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# /// DC Bar refuses to report and investigate Federal Circuit misconduct

Disciplinary rules sidestepped; Clerk of Court Jan Horbaly not licensed to practice law in Washington D.C. according to the bar

### BY DONNA KLINE | Nov. 14, 2012 | PITTSBURGH BUSINESS REPORT (PBR)

(Nov. 14, 2012)— The Rules of Professional Conduct for lawyers say that the legal profession is "selfregulating." The term "self-policing" is also used. These Rules require



members of the profession to initiate disciplinary investigation when they know of a violation. These rules were just ignored by the Washington D.C. Bar Association in their response to Dr. Lakshmi Arunachalam's disciplinary complaint about the conduct of attorneys who are judges and judicial employees in *Leader Tech v. Facebook*, Case No. 2011-1366 (Federal Circuit).

Dr. Arunachalam has replied to the DC Bar (below) asking them to do their jobs and not simply send her on a "wild goose chase." She points out that laymen are unfamiliar with attorney "selfregulation" and it is the bar that should be managing this reporting to the proper authority now that they have ample proof of the misconduct and the possibility of other misconduct.

The DC Bar was responding to Dr. Arunachalam's original complaint [see original complaints here] and said they would take no action. They referred her instead to the "Circuit Executive" for the Federal Circuit. This is shocking since this is one of the individuals, Jan Horbaly, who she is complaining about. She has proven that The Federal Circuit Bar Association is practically



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staffed by Facebook cronies, Facebook shareholders, Facebook law firms and that the Clerk is a central figure. They also dropped the bomb that Jan Horbaly, Court Executive and Clerk of Court, is not licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia. They said he is registered in Ohio and directed her to file her complaint about Mr. Horbaly with the Ohio Supreme Court. She points out that the conduct complained of occurred in Washington D.C., not Ohio. More importantly, she asked how it is possible that Mr. Horbaly, who according to some operates as an almost super-Judge with dictatorial powers at the Federal Circuit, is not even licensed to practice law in our national's capital where he oversees the legal activities of countless judges and attorneys daily?

Generally, the federal rules specify that complaints about judicial employees and judges should be sent to the bar association for that court. However, in this case that rule is broken since it is those very people who are allegedly misbehaving. Therefore, Dr. Arunachalam followed the *other* procedure specified in <u>Rule 8.3 of</u> the <u>Rules of Professional Conduct</u> that says once an attorney *knows* that another lawyer is misbehaving, that attorney is dutybound to inform the appropriate authority. This means the DC Bar is now duty-bound to report the misconduct to the appropriate authority and cannot simply refuse to act on the information because they would rather not.

Dr. Arunachalam cites the specific professional ethics rules for attorneys in her letter below. I personally find it remarkable that attorneys need so many rules to tell them how to do the right thing.

Let's see, where would we be if a police detective showed up at your just-burgled house and said, "I decline to investigate the possibility that your house was robbed by a fellow police officer....?

#### - Donna

Lakshmi Arunachalam, PhD, RESPONSE to D.C. BAR Re. Federal Circuit Judicial Complaints, Nov. 14,2012

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**Fig. 1** – Dr. Lakshmi Arunachalam's response to the Washington D.C. Bar Association, Nov. 14, 2012 regarding her disciplinary complaints against the Federal Circuit judges and Clerk of Court.

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Dear Mss. Herman & Branda:

Re: Disciplinary Complaints against Federal Circuit: Judge Randall R. Rader (2012-U438), Judge Alan D. Lourie (2012-U437), Judge Kimberly A. Moore (2012-U436), Judge Evan J. Wallach (2012-U435), and Clerk of Court Jan Horbaly (2012-U430);

Re. Leader Tech v. Facebook, Case No. 2011-1366 (Fed. Cir.).

Response to your letter dated Nov. 1, 2012

I received your Nov. 1, 2012 letter on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012. I will take your comments and recommendations under advisement. My complaints are focused on *attorney* misconduct while on the bench, and not on opinions themselves; except as those opinions may be tainted by the misconduct. Respectfully, I believe your assessment is deficient. Official duties do not extend to undisclosed conflicts of interest from *attorneys* who swore an oath not to engage in such conduct long before they became judges. I believe your knowledge <u>as attorneys</u> of this misconduct now compels you to take action (instead of deferring it to others). The integrity of the American legal system is at stake. Pointing me as a layperson to other jurisdictions is not appropriate now that you are informed.

I respectfully wish to make several points for which I hope the DC Bar will take leadership. The CODE OF CONDUCT FOR UNITED STATES JUDGES and the CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES state unequivocally and repeatedly that judges and judicial employees:

> "should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities."<sup>1</sup>

<http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/CodesOfConduct/CodeConductUnitedStatesJudges.aspx>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See "Canon 2: A **Judge** Should Avoid Impropriety And The Appearance Of Impropriety In All Activities." Code of Conduct For United States Judges." Accessed Nov. 12, 2012

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In my opinion, the Federal Circuit Judges and Clerk of Court in *Leader v. Facebook* are doing everything they can to hide and excuse their misconduct. Every lawyer who has sworn an oath to "self-police" the ethics of the legal profession should be offended by these actions, not just me, a layperson.

In addition to the Code of Conduct, the **RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** say unequivocally that if lawyers "<u>know</u> of a violation" then they are duty bound to *report* to the "appropriate professional authority." Nowhere do the Rules absolve an attorney from reporting misconduct simply because he or she was not involved in the infraction, or he or she works in a different jurisdiction, or because the attorney is a judge. <u>Knowing</u> is the trigger.

Layman are unfamiliar with the inner-workings of attorney "self-regulation." Your instructions put the onus back on me to send out a new round of complaints to try and satisfy the rules as you present them—which did not cite the Rules of Professional Conduct. Who in the allegedly "self-regulating" legal profession will report and investigate? **If not the DC Bar, who? If not now, when?** Your recommendation is a Mobius strip with no end. Frankly, how nonsensical is an instruction to send the complaint to the very people and organizations that are misbehaving? No, it is the DC Bar that now has knowledge of this misconduct and needs to figure out how to report this misconduct to the appropriate authority.

**Respectfully, I did my part; now it is time for you at the DC Bar to do yours.** You are the licensed attorneys who swore to uphold the Rules of Professional Conduct that includes the "self-regulation" provisions and to "inform the appropriate authorities" once you "know that another lawyer has committed a violation." My complaint contained ample information proving misconduct, and possible misconduct.

The DC BAR'S RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT RULE 8.3, and associated rules, state in pertinent part:<sup>2</sup>

Cmt. [1] Self-regulation of the legal profession requires that <u>members of</u> <u>the profession initiate disciplinary investigation when they know of a</u> <u>violation</u> of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

(a) A lawyer who **knows that another lawyer has committed a violation** of the rules of professional conduct that raises a substantial question as to that lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other aspects, **shall inform the appropriate professional authority** 

(b) A lawyer who **know that a judge has committed a violation** of applicable rules of judicial conduct that raises a substantial question as to the judge's fitness for office **shall inform the appropriate authority** (emphasis added).

My second point is that the public record in my opinion proves that, at minimum, the judges and the clerk of court have engaged in egregious misconduct by not disclosing and

Activities." Code of Conduct For Judicial Employees. Accessed Nov. 12, 2012 <<u>http://www.uscourts.gov/rulesandpolicies/codesofconduct/codeconductjudicialemployees.aspx</u>>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rule 8.3—Reporting Professional Misconduct. DC Bar. Accessed Nov. 12, 2012 <<u>http://www.dcbar.org/for\_lawyers/ethics/legal\_ethics/rules\_of\_professional\_conduct/amended\_rules/rule\_eight/</u>rule08\_03.cfm>.

then trying to cover up their holdings in Facebook as well as two other companies in Facebook's so-called "ecosystem," namely Groupon and Zynga.

**Judge Kimberly A. Moore<sup>3</sup>** holds multiple investments in **Fidelity Contrafund**<sup>4</sup> which has multiple well-publicized holdings in Facebook, Zynga and Groupon. In addition, she very likely has other investments with holdings in Facebook. *See* "Fidelity's Contrafund snaps up stakes in Facebook at \$63 billion valuation." *Silicon Valley Business Journal*, Jun. 2, 2011<sup>5</sup> and "Fidelity's Danoff Bets on Facebook, Zynga." *Bloomberg*, Jun. 1, 2011.<sup>6</sup>

**Judge Alan D. Lourie<sup>7</sup>** holds multiple investments in **T. Rowe Price Funds<sup>8</sup>** which have multiple well-publicized holdings in Facebook that totaled over five percent (5%) of Facebook prior to the IPO requiring detailed disclosure in the Facebook S-1. *See* "Facebook IPO: T. Rowe Price shares worth up to \$637M." *Baltimore Business Journal*. May 9, 2012.<sup>9</sup>

### Judge Alan D. Lourie and Judge Kimberly A. Moore stood to benefit financially from decisions favorable to Facebook; their trustworthiness was sacrificed.

Judges have a responsibility to manage their personal investing and ensure that such appearances of impropriety are avoided. No person on the street can possibly believe that these judges were oblivious to their holdings in Facebook—the largest tech IPO in history;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> **Kimberly A. Moore, Fidelity Contrafund**, Financial Disclosure Report, Form AO10, 2010. Judicial Watch <<u>http://www.scribd.com/doc/74590732/Kimberly-A-Moore-Financial-Disclosure-Report-for-2010</u>>; *See* also "At least Judge Kimberly A. Moore Has Undisclosed Fiduciary Conflicts of Interest." Renewed Motion of Lakshmi Arunachalam, PhD, Jul. 27, 2012. pp. 13-16 <<u>http://www.scribd.com/doc/101191619/Renewed-Motion-for-Leave-To-File-Amicus-Curiae-Lakshmi-Arunachalam-Ph-D-Brief-Jul-27-2010-Leader-v-Facebook-CLERK-S-COPY-WITH-EXHIBITS#page=22>.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> **Fidelity Contrafund**. Form N-Q, Mar. 31, 2012. U.S. S.E.C. <<u>http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/24238/000003540212000012/main.htm</u>>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Silicon Valley Business Journal <<u>http://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/news/2011/06/02/fidelitys-contrafund-snaps-up-stakes.html</u>>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Bloomberg <<u>http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-01/fidelity-s-danoff-bets-on-facebook-zynga.html</u>>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Alan D. Lourie, T. Rowe Price Funds, Financial Disclosure Report, Form AO10, 2010. Judicial Watch <<u>http://www.scribd.com/doc/74588712/Alan-D-Lourie-Financial-Disclosure-Report-for-2010</u>>; *See* also "Financial Conflicts of Interest; Abuse of Discretion." Request for Relief, pp. 8-11, Sep. 1, 2012 <<u>http://www.scribd.com/doc/104546197/Motion-For-Relief-From-Judgment-And-Order-Pursuant-To-Rules-60-a-And-60-b-For-Newly-Discovered-Evidence-Mistake-Fraud-Surprise-Misrepresentation#page=13> ("Judge Lourie had multiple holdings in T.Rowe Price which is a well-publicized holder of more than five percent (5%) of Facebook")(emphasis added); Donna Kline. "Hijinks At The High Court." *Donna Kline Now!* Jul. 27, 2012 <<u>http://donnaklinenow.com/investigation/hijinks-at-the-high-court</u>> ("The conflicts of interest in this court are legion").</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> T. Rowe Price Funds, Facebook S-1, p. 145 (6,033,630 shares of Class A common stock held of record by 80 funds and accounts advised or sub-advised by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.; and (ii) 12,158,743 shares of Class B common stock held of record by 76 funds and accounts advised or sub-advised by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.'') <<u>http://www.scribd.com/doc/94039044/Facebook-Amended-S-1-No-8#page=151</u>>; Judge Lourie's T. Rowe Price disclosed holdings are: T. Rowe Price Cap Appreciation Fund (IRA), T. Rowe Price Short Term Bond Fund (IRA), TR Price High Yield Fd (IRA), TR Price New Horizon Fd (IRA), and TR Price DNMA Fund. Alan D. Lourie, Financial Disclosure Report, *supra*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Baltimore Business Journal <<u>http://www.bizjournals.com/baltimore/news/2012/05/09/facebook-ipo-t-rowe-prices-holdings html</u>>.

especially when Fidelity and T.Rowe Price holdings in Facebook were so widely reported prior to the Facebook IPO. In addition, the court **totally ignored and refused to docket** my Motion to Compel the Members of the Federal Circuit to Disclose Conflicts of Interest filed on Sep. 5, 2012.<sup>10</sup>

In addition, according to the information you provided, Clerk of Court Jan Horbaly is not licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia. I have been able to verify that the D.C. Court of Appeals requires its clerk of court to be a licensed attorney. It is inconceivable that the Federal Circuit would require less. It is therefore nonsensical for me to file a disciplinary complaint against Mr. Horbaly in Ohio where he is licensed, <sup>11</sup> as you have recommended, since he is not practicing law in Ohio and the Ohio Supreme Court has no jurisdiction over him in this matter. Your recommendation appears to be a wild goose chase. Mr. Horbaly signs most of the Federal Circuit decisions and seems to operate as a *de facto* Federal Circuit judge with wide-ranging powers, some say bordering on dictatorial. Is he not practicing law in Washington D.C. without a license? And if you intend to claim that he is not subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct because he is acting in some sort of bifurcated existential existence, he is at least subject to the Codes of Conduct for judges and judicial employees in any event. In addition, Mr. Horbaly is an *ex officio* member of The Federal Circuit Bar Association that filed the shocking request to absolve the judges of these conflicts—a request that contains numerous false statements which I readily proved in my response.12

Federal Circuit conduct exhibits obvious bias against the inventor, Leader Technologies; The Federal Circuit Bar Association is practically staffed by Facebook law firms, Federal Circuit staff, and major Facebook shareholders, like Microsoft.<sup>13</sup>

The information I have provided to you previously and herein provides substantial evidence of judicial and lawyer misconduct and a strong "appearance of impropriety" pursuant to Rule 8.4 and the Codes of Conduct for judges and clerk. Many of the documents I provided you previously can also be obtained from the *Information History* link below. I trust you are as alarmed as I am at the very strong indication of undue influence upon the judges and the clerk of the Federal Circuit, among other things.

<sup>12</sup> Response to Request of Federal Circuit Bar Association's Request for Reissue Re. Leader v. Facebook, Case No. 2011-1366 (Fed. Cir.) by Lakshmi Arunachalam, Ph.D., Sep. 17, 2012 <<u>http://www.scribd.com/doc/106156081/Response-to-Request-of-Federal-Circuit-Bar-Association-s-Request-for-Reissue-Re-Leader-v-Facebook-Case-No-2011-1366-Fed-Cir-by-Lakshmi-Arunach>.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Amicus Curiae Lakshmi Arunachalam, PhD, Motion to Compel Disclosure <<u>http://www.scribd.com/doc/104894533/Motion-to-Compel-Each-Member-Of-The-Federal-Circuit-To-Disclose-Conflicts-Of-Interest-in-Leader-v-Facebook-by-Amicus-Curiae-Lakshmi-Arunachalam-PhD>.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Jan Horbaly. Reg. No. 0029405, The Supreme Court of Ohio <a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/AttyReg/Public">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/AttyReg/Public</a> AttorneyDetails.asp?ID=0029405>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Id*.

All true inventors have a stake in the outcome of *Leader v*. *Facebook*. An injustice here will set back innovation in the United States, maybe for decades, if not forever.

Therefore, I believe it is incumbent on the attorneys at the DC Bar who have been briefed by the evidence of misconduct and potential misconduct that I have provided previously, and who read this letter, to "inform the appropriate authority" yourselves pursuant to the Rules since they now "know of a violation."

It is your solemn public duty.

Respectfully yours,

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Lakshmi Arunachalam, Ph.D.

*Information History*: See library of reports and briefings summarizing the misconduct at <u>http://www.scribd.com/amer4innov</u>

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Re:

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Dear Dr. Arunachalam:

We have received your complaints against the following judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit: Circuit Judge Evan J. Wallach, Circuit Judge Kimberly A. Moore, Circuit Judge Alan D. Lourie, Chief Judge Randall R. Radar. We also received your complaint against Jan Horbaly, Circuit Executive and Clerk of Court of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

This office declines to investigate allegations of ethical misconduct on the part of sitting judges arising from the performance of their official duties. You may wish to submit your complaint to the Circuit Executive for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit at the following address:

> Circuit Executive United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Attn: Judicial Misconduct Complaint 717 Madison Place, NW Washington, DC 20439

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As to your complaint against Mr. Horbaly, a review of our membership records indicates that Mr. Horbaly is not a member of the District of Columbia Bar. Therefore, we have no jurisdiction over your complaint against Mr. Horbaly. It appears that Mr. Horbaly is licensed to practice law in the state of Ohio. You may wish to submit your complaint to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Ohio at the following address:

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We thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

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