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March 14, 2014

VIA EMAIL (Hawkins.ColdSpring@gmail.com)
FEDERAL EXPRESS & FIRST CLASS MAIL

Ms. Stephanie Hawkins
15 Academy Street
Cold Spring, New York 10516

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

We herewith provide notice that your republishing of publicly rebutted statements from the Matt and Donald for Cold Spring Village Trustees Facebook page to your public Facebook and Twitter accounts on March 12, 2014, contains knowingly false and fabricated statements and comments that disparage, defame and/or call into question the personal conduct, business operations, policies and/or business conduct of Roger Ailes, Elizabeth Ailes, The Putnam County News & Recorder, LLC ("the PCNR"), and their affiliates and employees.

As you know, the statements and comments you republished and then failed to retract were specifically and publicly denied in an article published by the PCNR website on March 12, 2014 and then published again in the front page article on the PCNR website on March 13, 2014. Further, it appears that these false and fabricated statements were made and then republished by you with malicious intent to injure our clients in their trade, office and profession. In spite of the false statements to the contrary, the record is unequivocal on the following facts:

1. Mr. Ailes and Mrs. Ailes do not have candidates in the current local political campaign for Cold Spring Village Trustees.
2. Mr. Ailes is not the owner of the PCNR.
3. Mr. Ailes and Mrs. Ailes are not having you followed and are not tracking your movements or the movements of others.

4. The PCNR is not having you followed and is not tracking your movements or the movements of others.
5. Mr. Ailes and Mrs. Ailes are not having Matt Francisco followed and are not tracking his movements.
6. The PCNR is not having Matt Francisco followed and is not tracking his movements.
7. Mr. Ailes and Mrs. Ailes are not having Donald MacDonald followed and are not tracking her movements.
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9. Mr. Ailes, Mrs. Ailes, the PCNR and their employees and affiliates are not responsible for comments or statements made during a political debate.
10. The PCNR, including its employees and affiliates, is not under any obligation to reveal the confidential sources of the news stories reported in its publication.
11. Mr. Ailes and Mrs. Ailes have not, and have no interest in, "spying" on their neighbors.
12. Mr. Ailes and Mrs. Ailes have not, and have no interest in, "manufacturing phony scandals" in their home town or any other small community in the great United States of America.

As such, the comments and statements contained in the public posting to your Facebook page and your Twitter account, for which you or anyone else failed to provide a shred of evidence in support, constitute libel and libel per se. This letter demands an immediate retraction in writing of these malicious, false and libelous statements. Further, our clients demand that your retraction and correction be accompanied by a repudiation of the libelous statements and an apology for the outrageous and patently false statements made against our clients.

These statements and comments also constitute tortious interference with the business and contractual relations of our clients. As such, they are actionable and expose you to the imposition of compensatory as well as punitive damages.

Our clients demand that you immediately cease and desist from making and encouraging any further disparaging, malicious, and defamatory statements immediately, and will seek damages from any continued misconduct. Your failure to

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correct these erroneous and false statements and their repetition after notice of their falsehood constitutes further publication of libel. It also confirms your malicious intent to defame our clients.

You have intentionally, wrongfully and maliciously defamed and disparaged our clients, and have encouraged others to defame and disparage our clients. Accordingly, you will be held to account for all damages which flow therefrom.

Please be advised that if the false and fabricated statements contained in the public posting to your Facebook page and your Twitter account continue to be disseminated and published to the public without retraction, we will file suit against you. If our clients are forced to file suit to stop your wrongful conduct, they will also seek an award of attorney fees and litigation expenses.

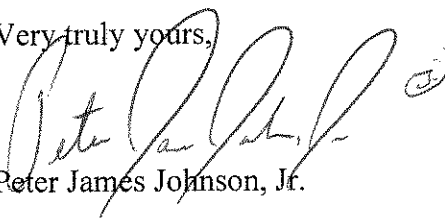
Our clients are confident that the disparaging and defamatory statements by you have no basis in fact.

Our clients expressly deny, object and repudiate the statements made by you to the general public, which are demonstrably false and malicious and designed to injure our clients.

Please be advised that any further defamatory statements made by you will be met with additional legal action. We have been informed that you are actively engaged in such conduct.

Please direct send all future communications with regard to this matter to this law firm.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter James Johnson, Jr.", with a circled "J" at the end of the signature.

Peter James Johnson, Jr.