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Re: *Dee Burgin v. Kirk Allen, Disclosure, John Kraft and Edgar County Watchdogs*

Dear Mr. Allen, Mr. Howser and Mr. Kraft:

I represent Mr. Dee Burgin in his defamation claims against Kirk Allen, Disclosure, John Kraft and Edgar County Watchdogs. On his behalf we request that you immediately cease and desist from making further defamatory statements about him or related to him. Further defamatory statements will result in the filing of a lawsuit against you.

In the January-February 2012 edition of Disclosure Mr. Allen makes several false statements adversely affecting the reputation of Mr. Burgin. Mr. Allen falsely implies that Mr. Burgin is being investigated. The headline reads that he is “in the hot seat.” The body of the article states that he has created a “mass of questions” from “public officials.” However, no investigation is pending on the events in question which occurred nearly a decade ago.

Contrary to the headline, Mr. Burgin did not engage in the “[i]ntentional mis-use of county funds.” The 575 hours of compensation time paid to Mr. Burgin during his last month of employment with Edgar County was for the previous three years of after-hours work on issues relating to the Edgar County Special Service Ambulance Area (“ECSSAA”) service. The chairman of the Ambulance Board, Dale English, explained this to Mr. Allen before the Disclosure article was published. Yet, Mr. Allen ignored his explanation and published this defamatory statement anyway.

Mr. Allen also falsely states that Edgar County co-signed a loan for Mr. Burgin to buy the rights to operate the ECSSAA. In fact, prior to Mr. Burgin’s purchase of the ECSSAA, the