## IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

MICHAEL E. MANN, PH.D.

Plaintiff/Appellant,

v.

NATIONAL REVIEW INC.; COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE; RAND SIMBERG; and MARK STEYN, Nos. 24-cv-0228 & 25-cv-0111 (consolidated appeals)

Defendants/Appellees.

## **APPELLANT'S STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's June 4, 2024 and July 15, 2024 Orders in Case No. 24-cv-0228,

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Plaintiff/Appellant, Michael E. Mann, Ph.D., respectfully files the below status report:

1. On January 6, 2025, a decision was issued on *Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees* 

Under the Anti-SLAPP Act Against Defendant Mark Steyn, filed March 11, 2024.

2. On January 7, 2025, a consolidated decision was issued on the below post-trial

motions awarding National Review Inc. \$530,820.21 in attorneys' fees and costs, which Plaintiff appealed on February 6, 2025:<sup>1</sup>

- a. *Defendant National Review Inc.'s Bill of Costs Under Rule 54(d)*, filed March 11, 2024;
- b. *Defendant National Review Inc.'s Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs*, filed March 11, 2024; and
- c. Defendant National Review Inc.'s Supplemental Motion for Attorneys' "Fees on Fees," filed May 3, 2024.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff's appeal of the February 6 decision at Case No. 25-cv-0111 was consolidated with the present appeal by this Court's order dated February 27, 2025.

3. On January 19, 2025, a decision was issued on *Defendant Competitive Enterprise Institute and Rand Simberg's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment*, filed February 15, 2024.

4. On March 4, 2025, a consolidated decision was issued on the below post-trial motions, denying Defendant Mark Steyn's request to reverse the trial judgment, grant a new trial, and stay judgement execution, and granting his request for remittitur:

- a. *Defendant Mark Steyn's Motion for Stay of Execution on the Judgement*, filed March 9, 2024;
- b. Defendant Mark Steyn's Motion for a New Trial, filed March 9, 2024; and
- c. Defendant Mark Steyn's Renewed Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law and Alternative Motion for Remittitur of Punitive Damages, filed March 9, 2024.
- 5. The Superior Court's March 4 decision does not reference *Defendant Mark Steyn's*

Motion for Sanctions for Bad-Faith Trial Misconduct, which was filed during trial on February 1,

2024, but Plaintiff believes this motion has been rendered moot by the March 4 decision.

- 6. The following post-trial motions are still pending before the Superior Court:
  - a. *Plaintiff's Rule 54 Bill of Costs*, filed March 11, 2024;
  - b. Defendant Simberg's Motion for Judgement as a Matter of Law Under Rule 50(b), filed March 8, 2024;
  - c. Defendant Competitive Enterprise Institute and Rand Simberg's Motion for Costs Under Rule 54, filed March 11, 2024;
  - d. Defendant Competitive Enterprise Institute and Rand Simberg's Motion for Litigation Costs, Including Attorney's Fees, Under DC's Anti-SLAPP Act, filed March 11, 2024; and
  - e. Defendant Competitive Enterprise Institute and Rand Simberg's Supplemental Motion for Attorney's Fees Under the D.C. Anti-SLAPP Act, filed May 9, 2024.

7. On February 6, 2025, Plaintiff filed *Plaintiff's Motion for Stay of Amended Granting in Part National Review Inc.'s Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Supplemental Motion for Fees on Fees*, which also remains pending. 8. In accordance with the Court's June 4, 2024 Order, Plaintiff will advise the Court within 15 days when all of the pending motions have been decided.

Dated: March 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that below counsel for all parties have registered for and consented to electronic service under Rule 25, and on March 11, 2025, I caused a copy of the foregoing *Appellant's Status Report* to be served by electronic filing on the following:

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