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Hon. Justice Matthew F. Cooper
60 Center Street
New York, NY

Re: Budney v. Santomauro

Honorable Sir:

It is bad enough that I have been forced into an almost *pro bono* situation, but Michael Santomauro has taken it upon himself to defame me through scurrilous posts on the internet and I am concerned that this will have a negative effect on my practice.

I was recently advised of the following post that appears to have been written on August 16, 2013, but posted on December 3, 2013, which I am afraid will be the first of many:

From: MerchantCircle Reviews [<mailto:reviews@merchantcircle.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2013 12:20 PM
To: Info
Subject: A customer gave The Mandel Law Firm a review



Consumer Review Alert

Dear The Mandel Law Firm,

Congratulations! A customer has visited your business listing in the Murray Hill neighborhood on MerchantCircle

and given you a review:

Talk About HATE...!!!:

*From the desk of Michael Santomauro: August 16, 2013: Dear Mr. Steven Mandel: You continue to refer to me in your motion papers and orders to show cause papers as a "hateful person." You have referred to me in the courtroom in front of Justice Cooper in your oral arguments as "a man of hate." You have been very successful. That it has caused Justice Cooper to scream at me that I am an "anti-Semite and a Holocaust denier." Justice Cooper continues to refer to it with snide remarks like "unless you are a therapy denier," or "talk about baseball, like Hank Greenberg, and not about Jewish soap.": Unless there is a retraction or proof, just one proof, that I am a hateful person, or anti-Semite or a Holocaust denier, then this will have to continue to be addressed because the ethnic and the political sensibilities has emotional crippled Mikey's lawyer and the court which includes the law clerks.: What you have implanted with success in the past is controlling the current and future outcome that is detrimental to Mikey's future human rights to have a father in his life. You have violated Mikey's human rights in court by falsely calling me a "hateful person" and the court should retract as well the claims it continues too have that I am an Anti-Semite and a Holocaust denier.: A "Holocaust denier" is someone who denies there is nothing to debate. Therefore, the the title of my book: *Debating The Holocaust: A New Look At Both Sides.* : Concerning what "hate" is, and your claims that I am an anti-Semite has to be corrected. Those who control the past, controls the future.: Sincerely: Michael Santomauro: ReporterNotebook@gmail.com 917-974-6367*

As the principal in a small firm in this very competitive market, I cannot afford to sit by and be defamed. Accordingly, I will be commencing appropriate legal proceedings against Mr. Santomauro.

My question to you is, since Your Honor has personal knowledge of exactly what happened, and what I said and did not say, would it be appropriate to have this matter assigned to Part 51?

Respectfully yours,

THE MANDEL LAW FIRM

By:



STEVEN J. MANDEL

cc: Judith White, Esq.
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