

## Jackie Brokaw

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**From:** David Gingras <david@gingraslaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2024 10:08 AM  
**To:** Jackie Brokaw; Jim Lee  
**Cc:** Laura Owens  
**Subject:** RE: State Bar File No. 24-1692 - Gingras

Ms. Brokaw and Mr. Lee,

As a follow-up to yesterday's emails, I need to add a couple supplemental comments regarding the charge from [REDACTED]

After (or shortly before; the timestamps on Twitter are not necessarily reliable) my response to you yesterday, [REDACTED] posted information about her bar charge on Twitter. I did not know about this at the time I sent my response to you; I only learned about it yesterday evening.

Screenshots of [REDACTED] tweet are included below, and a link to her post is here (you should be able to see this without a Twitter account): <https://twitter.com/TrampStampEsq/status/1821336296763146481>

NOTE: this Twitter account "Tramp Stamp Lawyer" is a parody/criticism account created by the JFC Cult which is focused on publishing negative information about me. Before you ask - I have no idea what the significance of this term is; a "tramp stamp" usually refers to a tattoo on a woman's lower back. I do not have any tattoos, nor does Laura (to my knowledge). In any event, I have never threatened whoever is behind this account (I am blocked from following the account, so I cannot see their tweets when using my normal Twitter account).

The reason we know [REDACTED] posted this is pretty simple – the tweet includes a copy of the bar's letter to her dated yesterday. Although she redacted her name from the letter, she did not redact the file number: 24-1692.

Obviously, I have no issue with [REDACTED] (or anyone else) posting truthful statements and fair criticism online, nor do I have any objection to them sharing matters of public record; that's how the law works (although this is slightly ironic given that [REDACTED] asked the bar for a protective order to prevent *me* from "retaliating" against *her*). As I indicated in my letter yesterday, I have no idea who [REDACTED] is. I have never communicated with her, nor have I ever threatened her in any way. The first I time I saw her name was when you submitted her charge to me yesterday.

This leads to my second point -- I am concerned [REDACTED] may have misunderstood Mr. Lee's comments in his June 26, 2024 email to her. In that email, Mr. Lee advised [REDACTED] correctly, that statements made to the bar are subject to an absolute privilege. That statement is, of course, completely true, and I have no problem with this.

However, any suggestion that [REDACTED] is wholly immune from suit just because she *also* submitted a complaint to the bar is incomplete and potentially misleading. I am concerned the reference to "immunity" in Mr. Lee's email may have caused [REDACTED] to believe, incorrectly, that she is absolutely immune from suit for *any* public statements she makes on social media simply because she also made the same statements to the bar. That is obviously *not* correct. A bar complaint does not grant the complainant *carte blanche* to publish defamatory statements elsewhere, such as on social media.

Clearly, while I have no intention of suing her or anyone else, if [REDACTED] posts false and defamatory statements about me on the Internet, she would be subject to liability for defamation regardless of whether she

also happened to make the same statements to the bar. I think it is very important she understands this, and I think it is clear she does *not* understand this.

As I explained in my letters from yesterday, it is also important for Mr. Lee (and all bar staff) to know -- the JFC Cult is extremely dangerous and they should be treated as such. In addition to making false statements to you (which they believe they can do with impunity), they are huge fans of “doxing” anyone they dislike. They will typically publish any/every document they can find which supports their narrative or which appears to denigrate myself or Laura or anyone else they dislike. Because of this, I am confident [REDACTED] and/or other cult members will publish any/every document relating to this matter in an effort to make it appear (falsely) that I am guilty of some wrongdoing.

For that reason, I would respectfully ask that Mr. Lee exercise caution in his future correspondence with [REDACTED]. He should be aware that anything/everything sent to [REDACTED] will be posted online (by her, not by me). At the very least, in future correspondence, Mr. Lee should also inform [REDACTED] that Supreme Court Rule 48(l) does not provide immunity from claims arising from the publication of false and defamatory statements on social media or anywhere outside of the scope of what the rule protects.

One final note – in my letters yesterday, I suggested it is likely the bar has received (or will receive) many additional complaints about me relating to the *Owens v. Echard* case. I realize that statement probably sounds paranoid, but there was a very specific reason for that remark.

One of the primary leaders of the JFC Cult is a YouTube “content creator” named Dave Neal. Mr. Neal claims to be a “journalist” (he is not). Instead, Mr. Neal’s primary source of income is posting self-created videos on YouTube. Mr. Neal is also friends with Mr. Echard, and he personally attended the trial on June 10<sup>th</sup> (Mr. Neal even set up a tent outside the courthouse where he live-streamed for several hours before the trial).

Over the last several months, Mr. Neal has published hundreds of hours of videos about Laura and me. Among other things, any time a new pleading is filed in *Owens v. Echard*, Mr. Neal will obtain a copy from the court and then sit and read the entire pleading, word-for-word, on his YouTube channel. Mr. Neal earns money based on the length of his videos and number of views each video receives, so he has an incentive to post as much content as possible, and to make it as inflammatory as possible. He literally posts new videos about Laura virtually every day, and sometimes more than once a day (this has *slightly* reduced since the trial in June).

Several months ago, Mr. Neal submitted a complaint to the bar about me. That complaint was later dismissed. Despite this, Mr. Neal made videos discussing his allegations against me, and he posted this video which (in my view) encouraged other people like [REDACTED] to submit additional complaints:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHCUKBEScU4>

Obviously, I recognize and respect my ethical duty to cooperate with any investigation you may perform. I have always complied with that duty, and I will continue to do so.

At the same time, I want Mr. Lee to understand that this is not a normal situation. The JFC Cult has anywhere from 2-5 thousand active members (or more), and they are absolutely obsessed with destroying Laura and anyone else who stands in the way of their goal. This is why I would expect the bar to receive numerous additional complaints (if you have not already). This is not an indication of misconduct on my part. It is simply an unfortunate reality of what happens when you are dealing with an angry cult.

As always, I am happy to discuss further if anyone has any questions.

Thanks.



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In Re the Matter of:

LAURA OWENS,

Petitioner,

And

CLAYTON ECHARD,

Respondent.

Case No.: FC2023-052114

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF CHANGE  
OF JUDGE FOR CAUSE

(Assigned to the Hon. Julie Mata)  
(Presiding Judge Hon. Ronda Fisk)

Pursuant to Rule 6.1(d)(1), Respondent Clayton Echard hereby responds to Petitioner Laura Owens's "Notice of Change of Judge for Cause" filed July 8, 2024 and requests the Court deny the notice as untimely. Respondent also objects to the salacious allegations contained in Petitioner's filings—gross misrepresentations, reckless incendiary comments impugning the integrity of Judge Mata,<sup>1</sup> and insufficient grounds to find bias on the merits—

<sup>1</sup> Counsel comments that Judge Mata was "trying to impress her father -- Look at me Daddy! I'm a real judge now! Just watch me destroy a young woman's life because the other party was on *The Bachelor*! Hee hee!"



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DAVE NEAL

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@TrampStampEsq

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David S. Gingras is officially under investigation by the AZ State Bar.

This news comes shortly after we've learned that Laura Michelle Owens is currently under investigation by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Justice will be served.

[#JusticeforALLVictimsofLauraOwens](#)



**Respondent:** David S. Gingras

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

We received your correspondence regarding possible ethical impropriety by the above-named lawyer. I will investigate your allegations. We have assigned a file number to this matter. Please use it on future communications with this office.

I forwarded a copy of your correspondence to the lawyer with a request that a prompt, written response be submitted. Absent unusual circumstances, I will send you a copy of the lawyer's response. An investigator may contact you for additional information and input.

At the conclusion of the preliminary investigation, I will summarize the case and present it for review by all bar counsel. If, after this review, we determine that no ethical violation can be proven by clear and convincing evidence, we will dismiss the charge, and notify you. You are entitled to appeal a bar counsel's dismissal decision.

We will refer all recommendations other than dismissal or diversion to the Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee, who may issue one of the following orders:

- stay of the proceedings
- admission
- prohibition
- diversion, or
- filing of a formal complaint

We will notify you in writing of our recommendation and provide you the opportunity to object in writing if you disagree.

At this point, your charge is not open to the public. However, the State Bar may confirm to anyone inquiring that we have received a charge against the above-named lawyer and are investigating it. When the State Bar completes its investigation and decides whether to pursue formal charges, then your submissions, the lawyer's submissions and, perhaps, other documents in the file may become open to the public.

Anything you send to this office becomes the property of the State Bar of Arizona and cannot be returned to you. If you request copies of any documents not otherwise provided to you by the State Bar of Arizona, you will be required to pay a copy charge of \$50 per page, payable in advance. If you want to keep copies of any documentation you provide to the State Bar of Arizona, you should make copies prior to sending documents to us.

The State Bar receives more than 2,000 charges against lawyers every year. We cannot thoroughly consider each one without your patience and full cooperation. Please await contact from me or our investigator before submitting additional information.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the State Bar. We will carefully consider it and take appropriate action within the rules and procedures established by the Supreme Court of Arizona.

Sincerely,  
/s/James D. Lee  
James D. Lee

5:03 PM · Aug 7, 2024

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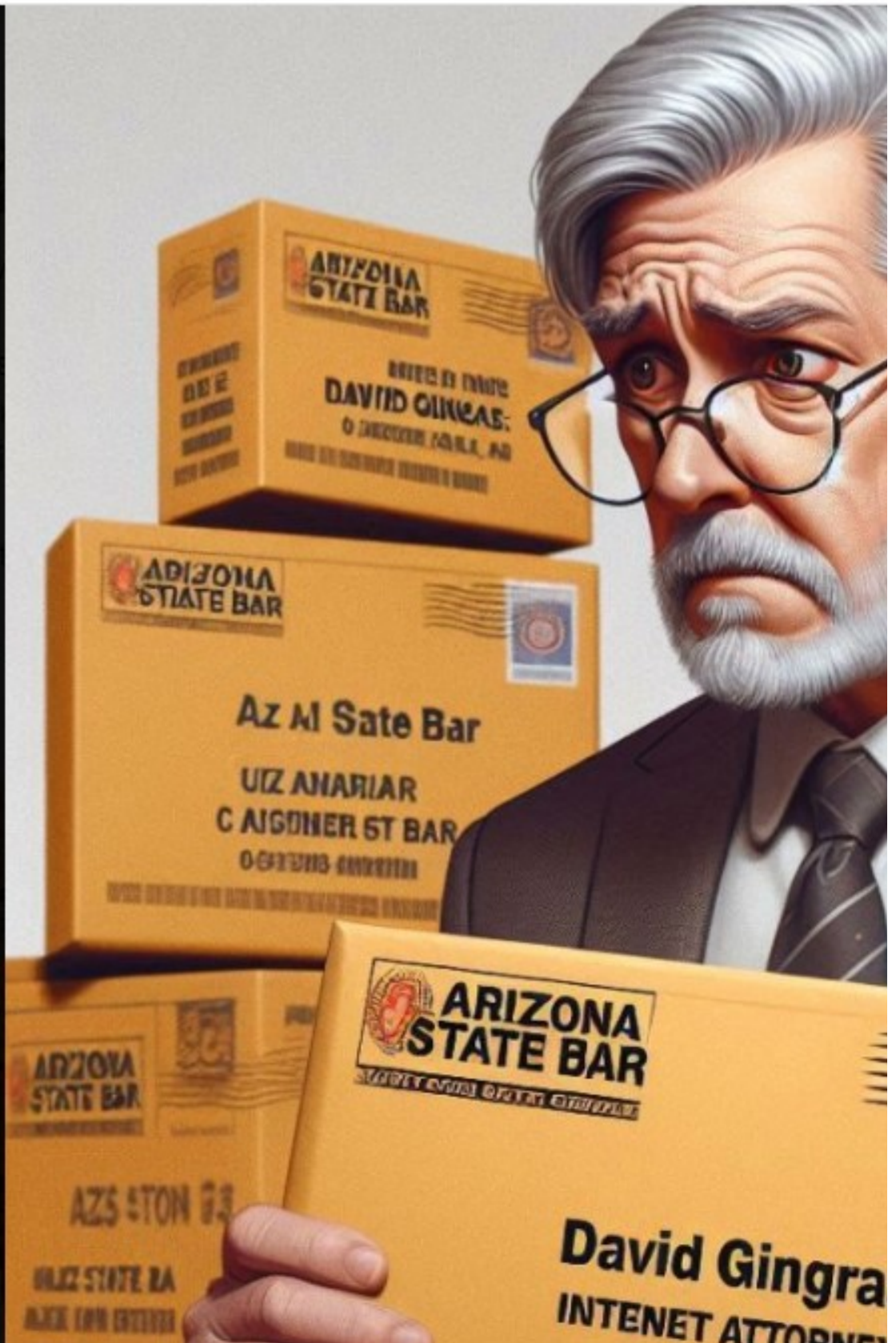
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- admonition
- probation
- diversion, or
- filing of a formal complaint

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The Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona govern lawyer ethics and disciplinary procedures. The State Bar is bound by those rules in deciding whether a lawyer has committed an ethical violation and whether the lawyer can be sanctioned for that violation. You, as a complainant, are not a party to the disciplinary proceedings. The State Bar does not represent you and cannot assist you in resolving ongoing legal problems. You should consult your own lawyer to advise you of your rights or potential legal recourse against the lawyer.

If you intend to pursue the lawyer in civil or criminal proceedings, you should not delay because State Bar proceedings are pending. If you wait, you may lose important legal rights. **For example, if you believe you are entitled to recover money from the**



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**From:** Jackie Brokaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 8:46 AM  
**To:** David Gingras [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** State Bar File No. 24-1692 - Gingras

Good morning,

Attached is a letter from Senior Bar Counsel James Lee regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is a Protective Order that was issued in this matter.

Thank you,

Jackie



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