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Re: Military Religious Freedom Foundation
Mikey Weinstein
Facebook Postings
ACLJ Petitions and Website

Dear Mr. Sekulow:

As you may recall from prior correspondence our office represents Mikey Weinstein and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.

Although there were sporadic postings referring to the Foundation as “atheists” back as far as 2013, beginning several years ago your references to the Foundation as an “atheist” organization on Facebook, in ACLJ petitions and on the ACLJ website articles seem to have become “habitual.”

Since 2016, there are 13 examples of such defamatory statements on Facebook alone. I am attaching to this letter a list of those.

Apparently, these postings are occurring whenever Mr. Weinstein and the Foundation have something in the news that draws your attention; most recently the controversy involving Brigadier General John Teichert.

A number of the ACLJ website postings still appear in response to Google searches and thus form the basis of a continuing systemic pattern of defamation.

You know full well that the Military Religious Freedom Foundation is not an atheist organization. It is a secular civil rights advocacy group of which approximately 96% of its current and veteran armed forces clients are Christian, as are about 80% of the Foundation’s staffers.

Whether you like it or not, or believe it or not, Mr. Weinstein and the Foundation work very hard for the continued free expression and practice of all.

You are certainly free to express your opinions, or disagreements with positions taken by Mr. Weinstein and the Foundation, but you are not free to libel and defame either.

On occasion my work necessitates that I write to someone who has in all likelihood inadvertently published something on the Internet that is defamatory; perhaps by confusing one organization with another. For example, some people seem to confuse the Foundations' initials "MRFF" with "FFRF," The Freedom From Religion Foundation (whom I do not represent). You, however, are an attorney.

I find it impossible to believe that you do not know that these false statements amount to libel. Surely, the ACLJ has its own legal counsel with whom you consult. Likewise, it is probably safe for me to assume that your insurance carrier would be anxious to explain it and to advise you concerning the potential repercussions if it does not stop and the prior postings taken down.

Argue with Mr. Weinstein and the Foundation all you want. You are certainly free to express your views. Mr. Weinstein has always been open to engaging in full public debate concerning the matters that are of interest to both of you. We ask that you do that, however, without defaming Mr. Weinstein or the Foundation or libelously publishing such things on Facebook or the ACLJ website.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randal Mathis", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Randal Mathis

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Attachment

September 16, 2008

"Can you believe angry atheists are attacking a brave Air Force General because he's a Christian? They're saying he 'should be doing time behind prison bars.' Fight back."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/2194439390631649>

September 6, 2018

"Can you believe angry atheists are attacking a brave Air Force General because he's a Christian? They're saying he 'should be doing time behind prison bars.'

"Fight back."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/2180720345336887>

April 18, 2018

"A Korean War memorial with a Christian cross is displayed to honor the heroes who served and sacrificed their lives.

This cross and this memorial are not 'evil' or unconstitutional, as some atheists are claiming. Sign our petition to fight back."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/1968465496562374>

April 9, 2018

"A Korean War memorial with a Christian cross is displayed to honor the heroes who served and sacrificed their lives. This cross and this memorial are not 'evil' or unconstitutional, as some atheists are claiming.

"Sign to fight back."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/1957344684341122>

March 26, 2018

"A Korean War memorial with a Christian cross is displayed to honor the heroes who served and sacrificed their lives.

"This cross and this memorial are not 'evil' or unconstitutional, as some atheists are claiming. Sign to fight back."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/1940624852679772>

March 17, 2018

"Angry atheists continue to intimidate Christian soldiers in the U.S. military. Little by little, they're trying to strip them of their religious liberty.

"Sign our petition to fight back and defend our heroes."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/1928653907210200>

January 6, 2018

Sekulow's text, posted to accompany ACLJ anti-MRFF video:

"It's ludicrous and dishonoring to those who serve our nation: Angry atheists have attacked military chaplains for openly praying at a religious freedom event."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/videos/1836571933085065/>

December 21, 2017

"The Military Religious Freedom Foundation has just leveled an absurd attack at a Korean War memorial, which includes a Chaplain Flag and the Cross.

"Sign our petition. Take a stand for religious liberty."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/1819088511500074>

December 12, 2017

"Angry atheists are attacking the Military Chaplain Flag and the Cross. They call the Christian Cross 'evil' and demand punishment if it's not removed from a Korean War memorial.

"It's disgraceful. Sign to fight back."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/1809811675761091>

November 11, 2017

"In our country, religious liberty is being attacked in many different ways. Now, angry atheists are calling Christians in the military 'monsters who terrorize.'

"Our servicemen and women deserve better. Fight back."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/1771308186278107>

December 16, 2016

"Sign and Share. If ardent atheists are going to attack our military chaplains for openly praying in uniform, then we're going to fight back. Join us."

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/posts/1338815399527390>

April 25, 2016

Facebook post on Sekulow's page of an image containing the ACLJ logo and the words: "Angry Atheists are Trying to Ban the Bible from Veterans Displays. Fight Back."

Sekulow's text accompanying this image:

"A group of angry atheists – the same group who calls Christians 'monsters who terrorize' – is demanding that the Bible be banned from veterans displays.

"This is an insult to our soldiers and it must end. SIGN & SHARE: <http://aclj.us/1rdBc9B>"

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/photos/a.175603185848623/1083298335079099/?type=1&theater>

April 28, 2016

Facebook post on Sekulow's page of an image containing the ACLJ logo and the words: "Respect our heroes. Don't ban Bibles from veterans displays."

Sekulow's text accompanying this image:

"Angry atheists are attacking the religious liberty of our soldiers and veterans. This outrageous insult to our heroes must be stopped.

"Sign the petition to take action: <http://aclj.us/1VVWyWb>"

<https://www.facebook.com/JaySekulow/photos/a.175603185848623/1085705874838345/?type=3>