Vanginderen v. Cornell University

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DEFENDANT'S EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS

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1	Defendant Cornell University ("Cornell") respectfully makes the following objections to
2	the Affidavit of Plaintiff Kevin Vanginderen in Support of Plaintiff's Memorandum of Points and
3	Authorities in Opposition of Defendant's Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Complaint ("Affidavit").
4	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>
5	In his Affidavit affored in support of Plaintiff's Mamarandum of Paints and Authorities in
6	In his Affidavit offered in support of Plaintiff's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in
7	Opposition of Defendant's Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Complaint Pursuant to Section 425.16 of
8	the California Code of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff fails to identify, much less authenticate or lay
9	foundation for, any of the exhibits or their contents attached to his Affidavit. These exhibits
10	should not be considered by the Court.
11	EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS
12	Objected to Portion: Exhibits attached to the Affidavit.
13	Objection: Lack of authentication (Fed. R. Evid. 901); hearsay (Fed. R. Evid. 801 and
14	<u>802)</u>
15	Cornell objects on the ground that Plaintiff's Affidavit does not include evidence sufficient
16	to support a finding that the purported attached exhibits, and the contents thereof, are what they
17	claim to be. Plaintiff's Affidavit does not identify any actual exhibits and provides no foundation
18	for the contents thereof, and none of the purported exhibits is self-authenticating.
19	Cornell further objects to the purported exhibits as hearsay, to the extent that Plaintiff
20	relies on them to prove the truth of the matters asserted therein.
21	<b>Objected to Portion:</b> page 1, paragraph 1, portion: "regarding a publication
22	distributed by Cornell University in 1983, and now for the first time disseminated on the World
23	Wide Web in 2007."
24	Objection: Lack of foundation; lack of personal knowledge, speculation (Fed. R. Evid.
25	<u>602).</u>
26	Cornell objects to this portion of the Affidavit on the ground that such portion lacks
27	foundation and consists of opinion, speculation and argument. Plaintiff lays no foundation for his
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1	claims that (1) the "publication" was disseminated in 2007 "for the first time"; or (2) that the
2	"publication" on the World Wide Web was disseminated in 2007.
3	<b>Objection to Portion</b> : page 1, paragraph 3, portion: "The causes of action stem from
4	an article published in the Cornell Chronicle by Cornell University (Defendant) regarding a single
5	specific incident: an arrest and a single charge brought against myself in March of 1983."
6	Objection: Best evidence rule (Fed. R. Evid. 1002 and 1003); lack of foundation (Fed.
7	R. Evid. 602).
8	Cornell objects to this portion of the Affidavit on the ground that this portion of the
9	Affidavit violates the best evidence rule. The <i>Chronicle</i> article itself is the best evidence of the
10	contents of the <i>Chronicle</i> article.
11	Cornell further objects on the ground that Plaintiff has not establish the foundation of his
12	assertion that the <i>Chronicle</i> publication was based on "a single specific incident," and that the
13	assertion is argumentative.
14	<b>Objection to Portion:</b> page 2, paragraph 7 in its entirety: "The Defendant has never
15	received an Order to Unseal Records at any court to date."
16	Objection: Lack of foundation; lack of personal knowledge; speculation (Fed. R. Evid.
17	<u>602).</u>
18	Plaintiff has not established that he has personal knowledge of whether Cornell had
19	received an unsealing order before November 20, 2007.
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