

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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GEORGE SASSOWER,

Plaintiff,

Index No.
3608-1979

-against-

NEW YORK LAW PUBLISHING COMPANY,

Defendant.
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S I R S:

Pursuant to Civil Practice Law and Rules §3130, the following "Second Set of Interrogatories" are propounded to defendant (hereinafter called "Journal"), to be answered by it, under oath, in accordance with Civil Practice Law and Rules §3134:

1. Annex a true and complete copy of the agreement between defendant and the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Judicial Department effective in February and March of 1978.

2. Set forth the representative(s) of defendant who attended the meeting in 1972 with Surrogate Laurino, Midonick, and Sobel and the date and place wherein said meeting took place.

3. Set forth the circumstances under which such meeting took place, annexing all writings which preceded said meeting, notes of said meeting, and copies of all correspondence confirming the events or understandings arrived at such meeting, including notification and approval by the Appellate Division, First and Second Departments, and the sum and substance of the events insofar as they were not reduced to writing.

4. Set forth the sum and substance of the conversation at that meeting.

5. Set forth the approximate amount of revenue received, then and now, as a result of notices or publications authorized or directed by the Surrogate's Court.

6. Aside from decisions of appellate tribunals, set forth the general policy as of February and March 1978, as to which decisions were printed in full, by digest, or by abstract.

7. As of February and March 1978, set forth generally those non-appellate decisions which the Editorial Staff of the defendant considered "best to serve the interest of the bar".

8a. Set forth whether there have been any decisions or opinions during the past ten years which were not published or published in full because they were known or believed to have been prohibited by Judiciary Law §90[10].

b. Without revealing identities who are the subject thereof, set forth when and by whom such decision or opinions were rendered.

9. Set forth how the Editorial Staff of the defendant selects decisions and opinions to be published, i.e., is there a conference, discussion, vote, approval by majority vote, subject to veto, etc.

10. Set forth how defendant ascertained that the Signorelli diatribe of February 24, 1978 arrived (1) by mail; (2) on or about Wednesday, March 1, 1978; and (3) without cover letter or instructions of any kind.

11. Set forth generally the educational and professional background of Charles F. Kiley and Martin Fox, their occupation titles, how long they have been employed by or otherwise associated with legal publications, and the names thereof.

12. Set forth the substance of any conversations had by and between Charles F. Kiley, Nelson Seitel, Martin Fox, and/or others employed by defendant between the time they received the Signorelli "diatribe" and its publication by defendant, and annex any and all memoranda exchanged between them or prepared by them with respect thereto.

13. Set forth individually whether Charles F. Kiley, Nelson Seitel, and Martin Fox ever read any non-disciplinary decisions such as or similar to the Signorelli diatribe, and if in the affirmative, whether they were published by the defendant.

14. Set forth how long Charles F. Kiley, Nelson Seitel, and Martin Fox have been associated with the defendant.

15. Set forth whether the defendant has any present or recent past policy regarding the publication of decisions wherein plaintiff or his wife are involved, or non-publication of material submitted by them, and if in the affirmative, set forth such policy.

16. Set forth copy of article prepared by Martin Fox concerning plaintiff's wife in or about 1979 relative to her race for the American Bar Association House of Delegates, and the action taken with respect thereto.

17. Set forth all submissions by plaintiff or his wife since the publication of the Signorelli diatribe and actions taken thereon.

18. State whether the Appellate Division, First or Second Department were ever advised or requested to comment or approve defendant's policy regarding the publication of Surrogate Court decisions, annexing all correspondence relative thereto or the substance of all conversations respecting thereto, identifying the persons involved.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the answers to the foregoing questions must be served upon the undersigned within fifteen (15) days after service of these interrogatories.

Dated: White Plains, New York
January 26, 1983

Yours, etc.,

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Attorneys for defendant.

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To

Attorney(s) for

Service of a copy of the within

is hereby admitted.

Dated,

Attorney(s) for

Sir:—Please take notice

NOTICE OF ENTRY

that the within is a (certified) true copy of a
duly entered in the office of the clerk of the within named court on

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NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

that an order
settlement to the HON.
of the within named court, at
on

of which the within is a true copy will be presented for
one of the judges

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Dated,

Yours, etc.
GEORGE SASSOWER

Attorney for

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