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The story of Profile Defenders, Richart



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Ruddie, and their illicit Lawsuit Removal scheme using bogus lawsuits with fake defendants was uncovered through the Baltimore Circuit Court Case of **Mitul R. Patel v. Mathew Chan** (misspelled in

court documents).

The story actually begins with the [media & press coverage of Patel v. Chan](#) but the story abruptly turns upon the revelation by Suwanee Georgia Dentist Mitul R. Patel (through his court documents) that he hired Profile Defenders and Richart Ruddie for unspecified “reputation management services.” My supporters and I have inferred that this unspecified “reputation management service” included a shady system to file secretive lawsuits to defraud courts and judges to obtain court orders to quietly remove and delist negative and unwanted content from consumer review websites and search engines. The story continues to unfold so check back for updates.

Most recent articles listed first. (This page will be periodically updated as the story unfolds and reported.)

[Techdirt \(March 21, 2017\)](#)

[Filing Bogus Lawsuits As Part Of A ‘Reputation Management’](#)

Lawsuit Removal Scheme
Collection of “Prestigious Pets Lawsuits” TV News Stories

Prestigious Pets Lawyer Warned to Settle Lawsuit, But Ignored Warning. Clients Lost, Could Face Bankruptcy

Prestigious Pets Lawsuit: Email Exchanges from October 2015

Index to Prestigious Pets (Texas) Lawsuit Updates [Public Citizen & Paul Alan Levy]

Media & Press Coverage of Tuan Kuu v. Cai (Fort Bend, Texas)

Media & Press Coverage of Patel v. Chan (Baltimore Circuit Court)

Strategy Costs Firm \$71,000

Washington Post: Volokh Conspiracy (March 15, 2017)

Apparently - fake - defendant libel lawsuit watch: Richart Ruddle & SEO Profile Defender Network LLC paying \$71,000 to settle claim

Public Citizen: Consumer Law & Policy (March 14, 2017)

Richart Ruddle Settles anti-SLAPP Claims, Makes Restitution; but the Guilty Companies Remain Unpunished

Techdirt (November 28, 2016)

Paul Levy Discovers Head Of Reputation Management Company Signed Off On Forged/Fraudulent Court Docs

Washington Post: Volokh Conspiracy (November 22, 2016)

More on lawsuits against seemingly fake defendants, aimed at hiding online criticism

Public Citizen: Consumer Law & Policy (November 22, 2016)

Richart Ruddle Companies Sent Forged Papers to Rhode Island Federal Court

Techdirt (November 21, 2016)

Federal Judge Now Taking A Closer Look At Bogus Libel Lawsuits

Infamous "Prestigious Pets" Sends Takedown Notice to Defiantly.net

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Providence Journal (November 20, 2016)

R.I., the worldwide web and claims of a fake lawsuit

Public Citizen: Media Advisory (November 15, 2016)

Blogger Seeks to Intervene in Phony Lawsuit That Aims to Stifle Online Criticisms

International Business Times (October 28, 2016)

Internet companies are being manipulated with bogus lawsuits to delete 'embarrassing' content

Techdirt (October 26, 2016)

Pissed Consumer Sues Reputation Management Firms Over Their Bogus Lawsuit/Fake Defendant/Takedown Scams

Techdirt (October 26, 2016)

With Interest In Profile Defenders' Questionable Lawsuits Rising, The Lawsuits Start Falling

Fortune (October 25, 2016)

Scheme to Delete Google Results Is Exposed

Washington Post: Volokh Conspiracy (October 25, 2016)

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[Another of the suspicious missing-defendant cases goes away](#)

[Washington Post: Volokh Conspiracy \(October 24, 2016\)](#)

[Court vacates one of the Profile Defenders libel takedown orders](#)

[Techdirt \(October 18, 2016\)](#)

**[Reputation Management Company Linked To Bogus Libel Lawsuits
Now Hying Its Anti-Cyberbullying Skills](#)**

[Public Citizen: Consumer Law & Policy \(October 13, 2016\)](#)

[Profile Defenders Defends Its Fraudulent Techniques](#)

[ABA Journal \(October 13, 2016\)](#)

**[Are lawsuits using fake defendants to get material removed from
websites?](#)**

[BoingBoing \(October 11, 2016\)](#)

**[When “reputation management” becomes perjury, forgery and
fraud against America’s federal courts](#)**

[Techdirt \(October 11, 2016\)](#)

**[More Details Uncovered On Bogus Defamation Lawsuits Being Used
To Delist Negative Reviews](#)**

Softpedia News (October 11, 2016)

People Sue Nonexistent Individuals to Trick Google into Censoring Search Results

Motherboard (October 10, 2016)

Want to Remove a Google Result? File a Trumped-Up Lawsuit

The Verge (October 10, 2016)

Someone is pulling pages off Google with bogus defamation claims

Washington Post: Volokh Conspiracy (October 10, 2016)

A tip of the hat to Matthew Chan, whose call helped us uncover the many suspicious Internet takedown cases

Public Citizen: Consumer Law & Policy (October 10, 2016)

Profile Defenders and Richard Ruddle: The Common Link Between Two Phony Defamation Suits

Washington Post: Volokh Conspiracy (October 10, 2016)

Dozens of suspicious court cases, with missing defendants, aim at getting web pages taken down or deindexed

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