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Honorable Sheri Bluebond, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Central District of California
Edward R. Roybal Federal Building and Courthouse
255 E. Temple Street, Suite 1534 / Courtroom 1539
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Case No. 02-14216-BB – J.T. THORPE, INC.
Adversary Case No. 2:12-ap-02182-BB (closed case)

SPECIAL NOTICE OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT TO U.S. TRUSTEE

REQUEST TO SHERI BLUEBOND TO PRESERVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THORPE COUNSEL

Dear Judge Bluebond,

“[F]raud will not prevail and prevent substantial justice from being done” in a bankruptcy proceeding. *Pepper v. Litton*, U.S. 295,305 (1939). You got caught!

This letter is from the thousands of Beneficiaries of the Thorpe Insulation and J.T. Thorpe, Inc. Settlement Trusts to put you on “Notice of Judicial Misconduct” in the above-referenced actions and a request to recuse yourself from all further matters involving the Thorpe Insulation Settlement Trust.

The Beneficiaries of the Trust now have **evidence of your “modus operandi”** in cognizable judicial misconduct which includes but is not limited to: 1) Using the Judge’s office to obtain special treatment for friends working for the Trusts; 2) Having improper discussions with parties or counsel on one side in cases in your Courtroom; **See Exhibit A**; and 3) Retaliating against complainants for their participation in the Complaint process.

For the past 5 years, on behalf of Beneficiaries, I have been a litigant in your Courtroom. The most recent appearance in the above-referenced case was on February 1, 2018 after the United States Court of Appeal had overturned your (bad faith) Judgment in the above adversary proceeding.

The hearing on February 1, 2018 in your Courtroom was extremely contentious wherein your “Honor” *specifically referenced* a prior Judicial Complaint filed against you by Michael Mandelbrot and the Mandelbrot Law Firm. **See Exhibit B.**¹

In that hearing of February 1, 2018, you also improperly excluded nearly all of the Beneficiaries Counsel underlying evidence, created ‘bad law’ to benefit your ‘buddies’ all while repeatedly denying any impartial motives. **See Exhibit C** – February 1, 2018 transcript

Judge Bluebond has Improper Discussions with Counsel and Parties on One Side of a Case

With regards to **Exhibit A**, this exemplifies your modus operandi of using the judge’s office to obtain special treatment for friends and having improper discussions with parties our counsel on one side of a case. **Exhibit A** is an e-mail from a local lawyer (Sandy Frey - like the Thorpe lawyers) who uses his relationship with you to try and refer a case, discuss a fee and assist in a referral! This exemplifies the Judicial Misconduct which took place in the Thorpe cases above. Impartial, insider e-mail to benefit the Thorpe lawyers.

Who is “Brad, Gwen and Geoffrey” who Mr. Frey refers to in Exhibit A? Why does Sanford Frey (a litigant in your Courtroom looking to obtain special treatment) “miss you”? Why are you discussing an ongoing Appeal with him? Why are you discussing retainers in an active case? Why are you agreeing to respond? Why are you seeking out personal meetings with litigants (... “let’s get together soon...”) **Why was “read a delete” put in the e-mail (a clear acknowledgement of misconduct)?** Only a disgraceful and dishonest Judge would conduct themselves so unethically. Only you! How many “read and delete” e-mails went back and forth between you and Thorpe lawyers Eve Karasik, Thomas Patterson, and others?

Again, Exhibit A is your modus operandi in dealing with litigants and **unquestionably** has occurred in the underlying Thorpe case and adversary proceeding referenced above (no doubt, you will ‘lie’ and deny it – but the evidence is overwhelming). You used your position of power to benefit your friends.

You are hereby put on “Notice” and expected to preserve any and all e-mails/communications/correspondence (from Sheri.Bluebond@cacb.uscourts.gov or your personal e-mail) to any and all litigants in the above-referenced actions. This would include any e-mails to your ‘buddies’ who also litigated in the above matters: Eve Karasik; Thomas Patterson; Sasha Gevurtz; Gary Fergus, Benjamin Smith, or any other litigant. I have checked our records, there is no e-mails to my office from you – *how about from you to your ‘favored’ parties?*

With regards to **Exhibit B**, the prior Judicial Complaint filed against Sheri Bluebond: **You are no doubt aware *who* reviewed that Judicial Complaint filed against you? Former Chief Judge Alex Kozinski – the very same Alex Kozinski who you interviewed with for your seat on the Bench.** See **Exhibit D** wherein you discuss this ‘interview’ with Kozinski.

The ‘World’ is now well aware that Former Chief Judge **Alex Kozinski was engaged in sexual harassment activities during the exact time her interviewed you, Judge Sheri Bluebond.** As such, some questions remain unanswered. **Was your receptiveness to Kozinski’s sexual harassment the determining factor which got your appointed to the Bench?** You continued to have a ‘relationship’ with Judge Kozinski until 2017 (including speaking with him at conferences until 2017 – **See Exhibit D**)

¹ Typically, a Judicial Complaint is confidential, however, you waived any confidentiality by referencing the Judicial Complaint in open court on February 1, 2018. We will address the prior Judicial Complaint below.

– **did you discuss the Judicial Complaint?** Did you mute your sexual harassment complaints against Kozinski in trade for positive rulings on the Judicial Complaint filed against you?

A “new” Judicial Complaint is now pending against you. Thankfully, you won’t have Judge Kozinski to protect you this time.

As a direct result of your (Judge Sheri Bluebond’s) Judicial Misconduct, the following have occurred with regards to the J.T. Thorpe and Thorpe Insulation Settlement Trusts:

- 1) “Interested Parties” (your buddies) have misappropriated approximately \$50,000,000 in Thorpe Beneficiary Funds– “Interested Parties” who should be excluded from receiving Trust funds (Gary Fergus, Eve Karasik, Alan Brayton, Thomas Patterson) per Department of Justice Chapter 11 Rules;
- 2) Improper Rulings in the adversary proceeding above negatively impacted *thousands* of Present and Future Thorpe Beneficiaries -- solely to benefit your buddies who filed sham lawsuits against my office;
- 3) Fraudulent claim filer Alan Brayton (Brayton Purcell) – the Chairman of the Trusts above -- continues to oversee and misappropriate Trust funds – while filing fraudulent claims.
- 4) Insurance Company objections (prior to confirmation) have been overruled so that you could rule for your buddies;
- 5) Litigants have been treated in a demonstrably egregious manner;
- 6) “Bad Law” has been created on multiple occasions (having been reversed on Appeal many times) solely so you could rule for your ‘buddies’;
- 7) Improper discussions have occurred with parties our Counsel in a case; and
- 8) Complainants (my office on behalf of thousands of Trust Beneficiaries) have been retaliated against for the participation to the Complaint process.

Simply put, you are a disgrace to the Judiciary. The Beneficiaries of the J.T. Thorpe and Thorpe Insulation Settlement Trust have no confidence in you. You are a Judge *proven incapable* of impartial rulings (the essence of being a Judge), good faith, and promoting “justice”.

The Trust Beneficiaries request you step aside from all Trust matters pending the resolution of the Judicial Complaint, State Bar Complaints, and answers to the questions above. Please also be on Notice of your duty to “self-report” misconduct, preserve e-mails/communication/correspondence detailing your unethical misconduct and to cease your efforts at retaliation (against the Mandelbrot Law Firm and Michael Mandelbrot).

With regards to Exhibit A, Mr. Sandy Frey is discussing the active case of Kristen Whitney -- who was seeking to Appeal an improper ruling. Ms. Whitney has since written you expressing similar concerns about your impartial motives. A copy of her letter is attached as **Exhibit E**. Due to her homelessness (caused in part by your insider dealing), we are unable to obtain a copy of her letter.

Regards,

Michael J. Mandelbrot, Attorney for Beneficiaries of the Trust

