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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Edward W. Gray, Jr., Esq.
Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery
1120 20th Street, NW
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: Friends of the Weeping Ivy

Dear Mr. Gray:

This firm represents Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. ("AKA"). In that connection we have been asked to contact you concerning a website called Friends of the Weeping Ivy ("FOTWI"), which purports to solicit funds from sorority members and others in order to pay legal fees to your law firm. These fees apparently are to be used to fund a lawsuit against the sorority's President, Executive Director and the Board of Directors ("Directorate").

This letter is by way of caution. First, we want to make sure that you are aware that these actions are being taken in the firm's name. Second, to the extent that FOTWI purports to direct its message to the AKA Directorate or its membership, FOTWI has no standing to do so. The Directorate is the official and authorized governing body of AKA when the Boule is not in session. If FOTWI is in fact made up, in whole or in part, of members of AKA, then AKA would demand a list of each member of FOTWI, within seven days, in order to confirm their membership with AKA.

If some or all of the members of FOTWI are AKA members, they would be aware that they are in violation of the Sorority's Constitution and Bylaws, Manual of Standard Procedure, and other policies. No more glaring violation is this group's intention to undermine the Sorority's President, Executive Director and its Board. The Soror Code of Conduct expressly provides:

In order to honor its Founders, maintain a standard that allows its members to serve as role models for young women and girls in the global community, preserve Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority membership as a desirable and honorable affiliation and to protect Alpha Kappa Alpha

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Sorority, Incorporated from harassment, ridicule, scandal or legal liability, I do voluntarily agree to observe the following rules of conduct:

1. To remain subject to the authority of the Boule and the Directorate.
2. To respect our elected/appointed leaders and support them in conducting the business of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

See Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Manual of Standard Procedure (2008), p. 71.

The current communication contained within the FOTWI website makes criticisms of the President, Executive Director and Board of Directors, supposedly on behalf of AKA. Once again, non-members of AKA would have no standing to raise such criticisms and request action against these duly elected persons. On the other hand, any member would be aware of the fact that such communications violate the Constitution and Bylaws as referenced in Article VI, Section 4, which speaks to the issue of penalties to members who circulate unauthorized communications in the name of AKA. Moreover, they would be aware of the proper procedures for presenting grievances against these elected officials and for proposing changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of AKA rather than merely stating that these governing documents somehow violate first amendment rights.

Furthermore, the FOTWI website asks the membership to seek accountability, full disclosure, etc. on behalf of AKA. Once again, this type of communication purported to be "in the interest of" or "on behalf of" AKA violates the Constitution and Bylaws. Article VI, Sections 16-18 deal with auditing of all officers handling funds of the sorority.

We note that your firm specializes in intellectual property law. We expect that is the reason the website uses the Sorority official colors and other Sorority indicia to give the inference that Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the subject of the comments contained therein, but does not use the Sorority's name (with the exception of the link to Case No. 09CV705 pending in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio). This subterfuge will be exposed if your firm ever brings suit. Obviously, the content of the website contains actionable defamatory language and impermissible use of the Sorority intellectual property. If a connection is ever made to this group and the Sorority, in any context, the Sorority will take all measures to protect its rights and its reputation.

While the Sorority does not purport to have the power to prevent any individual from using your legal services, you should know that you put your firm in jeopardy if you knowingly

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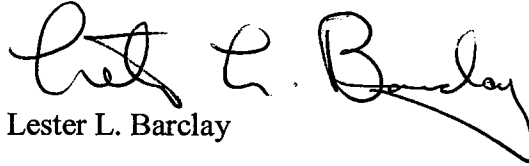
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assist these sorors in their violation of the Sorority's policies and their defamatory actions.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester L. Barclay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Lester L. Barclay

LLB/rt

cc: Barbara A. McKinzie
Charles Albert, Esq.
John Kendall, Esq.