Publisher”) to cut significant documentary support for Shloss’s scholarly thesis from her book,  
12 *Lucia Joyce: To Dance in the Wake* (2003) (the “Book”). Such threats were successful.

13 4. After the Book’s publication in redacted form, Shloss prepared a website (the “Website”) that  
14 hosts an electronic supplement to her Book (the “Electronic Supplement”) in order to present  
15 necessary documentary support that serves, in connection with her critical and analytical commentary, to  
16 enrich the scholarly nature of her Book. Defendants once again threatened Shloss and demanded that the  
17 Website never be made public. Shloss now seeks a declaratory judgment that her uses of materials on  
18 the Website do not infringe any copyrights controlled or owned by the Estate.

19 **THE PARTIES**

20 5. Shloss is an Acting Professor of English at Stanford University, and a resident of Stanford,  
21 California. Shloss received a B.A. at Swarthmore College, an M.A. at Harvard University and her Ph.D.  
22 from Brandeis University. She has taught at Wesleyan University, the University of Pennsylvania and  
23 West Chester University of Pennsylvania. She has held fellowships from the National Endowment for  
24 the Humanities, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Mellon Foundation. In 1994 she won the  
25 Fellowship for Creative Non-Fiction Writing from the Pew Fellowships in the Arts. Prior to coming to  
26 Stanford, she held research positions at the Center for the Humanities at Wesleyan University, the  
27 Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College at Harvard, the Center for Documentary Photography at Duke  
28 University, the Rockefeller Institute at Bellagio, Italy, the Alice Paul Research Center at the University

1 of Pennsylvania, the Center for the Cross Cultural Study of Women at Oxford University, and the Harry  
2 Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

3 6. Until recently she served on the editorial boards of the *Joyce Studies Annual* and *College*  
4 *Literature*. She is the author of four books: *Flannery O'Connor's Dark Comedies*, *In Visible Light:*  
5 *Photography and the American Writer*, *Gentlemen Photographers*, and, most relevant to this litigation,  
6 *Lucia Joyce: To Dance in the Wake*, a book about Lucia Joyce and the creative impact of Lucia's  
7 relationship with her father, the Irish expatriate author James Joyce, on James Joyce's literary works. At  
8 Stanford, Shloss teaches courses on James Joyce, Virginia Woolf, Women Writers and the Modern  
9 Experimental Novel, Modern Irish Literature, Modernism and the Cinema, Novels into Film, and Jane  
10 Austen on Film.

11 7. Defendant Estate is a foreign entity that, upon information and belief, is organized under  
12 the laws of Great Britain. The Estate purports to own and control the copyrights to the works of James  
13 Joyce.

14 8. Defendant Sweeney is a natural person and, upon information and belief, the sole Trustee  
15 of the Estate. The Trustee resides and can be found in the State of New York.

16 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

17 9. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this lawsuit pursuant to 28  
18 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338 because this case arises under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*  
19 This Court also has jurisdiction under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201.

20 10. A major source of the Estate's income comes from licensing rights to James Joyce's works  
21 in the United States.

22 11. The Estate has licensed James Joyce's works on numerous occasions in the United States,  
23 including in California. The Estate has also sold millions of copies of James Joyce's works, including  
24 sales in California.

25 12. For instance, the Estate negotiated a licensing arrangement with Jane M. Ford, a resident of  
26 California, to quote from James Joyce's works. During the exchange, the Estate called, faxed, and sent  
27 letters to Ford in California.

1           13. On or about June 9, 2005, the Estate’s lawyers wrote to Paul K. Saint-Amour, an English  
2 professor at Pomona College in Claremont, California and a resident of California, in his capacity as  
3 chairperson of a fact-finding panel appointed by the International James Joyce Foundation to research  
4 and report to other scholars on the Estate’s licensing policies and practices. A copy of the letter was also  
5 sent by the Estate’s lawyers to Shloss, who was also a member of the panel and a California resident.

6           14. In the letter, the Estate’s lawyers asserted that the fact-finding panel’s “‘investigation’ and  
7 any conclusion that [it] may draw, appear to carry with them a significant risk of infringement of the  
8 legal rights of the trustees of the Estate and the immediate Joyce family and we fully reserve their legal  
9 rights in this matter.”

10           15. On August 8, 2002, Stephen Joyce wrote to Shloss at her Stanford University address,  
11 repeating his oft-mentioned opposition to her Book, restating his goal of protecting Joyce family  
12 privacy, and forbidding her to use various materials concerning Lucia Joyce, including her medical  
13 records and files, which, upon information and belief, Stephen Joyce does not physically or legally  
14 control.

15           16. After it was informed of Shloss’s proposed Website and Electronic Supplement to her  
16 Book, the Estate directed several letters to Shloss’s counsel at the Stanford Law School Cyberlaw Clinic  
17 expressing its opposition to the Website and Electronic Supplement, rejecting Shloss’s fair use  
18 arguments, and stating its preparedness to enforce its copyrights against her. Stephen Joyce also sent  
19 correspondence to the Provost of Stanford University, Shloss’s employer, stating his opposition to the  
20 proposed Website and Electronic Supplement.

21           17. The Website and Electronic Supplement, if made available to the public, would serve as a  
22 source of scholarly and educational benefits to persons throughout the United States, including residents  
23 of California.

24           18. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 and 1400(a) because  
25 Defendant Estate is an alien and thus is subject to personal jurisdiction in this Court, and therefore may  
26 be found in this judicial district, and because a substantial part of the harm threatened to Shloss occurred  
27 in this judicial district, where Shloss resides and works.

1 **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

2 19. For purposes of Local Rule 3-2(c) this action may be assigned district-wide because this is  
3 an intellectual property case sounding in copyright.

4 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS**

5 **THE LIFE AND WORKS OF JAMES AND LUCIA JOYCE**

6 20. James Joyce was an Irish fiction writer and poet, widely considered to be one of the most  
7 influential and innovative authors of the twentieth century. He is best known for his short story  
8 collection *Dubliners* (1914), and his novels *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* (1916), *Ulysses*  
9 (1922), and *Finnegans Wake* (1939). In particular, *Ulysses* is considered by both the public generally  
10 and by literary scholars as one of the most important works of the twentieth century.

11 21. Lucia Joyce, daughter of James Joyce and Nora Barnacle, was born in Trieste, Italy, on  
12 July 26, 1907.

13 22. Lucia began taking dance lessons when she was fifteen, and this became her main interest  
14 during her teens and twenties.

15 23. She started to show signs of emotional distress in 1930. Carl Jung took her in as a patient in  
16 1934. Many other doctors, all with varying diagnoses, worked with her in ensuing years.

17 24. Against her will and the will of James Joyce, her mother, Nora, and brother, Giorgio,  
18 committed Lucia to a mental hospital when Lucia was 25, beginning her sporadic confinement in  
19 psychiatric institutions that would last until her death on December 12, 1982.

20 25. In her will, Lucia Joyce appointed Peter Francis du Sautoy, Frederic Lionel Monro, and  
21 Jane Hester Lidderdale to act as trustees of the trust created by her will. Upon information and belief,  
22 under the terms of Lucia Joyce's will, these trustees retained all of her property rights, including  
23 copyrights. Income generated from these rights was to be split between her brother Giorgio Joyce and  
24 Lucia's relative, Nelly Joyce.

25 **HISTORY OF THE DESTRUCTION OF PAPERS RELATED TO LUCIA JOYCE**

26 26. People have destroyed documents about Lucia Joyce for over sixty years, apparently due  
27 largely to the stigma that previous generations attached to young women who had suffered emotional  
28 trauma. As a result, little of the public record remains. This dearth of information characterized the

1 special circumstances in which Shloss worked, and it explains the special importance of even small  
2 amounts of documentary evidence in this case. Because James Joyce wrote about Lucia in various  
3 creative and imaginative ways in *Finnegans Wake*, this documentary evidence is of literary as well as  
4 biographical importance. In the generation of those who knew James and Lucia Joyce personally, those  
5 who destroyed or suppressed letters were Maria Jolas, Harriet Shaw Weaver, John Dulanty, Stuart  
6 Gilbert, and the family of Charles Joyce. Upon information and belief, in 1988 Stephen Joyce  
7 announced publicly that he had destroyed all of his letters from Lucia as well as correspondence to  
8 Lucia from the famous Irish author, Samuel Beckett. Upon information and belief, in or around 1992  
9 Stephen Joyce persuaded officials at the National Library of Ireland to allow him to remove Joyce  
10 family papers, including papers pertaining to Lucia, from the Paul Léon Papers, an important collection  
11 of Joyce materials that the National Library of Ireland was about to open to the public.

#### 12 **SHLOSS'S FIFTEEN YEARS OF SCHOLARLY WORK ON THE BOOK**

13 27. Shloss began research on Lucia Joyce in 1988, when she traveled to Paris to consult  
14 Lucia's dance archives at the Bibliothèque de l'Opéra and the Rondelle Collection of the Performing  
15 Arts at the Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal.

16 28. Because these two libraries provided interesting material about Lucia Joyce's dance career,  
17 Shloss expanded her search for records of Lucia's Parisian dancing at the Henry W. and Albert A. Berg  
18 Collection at the New York Public Library and the New York Library of the Performing Arts.

19 29. During this time, Shloss began studying at the Institute for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapies  
20 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, in order to understand the issues involved in diagnosing and treating  
21 "schizophrenia" from an historical perspective.

22 30. Shloss's early research was supported by West Chester University, which, between the  
23 years of 1987 and 1995, provided her with nine research grants from the Office of the Dean of Arts and  
24 Sciences in the form of Research and Publication Awards and Faculty Development Awards.

25 31. In 1990, Shloss traveled to the McFarlin Library, Poetry and Rare Books Collection (Tulsa,  
26 Oklahoma) to consult the Richard Ellmann Archives. (Ellmann is a major biographer of James Joyce.)

27 32. In the spring of 1992, Shloss went to Zurich to expand her research on dance at the  
28 Zentralbibliothek, the Hauptbibliothek, and the Kunstgewerbe Museum.

1           33. While in Zurich, Shloss also consulted the C.G. Jung Archives at the E.T.H. Bibliothek  
2 (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule) and spoke to Peter Jung, Carl Jung's grandson, about any  
3 documents concerning Jung's care of Lucia that might not be in the possession of public institutions.

4           34. Shloss then went to Dublin when the papers of Paul Léon, a friend and assistant of Joyce,  
5 were opened to the public at the National Library of Ireland in the summer of 1992. Shloss's work in  
6 Ireland consisted both of reading the Paul Léon papers and of discerning which Lucia-related materials  
7 had been removed by Stephen Joyce from the archive before it opened.

8           35. After constructing a list of the names of Lucia's doctors whose bills had not been removed  
9 from the financial section of the Paul Léon papers, in 1993 Shloss went to the National Library of the  
10 History of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. In Bethesda, she read, and when necessary, translated from  
11 French and German, copies of the medical writings of Lucia's doctors.

12           36. In 1994, Shloss received the Award for Creative Non-Fiction Writing from the Pew  
13 Charitable Trusts in Philadelphia. This award allowed her to become a Visiting Scholar at the Alice Paul  
14 Center for the Study of Women at the University of Pennsylvania (Fall 1994), and a fellow at the Centre  
15 for Cross-Cultural Research on Women at Oxford University, England, in the Spring 1995.

16           37. In the fall of 1994, Shloss traveled to Buffalo, New York, to consult the James Joyce  
17 papers in the Special Collections Department at the Lockwood Memorial Library at the University of  
18 Buffalo, New York.

19           38. Shloss's research continued at Oxford in 1995. During this time she traveled frequently to  
20 London to consult the Harriet Shaw Weaver papers at the British Library and the Lucia Joyce papers at  
21 University College London.

22           39. In 1996, Shloss returned to Tulsa to work once again with the Richard Ellmann papers.  
23 She also visited the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas, Austin, a  
24 repository for the Stuart Gilbert papers and for other of Lucia Joyce's papers.

25           40. Soon thereafter Shloss received a Mellon Fellowship in Biography from the University of  
26 Texas, which allowed her to return for a full month to use their collections in 1998.

1           41. In both 1997 and 1998, Shloss was invited to be a Visiting Scholar at Stanford University  
2 where she used the Lane Medical Library to further her research into the historical use of pharmacology  
3 and to complete the writing of the first draft of her Book.

4           42. Thereafter, Shloss made trips to consult manuscripts at Princeton University, Cornell  
5 University, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, the Archive of American Art at the Smithsonian  
6 Institution, Washington D.C., the San Francisco Library of the Performing Arts, and the Beinecke Rare  
7 Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University.

8           43. In 2000, Shloss returned to Dublin for more work at the National Library of Ireland and to  
9 use archives at University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin.

10           44. In the spring of 2003, Shloss was named Richard Ellmann Visiting Professor at  
11 Northwestern University, where she completed the revisions and final copy-editing of her manuscript.

12           45. Shloss's Book describes the extraordinary influence that James Joyce's daughter Lucia  
13 exercised on her father's emotions and work and challenges Lucia's conventional portrayal as a  
14 troublesome blight on the Joyce family.

15           46. As the Publisher made clear in a description of the Book issued upon publication, there is  
16 an important connection between Shloss's archival research and the scholarly value of *Lucia Joyce: To  
17 Dance in the Wake*: "Though most of the documents about Lucia have been destroyed, Shloss has  
18 painstakingly reconstructed the poignant complexities of her life . . . ."

19                           **DEFENDANTS' THREATS AGAINST SHLOSS AND THE PUBLISHER**

20           47. Upon information and belief, Defendants became aware of Shloss's scholarly research into  
21 Lucia Joyce around 1994. Although Defendants had not contacted Shloss or discussed her scholarly  
22 work on Lucia Joyce, they opposed her work.

23           48. Upon information and belief, Defendants sought to interfere with Shloss's ability to engage  
24 in Lucia-related scholarly research at various institutions including the Special Collections Department  
25 at the Lockwood Memorial Library at the University of Buffalo, New York, notwithstanding that  
26 Defendants cannot claim any ownership rights in the physical documents relating to Lucia or James  
27 Joyce in various libraries' collections. These attempts at interference were chilling and made Shloss's  
28 scholarly work more difficult.



1           49. In 1996, Shloss wrote to Stephen Joyce and asked for his help on her Book, inquiring if he  
2 had personal documents that he would allow her to see. In response to her letter, Stephen Joyce stated in  
3 a letter dated March 31, 1996, that his “response regarding working with you on a book about Lucia is  
4 straightforward and unequivocal: it is a definitive no.” He then purported specifically to prohibit Shloss  
5 from using any letters or papers by or from Lucia Joyce, notwithstanding that, upon information and  
6 belief, he was not legally entitled under the circumstances to prevent Shloss from making use of Lucia’s  
7 writings.

8           50. Stephen Joyce wrote to Shloss again in a letter dated April 19, 1996, in which he set forth a  
9 catalog of complaints about Joyceans and said that “[o]n Lucia’s dancing career we have nothing to say .  
10 . . .”

11           51. Over the course of his communications with Shloss, the only item that Stephen Joyce  
12 granted her permission to use—for a fee—was James Joyce’s published poem *A Flower Given to My*  
13 *Daughter*, but he later rescinded that permission, claiming that Shloss had tried to “bypass” him by  
14 directing communications to Estate Trustee Seán Sweeney and former Estate lawyer David Monro,  
15 instead of to him. Defendants also refused permission so long as Shloss intended to use certain other  
16 materials bearing on the life of Lucia Joyce, even though, upon information and belief, Defendants did  
17 not control the use of, or copyrights in, those works.

18           52. Upon information and belief, Defendants took other steps directly or indirectly, without  
19 justification, to interfere with Shloss’s Book project and her scholarly work on Lucia Joyce, or to make  
20 that work more difficult.

21           53. Though Shloss was disturbed and frightened by Defendants’ attempts to obstruct her  
22 scholarly work, she persisted in her publication plans. In August of 2002, as she neared completion of  
23 the Book, Stephen Joyce again wrote to Shloss at her Stanford University address to harangue against  
24 her Book. After reiterating that Defendants’ position had not changed from its expression in previous  
25 letters, he then “add[ed] a few ‘things’ you are not authorized to do and/or use.” (emphasis in original).  
26 First, Stephen Joyce purported to “forbid[.]” the use of any of Lucia’s medical files and records, even  
27 though, upon information and belief, Defendants have no physical or legal control over such records and  
28 cannot claim any copyright interest in them. Second, Stephen Joyce again purported to forbid Shloss

1 from using any materials created by Lucia, which, upon information and belief, he was not legally  
2 entitled to do under the circumstances. Finally, he threatened Shloss by referring to recent copyright  
3 litigation that the Estate had engaged in, stating that “[o]ver the past few years we have proven that we  
4 are willing to take any necessary action to back and enforce what we legitimately believe in.”

5 54. After learning that the Book was to be published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Defendants  
6 then switched their tactics and began threatening the Publisher. On or about November 4, 2002, Stephen  
7 Joyce called the Publisher to inform it that he had heard about the Book, that he was opposed to any  
8 publication, and that he had never lost a lawsuit.

9 55. Later that day, November 4, Stephen Joyce sent a letter to Jonathon Galassi, President of  
10 Publisher Farrar, Straus & Giroux, to the same effect.

11 56. The very next day, on November 5, 2002, Stephen Joyce again wrote to Mr. Galassi. In the  
12 letter, Stephen Joyce claimed that since March 31, 2002, he is the “sole beneficiary owner” of all of  
13 James Joyce’s rights and that he runs the Estate jointly with the Trustee, Sweeney. He also claimed that  
14 he is the sole owner of the rights to Lucia Joyce’s works. Stephen Joyce tried to undermine publication  
15 of the Book further by asserting that Shloss did not have permission to use letters written by Harriet  
16 Shaw Weaver, Paul Léon, and Maria Jolas, whose copyrights, upon information and belief, Defendants  
17 do not own or control.

18 57. Leon Friedman, an attorney for the Publisher, wrote to Stephen Joyce on November 6,  
19 2002, informing him that the Publisher considered Shloss’s work to be protected by copyright’s fair use  
20 doctrine.

21 58. On November 21, 2002, Stephen Joyce wrote to Leon Friedman. In the letter, Stephen  
22 Joyce informed Friedman that he “should be aware of the fact that over the past decade the Estate’s  
23 ‘record’, in legal terms, is crystal clear and we have proven on a number of occasions that we are  
24 prepared to put our money where our mouth is.” Stephen Joyce then remarked that the Publisher’s fair  
25 use claim “sounds like a bad joke or wishful thinking” and told Friedman to “kindly bear in mind that  
26 there are more than one way [sic] to skin a cat.”

27 59. Also in the November 21, 2002 letter to Friedman, Stephen Joyce again asserted that Lucia  
28 Joyce’s medical records should be off limits. Moreover, in response to Friedman’s statement that under

1 copyright law a researcher has the right to make unauthorized use of “information” contained in  
2 copyrighted material, Stephen Joyce replied that such “‘material’ was copyrighted in order to protect the  
3 author’s rights as well as those who inherit them . . . .”

4 60. Stephen Joyce sent yet another letter to Leon Friedman, dated December 31, 2002, which  
5 repeated his earlier threats: “As I indicated in my previous letter, there are more ways than one to skin a  
6 cat! This is already proving to be true since certain pigeons from California are coming home to roost  
7 with very ruffled feathers.”

8 61. The December 31, 2002 letter further stated that Shloss’s Book “is strictly a Joyce family  
9 matter to be dealt with by my wife and myself and is of no concern of/to the Trustee, Seán Sweeney.”

10 62. In their correspondence and communications with Shloss and her publisher, Defendants  
11 asserted that as owners of Joyce copyrights they were entitled to protect and enforce the privacy of  
12 Lucia and James Joyce (who are deceased) and of the living members of the Joyce family. Upon  
13 information and belief, Defendants have frequently made public and private statements asserting that  
14 their ownership of copyrights entitled them to protect and enforce the privacy of deceased and living  
15 members of the Joyce family, including Lucia and James Joyce.

16 63. Friedman sent a final letter to Stephen Joyce on January 2, 2003, informing him that no  
17 further correspondence was necessary because it was clear that Stephen Joyce would not grant  
18 permission to use any copyrighted material and that therefore the Publisher would rely on fair use in  
19 publishing the Book.

20 **SUPPRESSION OF PORTIONS OF SHLOSS’S BOOK IN RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS’**  
21 **THREATS**

22 64. Notwithstanding the valid fair use defense of Shloss’s Book as written, to avoid any risk of  
23 litigation, significant amounts of the Joyce materials quoted in the Book were cut. On January 23, 2003,  
24 the Publisher emailed Shloss, describing the edits that it thought necessary to avoid a suit from  
25 Defendants over the Book. These cuts included all unpublished writing of James Joyce and Lucia Joyce.

26 65. Shloss replied to the Publisher January 29, 2003. In her email she voiced concerns that “the  
27 proposed cuts eliminate almost all of the evidence in the book,” which undermined the book’s “scholarly  
28 integrity” and excluded the evidence it took her “12 years to assemble.”



1 Book as a result of the Estate's threats, material that Shloss herself chose to remove for fear of attracting  
2 the negative attention of the Estate, and other additional material related to Shloss's scholarly analyses.  
3 When made public, the Website will be accessible only within the United States to computers with a  
4 U.S. Internet Protocol ("IP") address.

5 72. The Electronic Supplement consists of relevant pages of the text of *Lucia Joyce: To Dance*  
6 *in the Wake*, as published, supplemented in the margins by quotations that were cut from Shloss's Book,  
7 as published, along with other quotations related to Shloss's analyses. These quotations, which are  
8 visually keyed to the passages in Shloss's text to which they relate form part of her biographical  
9 commentary and criticism, and are taken from sources that include James Joyce's published works,  
10 manuscript versions of Joyce's published works, and published and unpublished letters to, from, or  
11 about Joyce or Joyce's family.

12 73. For instance, each chapter of the Book was intended to include, as an epigraph, a short  
13 quotation evocative of Lucia Joyce drawn from James Joyce's published work, *Finnegans Wake*. The  
14 epigraphs would have interacted with and served as a focal point for Shloss's biographical commentary  
15 and criticism. In this, Shloss was following in the tradition of Richard Ellmann, whose monumental and  
16 acclaimed biography of James Joyce also used epigraphs drawn from Joyce's works to extend and  
17 enrich his analyses.

18 74. Other quotations in the Electronic Supplement drawn from Joyce's published works and  
19 from published and unpublished letters to and from members of the Joyce family and community  
20 contain or convey important historical material that documents, supports, and gives context to Shloss's  
21 critical analyses.

22 75. Some quotations in the Electronic Supplement are taken from James Joyce's 1922 first  
23 edition of *Ulysses*, published in Paris by Shakespeare and Company. Though the Estate claims  
24 otherwise, this particular edition is in the public domain in the United States.

25 76. Some portions of the Electronic Supplement critically compare and contrast the language  
26 of manuscript versions of particular James Joyce works with the language of the published versions of  
27 the same works.

1           77. Some quotations in the Electronic Supplement are taken from Lucia Joyce’s own writings  
2 and provide important corroboration and context for Shloss’s analyses.

3           78. In addition the Electronic Supplement offers a visual and analytical illustration of the  
4 effects of the Estate’s pressures on scholarly research and writing, and is thus itself an important  
5 commentary.

6           79. On March 9, 2005, Shloss’s counsel sent a letter to Defendants describing the planned  
7 Electronic Supplement. The letter explained that the Website would be restricted to U.S. access and  
8 stated that the omitted material was protected by copyright’s fair use doctrine, and thus needed no  
9 permission, but nonetheless offered the Estate the opportunity to review the material before publication.

10           80. Defendants replied on April 8, 2005, and asserted ownership of copyrights in all writings of  
11 James Joyce and Lucia Joyce and disapproved of the planned Electronic Supplement. The letter  
12 concluded by requesting that Shloss “respect . . . the Estate’s legal rights and wishes in this matter.”

13           81. In a reply dated April 20, 2005, Shloss’s counsel explained that the materials on the  
14 proposed Website could be used without permission under the fair use doctrine.

15           82. On May 13, 2005, the Estate’s counsel reiterated its disapproval of the planned Electronic  
16 Supplement. The letter criticized Shloss for not seeking a copyright license from the Estate and declared  
17 that it “believe[s] the proposed publication on the Internet to be an unwarranted infringement of the  
18 Estate’s copyright and request again in the strongest terms that their legal rights on this issue be  
19 respected.”

20           83. Shloss’s counsel replied on June 9, 2005, to explain that, in the United States, permission is  
21 not required to use material protected by fair use, and that therefore the Estate’s repeated observation  
22 that Shloss had not asked permission was irrelevant.

23           84. On December 23, 2005, the Estate’s counsel informed Shloss’s counsel that the Estate  
24 “does not give its permission for your client’s proposed activities and rejects the notion that the  
25 proposed use could be made in the absence of consent under the fair use doctrine” and that it “reserves  
26 all rights if [Shloss] perseveres with her proposed activities.”  
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1 **DEFENDANTS’ PRIOR PURSUITS OF LITIGATION**

2 85. Pursuant to Defendants’ numerous threats, Shloss reasonably fears that Defendants will sue  
3 if she makes the Electronic Supplement on the Website publicly available in its present form. Indeed,  
4 Defendants have not shied away from aggressive pursuit of litigation. For example, Defendants sued  
5 Cork University Press in 2000, shortly before the planned publication of Cork’s anthology *Irish Writing*  
6 *in the Twentieth Century*, edited by David Pierce. Defendants also sued the editor, Danis Rose, and  
7 publisher, Macmillan Publishers Ltd, for the 1997 publication of the Reader’s Edition of *Ulysses*. Upon  
8 information and belief, Defendants also sued certain Irish sponsors of an Internet webcast reading of  
9 *Ulysses*, which took place on “Bloomsday” 1998, even though the event was supported by leading  
10 politicians in the Republic of Ireland. (“Bloomsday” is celebrated every June 16 throughout the world as  
11 the day on which the fictional events of Joyce’s *Ulysses* unfold.) In April 2004, Defendants sued Swiss  
12 wine producer Provins Valais for its production of its “cuvée James Joyce” wines, which it had shipped  
13 to Ireland in preparation for the 100th celebration of Bloomsday. In addition, in 2005 Defendants sued a  
14 publisher based in Bath, England, Robert Fredericks Ltd, over its publication of a set of volumes entitled  
15 “The Works of James Joyce in ten volumes.”

16 86. Upon information and belief, Defendants have threatened lawsuits on a number of other  
17 occasions. These occasions include the use of a portion of *Ulysses* in a performance called “Molly  
18 Bloom, A Musical Dream” which took place at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2000. Upon  
19 information and belief, that performance, which went forward as planned, was lawful under the  
20 copyright law of the United Kingdom.

21 **DEFENDANTS’ UNCLEAN HANDS AND ACTS OF MISUSE**

22 87. In addition to Defendants’ attempts to interfere with Shloss’s research on Lucia Joyce, to  
23 stop publication of Shloss’s Book, and to damage her relationship with her employer, Defendants, and  
24 especially the Estate’s agent, Stephen Joyce, have repeatedly misused the copyrights they control.

25 88. First, Stephen Joyce has repeatedly represented that he is both a beneficiary of the Estate  
26 and an agent of the Estate, in that he has claimed to control the Estate either solely, or jointly, with the  
27 Trustee.  
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1           89. In addition, Defendants have repeatedly, and upon information and belief, incorrectly,  
2 claimed that they were legally entitled under the circumstances to prevent Shloss from making use of  
3 Lucia Joyce's writings. Defendants have also claimed the right to control Lucia Joyce's medical records  
4 and files, in which, upon information and belief, they cannot claim copyright or physical ownership.  
5 They have also stated that "information" contained in copyrighted writings and letters is controlled by  
6 the Estate by virtue of copyrights it purports to own or control.

7           90. For many years, Defendants have sought to prevent publication of materials and  
8 information that might reveal new details about the private lives of James Joyce, Lucia Joyce, and the  
9 Joyce family. In addition to consistently denying scholars and critics permission to quote from James  
10 Joyce's unpublished letters, notwithstanding that the last published edition of James Joyce's collected  
11 letters appeared in 1966 and hundreds of James Joyce letters have come to light since, Defendants have  
12 repeatedly misused their control of copyrights in Joyce's works in an effort to prevent the publication of  
13 materials and information about Joyce or the Joyce family over which Defendants have no rights or  
14 control.

15           91. Stephen Joyce has also acted to prevent the scholarly use of materials about the private  
16 lives of James Joyce and the Joyce family. For example, upon information and belief, Stephen Joyce  
17 removed Joyce family papers, including papers pertaining to Lucia Joyce, from the archives of the  
18 National Library of Ireland before those papers could be made available to the public in 1992, despite  
19 the express wish of the donor that the papers be made available to the public.

20           92. Upon information and belief, Stephen Joyce also publicly announced in 1988 that he had  
21 destroyed all of his letters from Lucia Joyce as well as correspondence to Lucia from the famous Irish  
22 author, Samuel Beckett, in order to protect and enforce the privacy of Lucia Joyce and the Joyce family.

23           93. Defendants' hostility towards Shloss's Book comports with Defendants' customary  
24 practice of aggressively leveraging copyrights to control rights that Defendants do not own, and to  
25 protect non-copyright interests such as family privacy, including the alleged privacy of deceased  
26 persons.

27           94. Another example of Defendants' misuse is that they caused author Brenda Maddox to  
28 delete the epilogue from her book *Nora: The Real Life of Molly Bloom* (Houghton Mifflin, 1988), which



1 discussed Lucia Joyce and her treatment. Even though, upon information and belief, Defendants had no  
2 rights to control Lucia-related material or the facts contained in the epilogue, when they learned of the  
3 epilogue discussing Lucia they threatened to withdraw all previously granted permissions to use any of  
4 James or Nora Joyce's materials. Upon information and belief, neither Defendants nor their agents ever  
5 actually read Maddox's book or the epilogue. Maddox eventually entered into an agreement the terms of  
6 which prevented Maddox and her descendants from ever publishing the epilogue. Another contractual  
7 term barred Maddox from criticizing Stephen Joyce or the Estate.

8 95. Defendant similarly forced Catherine Driscoll, now a professor at University of Sydney, to  
9 excise a chapter dealing with Lucia Joyce from her Ph. D. thesis by threatening to withhold all  
10 permissions to quote from James Joyce's writings.

11 96. Upon information and belief, on multiple occasions Defendants have denied permission to  
12 quote from James Joyce's writings, or stated that they intended to deny such permission, in retaliation  
13 for or as punishment for matters unrelated to the protection of copyright in James Joyce's writings.

14 97. In 1996 Professor Michael Groden, a Joyce scholar at the University of Western Ontario,  
15 had a project to put *Ulysses* on a CD-ROM with annotated links to relevant multimedia material (the  
16 "Multimedia *Ulysses*"). He received limited permission from Defendants to develop prototypes of  
17 certain episodes of *Ulysses* for the purpose of applying for scholarly grants.

18 98. Later, Professor Groden's Multimedia *Ulysses* project merged with a University of Buffalo  
19 project so that *Ulysses* manuscripts, final text, and multimedia material would all be included together.  
20 Also, the project changed from a CD-ROM project to one that would be available on the Internet (the  
21 "Digital *Ulysses*").

22 99. The Digital *Ulysses* project ended in 2003 when Defendants demanded of the University of  
23 Buffalo an initial fee of between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 for permission to proceed with the project, in  
24 addition to a royalty percentage on eventual subscriptions to Digital *Ulysses*. At certain other points,  
25 Defendants informed Professor Groden or his university that the permission fee for Professor Groden's  
26 original Multimedia *Ulysses* would be seven figures in euros or British pounds.

27 100. Defendants also informed the University of Buffalo that before Defendants' permission to  
28 proceed with Digital *Ulysses* could be granted, certain other conditions had to be satisfied, including

1 exclusion from the project of all Irish organizations and institutions as well as of the Zürich James Joyce  
2 Foundation and Centre.

3         101. Another condition demanded by Defendants was that Professor Groden, the scholar who  
4 had initially conceived a Multimedia *Ulysses* and who had labored for years to develop it, be excluded  
5 from the Digital *Ulysses* project unless he agreed to provide Defendants with information concerning the  
6 National Library of Ireland's purchase in May 2002 of certain previously unknown James Joyce  
7 manuscripts, including a number of *Ulysses* manuscripts, from a private source unconnected with  
8 Defendants. Professor Groden had served as a scholarly advisor to this purchase, assessing the literary  
9 significance of the papers for the National Library of Ireland. Although Defendants knew that Professor  
10 Groden's role was thus circumscribed, they made it a condition of Professor Groden's participation in  
11 the Digital *Ulysses* that Professor Groden tell Defendants "everything he knows" about the purchase,  
12 including information about the sellers' legal title to the papers. Upon information and belief,  
13 Defendants had no legal interest in these physical papers and did not challenge the purchase in litigation.  
14 The National Library had kept details of the contemplated purchase and its negotiations confidential  
15 prior to publicly announcing the acquisition. This had angered Defendants.

16         102. Defendants' anger was expressed again shortly after the National Library of Ireland  
17 announced its purchase of the James Joyce papers in May 2002, when Stephen Joyce phoned Professor  
18 Groden to inform him that he would never again be allowed to quote from a Joyce text. On another  
19 occasion Stephen Joyce wrote Professor Groden to vent his anger over Professor Groden's role as  
20 scholarly advisor to the National Library of Ireland and other alleged instances in which Professor  
21 Groden had acted "against the fundamental interests of the James Joyce Estate," and informed Professor  
22 Groden that "[y]ou've made your bed and can now sleep in it."

23         103. Again in January 2003, Stephen Joyce wrote a letter to Professor Groden, refusing  
24 permission for Professor Groden to reproduce photographically in a scholarly publication certain  
25 published facsimiles of page proofs for Joyce's *Ulysses*. Referring to the National Library of Ireland's  
26 May 2002 purchase, Stephen Joyce added in the same letter that "days of reckoning usually come when  
27 one least expects them and one of these has now come for you."  
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1 113. An actual controversy exists as to whether, in the planned Electronic Supplement, Shloss's  
2 use of materials to which Defendants hold or administer copyright ("Defendants' Material") falls within  
3 the fair use privilege.

4 114. Shloss's uses of Defendants' Material in the planned Electronic Supplement are for the  
5 purposes of scholarly, biographical research and literary criticism and commentary.

6 115. Shloss's use of Defendants' Material in the planned Electronic Supplement is not  
7 substantially commercial.

8 116. Defendants' Material as used in the planned Electronic Supplement comprises both  
9 published and unpublished written works.

10 117. Shloss's uses of Defendants' Material in the planned Electronic Supplement are of  
11 reasonable length to accomplish her scholarly goals.

12 118. Shloss's uses of Defendants' Material in the planned Electronic Supplement establish  
13 historical and/or literary facts that are relevant to Shloss's scholarly works.

14 119. Shloss's uses of Defendants' Material in the planned Electronic Supplement are  
15 transformative because they alter Defendant's Material with new expression, meaning, or message.

16 120. Shloss's uses of Defendants' Material in the planned Electronic Supplement have little to  
17 no effect on the potential market for or value of Defendants' Material.

18 121. Due to the purpose and nature of Shloss's work, her use of Defendants' Material in the  
19 planned Electronic Supplement should be considered presumptive fair use.

20 122. Shloss is entitled to a declaratory judgment that her use of Defendants' Material in the  
21 planned Electronic Supplement is noninfringing fair use.

22 THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

23 *Declaratory Judgment*

24 *Copyright Misuse*

25 123. Shloss incorporates by reference the allegations in each of the preceding paragraphs as if  
26 fully set forth in this paragraph.

1           124. Shloss alleges, upon information and belief, that Defendants are using threats of copyright  
2 infringement to unlawfully secure an exclusive right or limited monopoly not granted by the copyright  
3 laws.

4           125. Shloss alleges, upon information and belief, that Defendants knew or should have known  
5 that Shloss's quotations in the planned Electronic Supplement constitute a fair use of copyrighted  
6 material under 17 U.S.C. §§ 107 *et seq.*, or are otherwise noninfringing.

7           126. Defendants engaged in the misuse of their copyrights, including in the letters they sent to  
8 Shloss and to her Publisher and University employer, by claiming that Shloss's work constituted  
9 copyright infringement when Defendants knew or should have known that it did not.

10           127. Shloss alleges, upon information and belief, that Defendants' demand that Shloss not use  
11 Lucia Joyce's works and letters, along with her medical records and uncopyrighted information  
12 contained in those works, letters, and records, was an effort to secure an exclusive right or limited  
13 monopoly not granted by the copyright laws.

14           128. Shloss alleges, upon information and belief, that the Estate is using threats of copyright  
15 infringement to restrain Shloss's free speech and artistic expression in order to illegally extend the scope  
16 of Defendants' copyright.

17           129. Shloss alleges, upon information and belief, that Defendants engaged in misuse of their  
18 copyrights when they sought to use legal threats against Shloss to protect the privacy of James and Lucia  
19 Joyce (deceased persons) and the living Joyce family.

20           130. Defendants engaged in the misuse of their copyrights, including the threats of legal action  
21 in its letters to Shloss and her Publisher, by claiming that the creation and dissemination of *Lucia Joyce:*  
22 *To Dance in the Wake* constituted copyright infringement when it knew or should have known that there  
23 was no infringement.

24           131. Defendants engaged in the misuse of their copyrights, including by threatening to withhold  
25 permission to use materials over which Defendants controlled copyright from Brenda Maddox upon  
26 learning of Maddox's discussion of Lucia Joyce in the epilogue to her book. Defendants' actions thus  
27 caused Maddox to remove information and materials from her book over which Defendants had no legal  
28 control.





8. Awarding Shloss her reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and

9. Awarding such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: October 25, 2006

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Shloss demands a jury trial on all issues properly triable to a jury.

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