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22	Plaintiff,	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION		
23	v.	FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS; MEMORANDUM OF		
24	••	POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT		
25	SEÁN SWEENEY, in his capacity as trustee of	Date: May 21, 2007		
26	the Estate of James Joyce, and THE ESTATE OF JAMES JOYCE,	Time: 9:00 a.m. Judge: Hon. James Ware		
27	Defendants.			
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1	NOTICE OF MOTION
2	TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:
3	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 21, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter
4	as the matter may be heard, in Courtroom 8, 4th Floor of the above-entitled Court located at 280
5	South 1st Street, San Jose, CA, 95113, the Honorable James Ware presiding, Plaintiff Carol
6	Loeb Shloss ("Shloss") will and hereby does move this Court, pursuant to Rule 54(d) of the
7	Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 17 U.S.C. § 505, for an Order awarding costs and attorneys
8	fees in an amount to be determined according to proof.
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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff Carol Loeb Shloss ("Shloss") filed this lawsuit in response to a fifteen-
year campaign of threats and intimidation from the Estate of James Joyce (the "Estate"), and its
trustee Stephen James Joyce ("Joyce"). The subject of these threats was Shloss's scholarly
biography of Lucia Joyce, the daughter of James Joyce, one of the twentieth century's most
important authors. The stated purpose of these threats was to prevent Professor Shloss from
publishing any material to which Joyce or the Estate held copyrights, in any amount, any context,
or any form, as part of that biography. And Shloss is not the only person that the Estate has
attempted to silence. It has threatened suit over the use of eighteen words of Joyce's work in a
choral production when displeased with the resulting product, and forced another author to
remove an epilogue from a book that discussed Lucia Joyce and her institutionalization. The
result of this conduct has been to hamper not only Shloss's work, but that of many Joyce scholars
as well.
In response to these threats and fear of litigation, Shloss and her publisher each
cut substantial amounts of material from the book. Accordingly, the published biography lacked
many of the primary sources on which its conclusions were based. Following publication of her
book, Shloss created a website (the "Electronic Supplement") that contained the deleted material.
Its purpose was to present the full story that her book was meant to tell—unaffected by the cuts
undertaken in response to the Estate's threats. The Estate resumed its confrontational stance and
again warned her that the Electronic Supplement was an infringement of its copyrights.
Shloss filed this lawsuit to vindicate her right to publish the Electronic
Supplement. Accordingly, she asked the Court to declare her right to publish the Electronic
Supplement in the United States free of liability for copyright infringement based on Fair Use,
and various affirmative defenses to copyright infringement. The Estate first tried to dodge the
merits of this dispute by suggesting there was no proper case or controversy for the Court to
decide. After this Court held that Shloss's lawsuit presented a proper case or controversy, the
Estate gave up. In a settlement agreement enforceable by the Court and incorporated into the
Court's order of dismissal, the Estate covenanted not to sue Shloss for copyright infringement

1	based on her publication of the Electronic Supplement in the United States, whether on the
2	Internet or in print. Shloss gave up nothing in the Settlement Agreement; she merely agreed to
3	dismiss the suit once she was given everything she wanted. Accordingly, Shloss won exactly
4	what she set out to obtain: the right to publish her Electronic Supplement free from liability for
5	copyright infringement. Having obtained the relief she sought in this lawsuit, Shloss is the
6	prevailing party in this litigation. That entitles her to costs, and makes her eligible for attorneys'
7	fees under the Copyright Act.
8	There is good reason to award fees here. Joyce and the Estate maintained a
9	legally untenable position for years. According to them, Shloss was not permitted to use literally
10	anything James or Lucia Joyce ever wrote, drew or painted—no matter the nature, context, form
11	or amount. When it was explained that fair use protected Shloss's right to use the materials in
12	this context, Joyce and the Estate dismissed Fair Use as "wishful thinking." But once confronted
13	with a proper legal dispute that tested the validity of their assertions, Joyce and the Estate
14	abandoned the fight. This revealed that their decades of threats were empty, designed not to
15	articulate defensible principles, but simply to scare and intimidate.
16	Although it is clear that Joyce and the Estate had no intention of defending the
17	position that they had staked out, their surrender did not come quickly or cheaply. It occurred
18	nine months into the case, and only after significant amounts of time had been spent on the
19	matter by both sides. Joyce and the Estate could have agreed to Shloss's right to publish the
20	Electronic Supplement upon the initiation of this lawsuit, or even the filing of the Amended
21	Complaint, and saved everyone a lot of effort and expense. Instead, they tried to avoid the
22	consequences of their actions by filing a motion to dismiss that failed to acknowledge the threats
23	they made, or the fact that the covenant not to sue on which the motion was premised plainly did
24	not cover the whole dispute framed by the pleadings.
25	The covenant that Defendants have now provided in the context of a settlement
26	covers the whole dispute and then some; it give Shloss relief broader than she sought in her
27	complaints. Whereas Shloss's complaints against Joyce and the Estate sought to establish her
28	right to publish the Electronic Supplement on the Internet free from liability for copyright

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1	infringement,	the Estate's	covenant not to	sue insulates	Shloss from	n liability	whether	she

2 publishes the Electronic Supplement on the Internet, or in printed form.

3 While this lawsuit did not result in a judgment on the merits, it established

4 Shloss's right to publish material that Joyce and the Estate tried to suppress for years with

5 baseless threats of copyright enforcement, which we now know were empty. By standing up to

6 these threats and vindicating her right to publish the material at issue free from copyright

7 liability, Shloss's lawsuits furthered the purposes of not just the Copyright Act, but scholarship

and free speech itself. The Court should award Shloss costs and reasonable attorneys' fees in an

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#### II. BACKGROUND

The settlement of this lawsuit, and the Estate's agreement to let Shloss publish material central to her biography of Lucia Joyce, marks the end of a story that dates back nearly twenty years. It is a story marked by the Defendants' attempts to intimidate a scholar, interfere with her work, and ultimately suppress it.

A. The Estate's Fifteen-Year Campaign Of Obstruction, Threats And Intimidation Against Professor Shloss And Her Publisher

17 Shloss began researching her biography about Lucia Joyce in 1988. Olson Decl.,

18 Ex. A, ¶ 11. [Dec. 15, 2006 Shloss Decl.] In connection with that work, Shloss traveled the

world to learn about and document the life of Lucia, including her early dancing career, history

of mental health treatment and her unacknowledged contributions to her father's literary works.

21 *Id.* ¶¶ 11-20.

The Estate tried to thwart her work from the beginning. When Shloss traveled to 22

23 the University of Buffalo in New York in 1994 to consult the James Joyce papers in the Special

24 Collections at the Lockwood Memorial Library, she learned that the Library's Director had

25 already been contacted by "intermediaries" from the Joyce Estate, who warned that Shloss

26 should not be permitted access to the Library's Joyce materials. See Olson Decl., Ex. B at 8.

27 [Dec. 15, 2006 Spoo Decl., Ex. 4]

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1	This was not the first time that Joyce and the Estate had interfered with
2	scholarship. Stephen James Joyce had previously objected to an epilogue in fellow Joyce scholar
3	Brenda Maddox's biography of Nora Joyce, James Joyce's wife, because it described the time
4	Lucia spent in a mental asylum. Olson Decl., Ex. B at 2. [Spoo Decl., Ex 4] Upon learning of
5	the epilogue, Joyce withdrew all permission previously granted unless Maddox removed the
6	epilogue. Maddox was only able to obtain the copyright permissions she needed from the Estate
7	by agreeing that neither she nor her descendants would ever publish the epilogue, and that she
8	would not criticize Joyce or the Estate. See id.
9	After Shloss contacted Joyce about her book, Joyce announced his opposition to it
10	in no uncertain terms. In a March 31, 1996 letter, Joyce told Shloss that his "response regarding
11	helping and working with [her] on a book about Lucia is straightforward and unequivocal: it is a
12	definite NO." Olson Decl., Ex. C. [Dec. 15, 2006 Shloss Decl., Ex. C] (emphasis in original).
13	Furthermore, Joyce added that "you do not have our approval/permission to 'use' any letters or
14	papers by or from Lucia [or] our authorization to use <i>any</i> letters from my grandfather to
15	anybody which deal with her." Id. (emphasis added). Joyce wrote to Shloss again on April 19,
16	1996. In this letter, he derided what he termed the "Joycean industry" with which he associated
17	Shloss, and reiterated that "[o]n Lucia's dancing career we have nothing to say." Olson Decl.,
18	Ex. D. [Dec 15, 2006 Shloss Decl., Ex. E]
19	Shloss continued her work in the face of Joyce's opposition. In 2001, she signed
20	a contract with the publishing house Farrar Straus & Giroux ("FSG") to publish her book, now
21	titled Lucia Joyce: To Dance In The Wake. Olson Decl., Ex. A ¶ 25. [Dec. 15, 2006 Shloss
22	Decl.] Upon learning that Shloss's book would soon be published, Joyce issued a series of
23	threats to Shloss and her publisher that spanned nearly three years. See generally Olson Decl.,
24	Ex. A ¶¶ 21-44. [Dec 15, 2006 Shloss Decl.] For example, Joyce:
25	• Declared that he would not permit Shloss or her publisher "to use any quotations
26	from anything" that Lucia Joyce "ever wrote, drew or painted. Olson Decl., Ex. E. [Dec 15, 2006 Friedman Decl., Ex. 5]
27	• Announced that he was opposed to the publication of any Lucia-related material,
28	and he had "never lost a lawsuit." Olson Decl., Ex. F. [Dec. 15, 2006 Shloss Decl., Ex. I]
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•	Advised Shloss's publisher that "over the past decade the James Joyce Estate's
	'record', in legal terms, is crystal clear and we have proven on a number of occasions that we are prepared to put our money where our mouth is" and that
	publication of any Lucia-related material would be "à vos risques et périls"—at your risk and peril. Olson Decl., Ex. G. [Dec. 11, 2006 Friedman Decl., Ex. 2] (emphasis added)
•	Expanded his claims to include sole "copyright, to anything and everything that
	James, Nora , Giorgio (George), Lucia, Helen (Kastor Fleischman) Joyce and myself ever wrote, drew, painted and/or recorded. Olson Decl., Ex. H. [Dec. 11, 2006 Friedman Decl., Ex. 6]
•	Announced that the law "will uphold our intellectual property rights." Olson Dec., Ex. H. [Dec. 11, 2006 Friedman Decl., Ex. 6]
•	Dismissed fair use analysis as "a bad joke" and "wishful thinking." Olson Decl., Ex. G. [Dec. 11, 2006 Friedman Decl., Ex. 2]
	These threats and the many others that Joyce issued had their intended effect.
shloss's publ	isher ultimately required Shloss to cut numerous pages of Lucia-related material
rom her 400	-page manuscript over her objection and to her great dismay. Olson Decl., Ex. A
¶ 45-46. [De	ec. 15, 2006 Shloss Decl.] This was in addition to material that Shloss had herself
eleted for fe	ar of being sued by the Joyce Estate. In her view, the book she had spent fifteen
vears on was	being gutted.
В.	The Estate's History of Threats Against Joyce Scholars
	Shloss was not the only target of Joyce's animosity during the period she was
esearching a	nd writing about Lucia Joyce. Joyce's threats and lawsuits against other scholars
are well-knov	wn in the Joyce community, as is detailed in Shloss's Opposition to the Motion to
Dismiss at 4,	8-9. A couple of examples among many are:
•	Stephen James Joyce vehemently objected to an epilogue in Joyce scholar Brenda Maddox's biography of Nora Joyce, James Joyce's wife, because it described the time Lucia spent in a mental asylum. <i>See</i> Olson Decl., Ex. B at 34. [Spoo Dec., Ex. 4] Fearing legal action, Maddox removed the section even though copies of the book had already been printed. <i>See id.</i> ; Olson Decl., Ex. U. at p. 84 [January 8, 2007 Dozier Decl., Ex. C]

The full range of threats that Joyce and the Estate issued are detailed in Shloss's opposition to the Estate's motion to dismiss her complaint. *See* Olson Decl., Ex. A ¶¶ 21-58. [Dec 15, 2006 Shloss Decl.]

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1 In 2000, threats by Joyce stopped an Irish composer from using only eighteen words from Finnegans Wake, a novel thousands of words long, in his choral 2 piece. Despite the nominal use, Joyce stated that he simply did not like the music and thus deemed even eighteen words too much. See Olson Decl., Ex. J. [Spoo 3 Dec., Ex. 5.] 4 C. The Electronic Supplement And The Initiation Of This Lawsuit 5 Unwilling to compromise her academic and scholarly integrity, Shloss was 6 determined to tell the whole story of Lucia Joyce. To tell that story—as it existed before FSG's 7 cuts—Shloss created a Website that contained the material FSG had required her to cut, which 8 was ready to be published as of March 2005. Olson Decl., Ex. A ¶ 49. [Dec. 15, 2006 Shloss 9 Decl.] Once Shloss notified the Estate of her plans, Joyce and the Estate resumed their 10 confrontational stance. They declared that publication of the Lucia-related materials would be an 11 "unwarranted infringement of the Estate's copyright" and "request[ed] in the strongest possible 12 terms that [the Estate's] legal rights on this issue be respected." *Id.* (emphasis added). In 13 addition, they cautioned Shloss that the Estate "reserves all its rights if your client perseveres 14 with her proposed activities." *Id.* 15 Accordingly, Shloss' dilemma remained. She could choose to not publish her 16 Electronic Supplement and leave the full story of Lucia, which she had worked fifteen years to 17 assemble, to be lost for all time, or she could risk the possibility of suit and financial ruin by 18 publishing the excised material on the Electronic Supplement she had created. In order to avoid 19 this dilemma and forestall potential damages, Shloss filed this suit for declaratory relief on June 20 12, 2006. In her complaint, Shloss sought a declaration that her Electronic Supplement did not 21 infringe Defendants' copyrights and an injunction barring Defendants' from asserting their 22 copyrights against her in connection with publication of the Electronic Supplement on the 23 internet. Olson Decl., Ex. K, [Complaint Against Joyce Estate] 24 Following the initiation of this suit, Shloss revised her Website once to add 25 additional materials that she had cut from her manuscript. Olson Decl., Ex. A ¶ 49. [Dec. 11, 26 2006 Shloss Decl.] This revision was completed and ready to be published in September 2006. 27 See id. Shloss then filed an Amended Complaint on October 25, 2006, to reflect the revised 28

- 1 Website and put it at issue in her pleadings. See id. After Shloss learned that Stephen James
- 2 Joyce asserted personal ownership of some of the copyrights in issue, she initiated a second suit
- 3 against him based upon nearly identical factual allegations. Olson Decl., Ex. L. [Complaint
- 4 against Stephen Joyce

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5 Both the Amended Complaint in this action, and the additional complaint against

6 Stephen Joyce, ask for the same basic relief sought in the original complaint filed in this action—

an injunction barring Defendants' from asserting their copyrights against Shloss in connection

with the publication of the Electronic Supplement.

#### The Estate's Motion To Dismiss D.

10 On November 17, 2006, the Estate moved to dismiss the Amended Complaint on 11 the grounds the Court lacked subject matter jurisdiction over this action. In that motion, the 12 Estate ignored its years of threats, contending that Shloss had no reasonable apprehension of 13 being sued by the Estate. Olson Decl., Ex. M. at III. B. 1. [Memorandum of Points & Authorities 14 in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (hereafter "MTD"] In addition, the Estate 15 submitted with its moving papers a purported covenant not to sue Shloss in connection with the 16 material that had been included on the Website as of November 2005. Olson Decl., Ex. N at ¶ 7. 17 [Nov. 17, 2006 Sweeney Decl.] That covenant, however, provided no relief as to material that 18 had been added in 2006, which comprised a substantial portion of the material put at issue by 19 Shloss's Amended Complaint. Olson Decl., Ex. O at 11-12. [Order Denying Motion to Dismiss]

Following the hearing on the Estate's motion to dismiss, the Court ruled against the Estate on all of these issues. It held that Shloss had a "real and reasonable apprehension of

In addition to moving to dismiss Shloss's complaint, Defendants also moved to dismiss Shloss's

Decl., Ex. O at 13 [Order Denying Motion to Dismiss].

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claim for copyright misuse as "improper on its face." *Id* at 13.<sup>2</sup>

Indeed, Defendants turned their motion into yet another vehicle for attacking Shloss, her book and even her counsel. The Estate repeatedly chided Shloss's work as "faction" and claimed repeatedly that it should not be considered "scholarship." Olson Decl., Ex. M at 2, 6n.1 [MTD]. The Estate likewise suggested the Electronic Supplement was nothing but a "pretext" so that Shloss and her lawyers could "mak[e] new law." *Id* at 3-4. This Court disagreed, holding that "[t]his case is not a mere "academic war" or a "hypothetical" case,' as Defendants state." Olson

- 1 copyright liability" sufficient to create an actual controversy between the parties, and that
- 2 "Defendants' putative covenant not to sue based on the Electronic Supplement as it existed in
- 3 2005 is inadequate to moot the actual controversy between the parties." *Id* at 12. As to
- 4 Defendants' motion to dismiss the copyright misuse claim, the Court held that claim was
- 5 appropriate because "Defendants' alleged action significantly undermined the copyright policy
- of 'promoting invention and creative expression.'" Id. at 16. 6

#### E. Settlement

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Having proved unsuccessful in avoiding the merits of the dispute, the Estate

9 decided to abandon its years of threats and reversed its course. On March 19, 2007, Joyce and

10 the Estate entered into a settlement agreement under which they covenanted "not to sue Shloss

for infringement of any copyrights resulting from Shloss's publication, in printed or electronic

form, of the [Electronic] Supplement. . . . " Olson Decl., Ex P, [Stip. Dismissal Order, Ex. 1] 12

13 This was more than Shloss had asked for: Shloss's complaints had only asked for a declaration

of her right to publish *electronically* in the United States.<sup>4</sup> In addition, the Estate agreed it would

15 provide documentation regarding Joyce's claim that he is the sole beneficial owner, and has

control over, all of Lucia Joyce's copyrights, and agreed to provide such documentation to third

17 parties should they question the ownership and control of those copyrights. *Id.* 

18 Accordingly, Shloss obtained relief *broader* than she originally sought in her

19 Complaints. Shloss's complaints against Joyce and the Estate sought to establish her right to

publish the Electronic Supplement on the Internet free from liability for copyright infringement,

21 whereas as the Estate's covenant not to sue insulates Shloss from liability regardless of whether

she publishes on the Internet, *or in printed form*. In addition, she obtained important

Defendants also moved the Court to strike other claims Shloss raised as affirmative defenses to copyright infringement, including copyright misuse, unclean hands, and that Ulysses was in the public domain. The Court ruled against defendants' on all of these issues, and struck

only one paragraph, of the Complaint concerning the allegation that Stephen Joyce had papers concerning Lucia Joyce removed from the National Library of Ireland. See Olson Decl., Ex. O at 16-19 [Order Denving Motion to Dismiss].

Although the Estate covenanted not to sue as to print publication in addition to electronic publication, the Estate's covenant followed Shloss's Complaints and was limited to "publication" within the United States." Id.

1	information concerning the true ownership of Lucia's copyrights, which she had not demanded		
2	in her compl	aints, but which is nonetheless valuable in determining the true extent of the Estate's	
3	rights, and th	nose of Stephen Joyce.	
4	F.	Dismissal	
5		On March 26, 2007, the parties submitted a proposed order of dismissal to the	
6	Court, which	incorporated the Settlement Agreement as an exhibit, and provided the Court with	
7	jurisdiction t	o enforce the terms of the Settlement Agreement that the Order of Dismissal	
8	incorporated	. Olson Decl., Ex. P [Dismissal Order]. The Court entered that Order on March 27,	
9	2007, dismis	sing with prejudice Shloss's actions against the Estate and Stephen James Joyce.	
10	See id.		
11		Having obtained the relief she sought in her complaints and more through a	
12	Court-enforce	ed settlement agreement, Shloss now seeks costs and attorneys' fees as the	
13	prevailing pa	arty in these actions.	
14	III. ARG	UMENT	
15		Shloss is both eligible for fees and entitled to them. Shloss easily fits the	
16	definition of	a "prevailing party," making her eligible for an attorney's fee award. Such an	
17	award is with	nin the Court's discretion. No bad faith or frivolity need be found on the part of	
18	Defendants f	for fees to be awarded to Shloss. Instead, fees should be awarded if doing so furthers	
19	the policy of	the Copyright Act. Because awarding fees to Shloss substantially furthers the	
20	policy of the	Copyright Act, and because Shloss's case meets the non-exclusive factors	
21	enumerated l	by the Ninth Circuit for eligibility for fees, the Court should award fees in an amount	
22	to be proven	•	
23	<b>A.</b>	Shloss is Entitled to Both Costs and Attorney's Fees Under	
24		§ 505 of the Copyright Act.  The Copyright Act departs from the general rule that requires litigants to pay their	
25	own attorney	rise Copyright Act departs from the general rule that requires httgamts to pay their r's fees. See Carbonell v. INS, 429 F.3d 894, 897-98 (9 <sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005). Instead, the	
26	_	ct provides that "the court may award a reasonable attorney's fee to the	
27	1. 0	arty as part of the costs." 17 U.S.C. § 505. Shloss is the "prevailing party" in these	
28	1 01	efined by Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit precedents, and the equitable factors	

1	strongly favor a fee award here. <sup>5</sup>	Accordingly, in addition t	to awarding Shloss cos	ts under
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- Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(d) as the prevailing party, the Court should award Shloss her 2
- reasonable attorneys' fees. 3

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## В. Shloss Is Eligible for Fees Because She Meets Both Prongs of the "Prevailing Party" Test

Shloss is the "Prevailing Party" Because the Settlement 1. Agreement Affected a Material Alteration in the Parties' Legal Relationship

"Prevailing party" is a term of art that is used in numerous federal statutes authorizing awards of attorney's fees. Buckhannon Bd. and Care Home, Inc. v. W. Va. Dep't of Health and Human Resources, 532 U.S. 598, 602-03 (2001). The Ninth Circuit has characterized the test for "prevailing party" as a two-pronged test. The first prong "requires a material alteration in the legal relationship between the parties." See, e.g., Carbonell, 429 F.3d at 899. The question is not whether a litigant succeeded in obtaining a judgment on the merits; rather, the question is whether one party has forced the other party to do something it would otherwise not have to do, or to refrain from doing something it could otherwise do. See id. at 899-900 (plaintiff who sought stay of deportation was "prevailing party" where Court did not adjudicate merits but did enter order incorporating stipulation staying deportation). Put another way, a party meets the first prong of this test where he achieves "much of the relief he sought" in his complaint. *Id.* at 900.

Here, the Settlement Agreement between the parties provides Shloss with the relief that she requested, and more. In her complaints, Shloss sought an injunction barring Joyce and the Estate from suing her for copyright infringement in regard to her publication of the

22 <sup>5</sup> That Shloss was represented by pro bono counsel is of no matter where the statutory source for 23

the fee award "does not distinguish between pro bono representation and fee-generating representation," and the policies underlying the statute would be served by an award of fees. In re Hunt, 238 F.3d 1098, 1104 n.7 (9th Cir. 2001). "[C]ourts have consistently held that entities providing pro bono representation may receive attorney's fees where appropriate, even though they did not expect payment from the client . . . ." Brinn v. Tidewater Transp. Dist. Comm'n, 242 F.3d 227, 234-35 (4th Cir. 2001). Analogously, attorney's fees have been awarded to a prevailing pro se copyright plaintiff, even though the plaintiff did not incur any obligation to pay attorneys, where "[a]n award of attorney's fees [would] help[] to ensure that all litigants have equal access to the courts to vindicate their statutory rights." Quinto v. Legal Times of Wash., Inc., 511 F. Supp. 579, 581 (D.D.C. 1981).

1	Electronic Supplement in the United States in electronic form. Under the terms of the Settlement
2	Agreement, Joyce and the Estate are forever foreclosed from suing Shloss for copyright
3	infringement in regard to her publication of the Electronic Supplement in the United States,
4	whether in electronic or printed form. Shloss gave up nothing in return. She neither paid the
5	Estate nor did she agree to limit her conduct in any way. Accordingly, the parties' legal
6	relationship has changed drastically: defendants have forever given up the right to enforce the
7	copyrights that were the premise of their threats against Shloss, and Shloss is no longer subject to
8	the suit she feared and sought to enjoin. The fact that Shloss did not obtain a judgment on the
9	merits is irrelevant. See Carbonnell, 429 F.3d at 899. So too is the fact that Defendants' did not
10	admit liability. Buckhannon, 532 U.S. at 604 (recognizing there is no need for "an admission of
11	liability by the defendant" to make a plaintiff a "prevailing party").
12	2. Shloss is the "Prevailing Party" Because the Settlement Agreement Is Court Enforceable
13	The second prong of the "prevailing party" test "requires that the material
14	alteration in the relationship between the parties be stamped with some 'judicial imprimatur.'"
15	Carbonell, 429 F.3d at 900. To achieve this judicial imprimatur, it is enough if the parties
16	"enter[] into a legally enforceable settlement agreement." Id. at 899 (citing cases); see also
17	Barrios v. Cal. Interscholastic Federation, 277 F.3d 1128, 1134 (9th Cir. 2002) ("[u]nder
18	applicable Ninth Circuit law, a plaintiff 'prevails' when he or she enters into a legally
19	enforceable settlement agreement against the defendant"); Richard S. v. Dept. of Develop. Serv.
20	of Cal., 317 F.3d 1080, 1086 (9th Cir. 2003) ("Because we find that there is a legally enforceable
21	settlement agreement between the parties to this case, the district court erred when it denied
22	plaintiffs attorney's fees and costs.").
23	The Order of Dismissal in this case provides the required "judicial imprimatur" by
24	acknowledging and approving the Settlement Agreement, as well as by explicitly giving this
25	Court enforcement jurisdiction. The stipulated Dismissal Order states:
26	The parties stipulate that the above-captioned actions shall be
27	dismissed with prejudice pursuant and subject to the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order as Exhibit 1, and that the Court
28	shall retain jurisdiction for purposes of enforcing the terms of the Settlement Agreement. The Court acknowledges and approves the

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Settlement Agreement, dismisses these actions with prejudice, and retains jurisdiction to enforce the Settlement Agreement.

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Olson Decl., Ex. P.

This Dismissal Order is very similar to the order upon which the court granted plaintiffs' fees in Richard S. v. Dept. of Develop. Serv. of Cal., 317 F.3d at 1084-85. There the dismissal order stated that plaintiffs' claims were "dismissed with prejudice pursuant to a written executed Settlement Agreement between the parties, a copy of which has been previously filed with this Court . . . . " *Id.* at 1085. The court in *Richard S*. held that this was enough to establish "sufficient judicial oversight to justify an award of attorneys' fees and costs". Id., at 1087.

Likewise, because the Court dismissed Shloss's cases pursuant to a Courtrecognized settlement agreement enforceable against Defendants, and maintained jurisdiction over the Settlement Agreement for purposes of enforcement, Shloss is a "prevailing party" and thus eligible for attorney's fees under 17 U.S.C. § 505. Carbonell, 429 F.3d at 901 ("when a court incorporates the terms of a voluntary agreement into an order, that order is stamped with sufficient 'judicial imprimatur' for the litigant to qualify as a prevailing party for the purpose of awarding attorney's fees."); see also Labotest, Inc. v. Bonta, 297 F.3d 892, 893 (9th Cir. 2002) (a litigant "who succeeds in obtaining a court order incorporating an agreement that includes relief the plaintiff sought in the lawsuit is not a mere catalyst—he is a prevailing party for attorney's fees purposes").

## C. The Court Should Award Fees To Shloss Because A Fee Award **Substantially Furthers The Policy Of The Copyright Act**

Attorney's fees should be awarded where, as here, the award furthers the purpose of the Copyright Act. Fantasy, Inc. v. Fogerty, 94 F.3d 553, 558 (9th Cir. 1996) ("attorney's fee awards to prevailing defendants are within the district court's discretion if they further the purposes of the Copyright Act and are evenhandedly applied."); Fogerty v. Fantasy, Inc., 510 U.S. 517, 534 n. 19. The Ninth Circuit has held culpability is not required in order to award fees against a party. Fantasy, Inc., v. Fogerty, 94 F.3d at 558. While "there is no precise rule or formula" for awarding attorney's fees under the Copyright Act, this Court should exercise its

1	discretion in light of the considerations identified by the Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit.
2	Id. at 557; Fogerty v. Fantasy, 510 U.S. at 534. These considerations include
3	the Copyright Act's primary objective, "to encourage the production of
4	original literary, artistic, and musical expression for the good of the public," the need to encourage defendants who seek to advance a variety of meritorious copyright defenses to litigate them to the same
5	extent that plaintiffs are encouraged to litigate meritorious claims of infringement, and the fact that a successful defense of a copyright
6 7	infringement action may further the policies of the Copyright Act every bit as much as a successful prosecution of an infringement claim by the holder of a copyright.
8	Fantasy, Inc. v. Fogerty, 94 F.3d at 557-58 (internal quotations and citations to Fogerty v.
9	Fantasy, 510 U.S. 517, omitted).
10	In addition, the Ninth Circuit has held that a district court "may consider (but is
11	not limited to) five factors in making an attorneys' fees determination pursuant to § 505."
12	Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp. v. Entertainment Distributing, 429 F.3d 869 (9th Cir. 2005);
13	see also Wall Data, Inc. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, 447 F.3d 769, 787 (9th Cir.
14	2006). These factors are (1) the degree of success obtained, (2) frivolousness, (3) motivation, (4)
15	reasonableness of losing party's legal and factual arguments, and (5) the need to advance
16	considerations of compensation and deterrence." Wall Data, 447 F.3d at 787.
17	These factors, however, are "not exclusive and need not all be met." Fantasy,
18	Inc. v. Fogerty, 94 F.3d at 558. Rather, the Ninth Circuit requires a district court to remember
19	that "an award of attorney's fees to a prevailing defendant that furthers the underlying purposes
20	of the Copyright Act is reposed in the sound discretion of the district courts, and that such
21	discretion is not cabined by a requirement of culpability on the part of the losing party."
22	Fantasy, Inc. v. Fogerty, 94 F.3d at 555. In this case, Shloss's victory both "furthers the
23	underlying purposes of the Copyright Act" and meets the non-exclusive factors set out in Wall
24	Data.
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# 1. Shloss's Complete Success Heavily Favors Awarding Shloss's Attorney's Fees

The first factor, degree of success obtained, favors Shloss distinctly. She was completely victorious in her attempt to preclude Defendants from blocking publication of her Electronic Supplement. Not only did Defendants covenant not to sue as to her Electronic Supplement, they went further and covenanted not to sue as to publication of the Electronic Supplement in printed form—something Shloss did not even seek in her complaints. The Defendants also agreed to provide confidential documents purportedly showing their control of certain Joyce family copyrights, another item that was not demanded in Shloss's complaints. Shloss gave nothing in exchange for this—she did not pay money and she did not agree to limit her conduct. The only thing Shloss agreed to do was to dismiss the suit once she had been given everything she wanted. Olson Decl., Ex. P. [Stipulated Dismissal Order, Ex. 1]<sup>6</sup> Thus, the fact that Shloss obtained what she requested in her suit weighs completely in her favor. *See, e.g., Carbonell*, 429 F.3d at 900.<sup>7</sup>

## 2. Defendants' Unreasonable or Frivolous Arguments Heavily Favor Awarding Shloss Attorney's Fees

Shloss should be awarded her attorney's fees because Defendants have taken positions ranging from unreasonable to frivolous throughout the course of their dispute with Shloss. Because several of the Estate's arguments can be classified as either unreasonable or even frivolous, factors 2 (frivolousness) and 4 (unreasonableness) of the *Wall Data* factors are analyzed together in this section.

Defendants have repeatedly denied any right to fair use, any right to use material about Lucia Joyce, even though the material resides in public archives, and the right for Shloss to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> To the extent that the Estate might argue that Shloss achieved less than complete success, the only limitation to which Shloss agreed is immaterial because it involves a bonus item that Shloss never sought in her complaints. In addition to a total covenant not to sue, the Estate provided Shloss with a Letter allegedly detailing ownership in Lucia's copyrights. Shloss agreed that she would only use the letter to show Defendants' copyright ownership claims. Olson Decl., Ex. P¶ [Stipulated Dismissal Order, Ex. 1].

As is discussed, *supra*, it would be erroneous to hold that Shloss did not achieve success merely because the Court never ruled on the legal bases for her claims. *See*, *e.g.*, *Carbonell*, 429 F.3d at 899-900. The fact of the matter is that the sum of what Shloss demanded in her Complaint was the legal right to publish her Electronic Supplement. Defendants' covenant gives Shloss that legal right, and more.

1	quote any Joyce or Joyce family work, no matter how <i>de minimis</i> , scholarly, or transformative	
2	the use of the quotation. As is detailed in the Background Section, <i>supra</i> , Defendants maintained	
3	legally untenable positions for years. According to Defendants, Shloss was not permitted to use	
4	anything James or Lucia Joyce ever wrote, drew or painted—no matter the nature, context, form	
5	or amount. Defendants simply refused to acknowledge the existence of the fair use doctrine.	
6	Indeed, they dismissed it as "wishful thinking." Olson Decl., Ex. G [Dec. 11, 2006 Friedman	
7	Decl., Ex. 2].	
8	These arguments range from unreasonable to frivolous. And indeed, once it was	
9	clear to Defendants that there arguments would be addressed by the Court on the merits, they	
10	completely abandoned their arguments by covenanting not to sue as to the entirety of Shloss's	
11	Electronic Supplement. Defendants' conduct reveals that their decade of threats were empty,	
12	designed not to articulate defensible principles, but simply to scare and intimidate.	
13	But before abandoning the fight, Defendants attempted to persuade this Court to	
14	dismiss Shloss's suit based on a premise that was demonstrably false. Defendants argued that	
15	the fact Shloss revised her Electronic Supplement once in 2006 demonstrated the suit was not	
16	ripe because Shloss's Electronic Supplement was a "work in progress" and was not fixed. The	
17	Electronic Supplement was fixed and defendants knew it. They had access to the finalized	
18	Electronic Supplement in September 2006, two months before they moved to dismiss. Olson	
19	Decl., Ex. Q ¶6 [Dec. 15, 2006 Olson Decl.]. Defendants persisted in this frivolous argument	
20	even though Shloss had pledged that the Electronic Supplement would not change without leave	
21	to amend her complaint. Olson Decl., Ex. A ¶ 49. [Dec. 15, 2006 Shloss Decl.]; Olson Decl., Ex.	
22	R at 17 [Shloss's Opp. to Motion to Dismiss].	
23	To make matters worse, Defendants based their motion to dismiss on a second	
24	false premise. Defendants contended that their covenant not to sue mooted the entire	
25	controversy between the parties, despite the fact it plainly did not cover the entire Electronic	
26	Supplement put at issue by the Amended Complaint against the Estate. Specifically, Defendants	
27	covenanted not to sue on the Electronic Supplement as it existed in 2005, but not as it existed in	
28	2006, which was the version of the Electronic Supplement put at issue by Shloss's Amended	
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1	Complaint. See Olson Decl., Ex. O at 12 [Order Denying Motion to Dismiss]. This shortcoming
2	was not lost on Defendants. When the Court noted it at oral argument, Defendants
3	acknowledged their covenant did not cover the entire Electronic Supplement. Olson Decl., Ex. S
4	at 3:11-18 [Motion to Dismiss Oral Arg. Tr.].
5	In addition, Defendants have repeatedly misused their control of copyrights in an
6	effort to prevent the publication of materials and factual information about James Joyce and the
7	Joyce family over which Defendants have no rights or control. Such conduct is considered
8	objectively unreasonable and is grounds for awarding fees to Shloss. See Matthews v.
9	Freedman, 157 F.3d 25, 29 (1st Cir. 1998) (upholding fee award to defendant in case where
10	copyright plaintiff's arguments were reasonable, but amounted to attempt "to extend [plaintiff's]
11	copyright protection far beyond what is allowed by law.") (internal quotation omitted) (citing
12	Fogerty, 510 U.S. at 526-27); see also Garcia-Goyco v. Law Environmental Consultants, Inc.,
13	428 F.3d 14, 21 (1st Cir. 2005) (upholding fee award made in absence of frivolousness or bad
14	faith because plaintiffs' copyright claim was not, "sufficiently strong;" not reaching district
15	court's alternative ground for fees based on plaintiffs' misuse of copyrights).
16	Defendants also made gratuitous, ad hominem arguments that Shloss's lawsuit
17	was an "academic war" and a "hypothetical case," which the Court firmly rejected. Olson Decl.,
18	Ex. O at 13 [Order Denying Motion to Dismiss]. The Court also rejected Defendants' position
19	that the <i>Ulysses</i> arguments should be stricken, finding that those arguments were "material to
20	Plaintiff's case." <i>Id.</i> at 17. Each of these arguments was objectively unreasonable and provides
21	further strong weight in favor of awarding attorney's fees to Shloss.
22	3. Defendants' Improper Motivation Weighs Heavily in
23	Favor of Awarding Shloss's Attorney's Fees
24	The third factor, motivation of Defendants, also weighs heavily in favor of
25	awarding Shloss fees. Defendants betrayed improper motives throughout the course of their
	dispute with Shloss. As is extensively detailed in Shloss's Amended Complaint, Defendants'
26	sought to deny Shloss the right to quote from the copyrighted works it controlled in an
27	illegitimate attempt to protect the privacy of the Joyce family. Olson Decl., Ex. T $\P\P$ 62, 92-93.
28	[Amended Complaint]

1	Defendants made their motive quite plain repeatedly, and in writing. For	
2	instance, in a March 31, 1996 letter, Stephen Joyce told Shloss that his "response regarding	
3	helping and working with [her] on a book about Lucia is straightforward and unequivocal: it is a	
4	definite NO." Olson Decl., Ex. C [Dec. 15, 2006 Shloss Dec., Ex. C] (emphasis in original).	
5	Furthermore, Joyce added that "you do not have our approval/permission to 'use' any letters or	
6	papers by or from Lucia [or] our authorization to use any letters from my grandfather to	
7	anybody which deal with her." Id. (emphasis added). The law is plain that copyright does not	
8	give privacy rights. The "protection of privacy is not a function of the copyright law." <i>Bond v</i> .	
9	Blum, 317 F.3d 385, 395 (4th Cir. 2003); see also Rosemont Enters., Inc. v. Random House, Inc.	
10	366 F.2d 303, 311 (2d Cir. 1966) (Lumbard, J., concurring) ("It has never been the purpose of	
11	the copyright laws to restrict the dissemination of information about persons in the public eye	
12	even though those concerned may not welcome the resulting publicity."); New Era Publ'ns Int'l	
13	v. Henry Holt & Co., 695 F. Supp. 1493, 1504-05 (S.D.N.Y. 1988) aff'd, 873 F.2d 576 (2d Cir.	
14	1989) ("It is universally recognized that the protection of privacy is not the function of our	
15	copyright law An individual who seeks to protect the privacy of the content of private letters	
16	may do so by bringing suit under the right of privacy.").	
17	Nevertheless, Defendants have made threats to other Joyce scholars for decades	
18	Olson Decl., Ex. A ¶¶ 59-65 [Dec. 15, 2006 Shloss Decl.]. and to Shloss "regularly for nine	
19	years" Olson Decl., Ex. O at 11 [Order Denying Motion to Dismiss], often with the alleged	
20	purpose of protecting the privacy of deceased members of the Joyce family, and especially Lucia	
21	Joyce. Defendants' improperly-motivated use of their copyrights in attempts to protect	
22	"privacy" has now been defeated by the Settlement Agreement and Order of Dismissal. The	
23	Settlement Agreement entirely and without qualification allows Shloss to do what Defendants	
24	have improperly insisted for decades that "no one" could or should do-make use of Lucia	
25	Joyce's writings to write about the Joyce family. There is good reason to award Shloss her	
26	attorney's fees in defeating this improperly-motivated use of copyrights by Defendants.	
27	Additionally, Defendants' Motion to Dismiss based only on a partial covenant	
28	made plain that they wished to threaten copyright litigation and thereby chill speech, inquiry, and	
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scholarship about areas Defendants wish to declare "off limits" without ever having their legal		
claims tested. Defendants' improperly motivated attempt to avoid any testing of their threats		
should be deterred by an award of attorney's fees to Shloss.		

Finally, much of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss was explicitly directed at discrediting Shloss's scholarship qua scholarship, so that Defendants' argument became a way for Defendants to carry on their opposition to Shloss's work "by other means." For instance, Defendants argued that Shloss is not a scholar and that her book was not scholarship. Olson Decl., Ex. M at 2, 6 n 1 [MTD]. The Estate likewise suggested the Electronic Supplement was nothing but a "pretext" so that Shloss and her lawyers could "mak[e] new law" (*Id.* at 3-4)—an allegation that this Court soundly rejected. Olson Decl., Ex. O at 13 [Order Denying Motion to Dismiss]. Shloss should be awarded attorney's fees for having to respond to such an improperlymotivated and elaborate Motion to Dismiss and numerous associated Declarations.

## 4. The Need to Advance Considerations of Compensation and Deterrence Strongly Favors Awarding Attorney's Fees

The fifth factor, the need to advance considerations of compensation and deterrence, weighs heavily in favor of awarding attorney's fees to Shloss. Defendants have misused their copyrights for years, have improperly sought to vindicate privacy interests by use of copyrights, have sought to cut off inquiry into literary and historically significant events by the misuse of their copyrights, have advanced frivolous and unreasonable legal and factual arguments, and have done all of this through the extensive use of threats, all the while striving to avoid having the legality of their threats determined. Shloss won no money damages in this declaratory judgment action. Thus, the best way to deter Defendants' repeated and unrepentant bad actions is to award attorney's fees to Shloss.

Moreover, Defendants' unreasonable threats have cost Shloss years of aggravation and made her unable to cite the materials necessary to support her theses. Shloss will never recover the years of being threatened, nor can she be adequately compensated for the damage to her scholarship from Defendants' overly-aggressive assertions of copyright.

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The Estate can afford to pay Shloss' fees. It makes a significant income every year from licensing the works to which it controls copyright, and so is far from an impecunious party against whom a fee award would be unfair. Rather, the Estate has engaged in a long history of misusing its copyrights so as to deter legitimate scholarship and inquiry, and has done so at little cost to itself to date.

## D. Awarding Attorney's Fees to Shloss Promotes the Purpose of the Copyright Act

"The primary objective of copyright is not to reward the labor of authors, but '[t]o promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts. "To this end, copyright assures authors the right to their original expression, but encourages others to build freely upon the ideas and information conveyed by a work." Feist Publications, Inc. v. Rural Telephone Service Co., 499 U.S. 340, 349-350 (1991) (citations omitted). Indeed, "it is peculiarly important that the boundaries of copyright law be demarcated as clearly as possible." Fogarty v. Fantasy, Inc., 510 U.S. at 527. Accordingly, "defendants who seek to advance a variety of meritorious copyright defenses should be encouraged to litigate them to the same extent that plaintiffs are encouraged to litigate meritorious claims of infringement." *Id.* "Thus a successful defense of a copyright infringement action may further the policies of the Copyright Act every bit as much as a successful prosecution of an infringement claim by the holder of a copyright." Fogerty v. Fantasy, Inc., 510 U.S. 517, 527 (1994).

This is just such a case in which the successful defense (as a declaratory judgment plaintiff) of Shloss's right to quote from Defendants' copyrighted works furthers the policies of the Copyright Act. Shloss's success here is very similar to John Fogerty's success in *Fantasy*, Inc. v. Fogerty, in which the court found that Fogerty's successful defense against copyright claims "increased public exposure to a musical work that could, as a result, lead to further creative pieces." Fantasy, Inc. v. Fogerty, 94 F.3d at 559. In this case, Shloss's success in winning a covenant from Defendants against suing over their copyrighted material used in Shloss's Electronic Supplement increases public exposure to her scholarly work, which could, as a result, lead to further scholarly and creative pieces.

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1	Moreover, encouraging suits such as Shloss's furthers the policy of the Copyright		
2	Act, as this Court has already noted when denying Defendants' Motion to Strike Shloss's		
3	Copyright Misuse Claim:		
4	Plaintiff undertook to write a scholarly work on Lucia Joyce—the type of creativity that the copyright laws exist to facilitate.		
5	Defendants' alleged actions significantly undermined the copyright policy of "promoting invention and creative expression," as		
6	Plaintiff was allegedly intimidated from using (1) non-copyrightable fact works such as medical records and (2) works to which Defendants did not own or control copyrights, such as letters written by third parties. The Court finds that Plaintiff has		
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9	sufficiently alleged a nexus between Defendants' actions and the Copyright Act's public policy of promoting creative expression to support a cause of action for copyright misuse.		
10	Finally, Shloss's victory over the Estate gives hope and encouragement to Joyce		
11	scholars everywhere who have been threatened or intimidated by the Estate. <sup>8</sup> This victory		
12	furthers the policy of the Copyright Act by encouraging other scholars to make critical, scholarly		
13	and transformative use of the important materials to which the Estate holds copyrights. This		
14	alone is reason to encourage actions such as Shloss' with an award of attorney's fees.		
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25	<sup>8</sup> See, e.g., Olson Decl., Ex. B at 4-5. [Dec. 15, 2006 Spoo Decl., Ex. 4] ("More than a dozen		
26	Joyce scholars told me that what was once an area of exploration and discovery now resembles an embattled outpost of copyright law Although more than fifteen hundred letters and		
27 28	dozens of manuscript drafts have been discovered since Stephen [Joyce] gained control of the estate, scholars told me that no new biographies of Joyce or his family are under way Anyone who plans to study Joyce today has to wonder whether it will be worth the strain.")		

1	IV. CONCLUSION	
2	The Estate has insisted tha	t, where copyrights are concerned, it "puts its money
3	where its mouth is." Olson Decl., Ex. O	at 8. [Order Denying Motion to Dismiss] It should be
4	made to do so here. The Court should gra	nt Shloss's motion for an award of costs and attorneys
5	fees, and award costs and reasonable attor	neys' fees in an amount to be determined according to
6	proof.	
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