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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT			
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VS.	Plaintiffs,)	JUN 22 2015 223	
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	Defendant.)		

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
Marion County Clerk's Office
Suite W122
200 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on June 19, 2015, defendant CVS Pharmacy, Inc. ("CVS") filed a Notice of Removal of the above-captioned case from this Court to the United States District Court of the Southern District of Indiana. A copy of such Notice of Removal is attached as Exhibit A.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), no further proceedings shall occur in this Court unless and until this case is remanded.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2015. A copy of the Notice of Removal is attached.

[signature on next page]

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan W. Garlough INBN 30329-45

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Attorneys for CVS Pharmacy, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served on the following counsel of record by placing the same in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on this day June 19, 2015.

Jason D. May Law Offices of Jason D. May, LLC 9201 N. Meridian Street, Suite 220 Indianapolis, Indiana 4620 317-218-3859 Attorney for Plaintiffs

Jonathan W. Garlough

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, defendant CVS Pharmacy, Inc. ("CVS") hereby removes this action from the Marion County Superior Court of the State of Indiana (where it was pending as Case No. 15 05 PL 016798 (the "State Court Action")) to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. The grounds for removal are as follows:

1. Removal is proper of "any action that could have originally been filed in federal court." Chase v. Shop 'N Save Warehouse, 110 F.3d 424, 427 (7th Cir. 1997) (citing 28 U.S.C. § 1441).

- 2. Federal district courts have original jurisdiction over all civil actions "where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs, and is between (1) citizens of different states . . ." 28 U.S.C. § 1332. A defendant who invokes federal diversity jurisdiction meets its burden of demonstrating that complete diversity and the amount in controversy requirements are met by supporting its allegations of jurisdiction with "competent proof." *Chase*, 110 F.3d at 427 (quoting *McNutt v. General Motors Acceptance Corp.*, 298 U.S. 178, 189 (1936)).
- 3. Plaintiffs Anthony Mimms, M.D. ("Dr. Mimms") and Mimms Functional Rehabilitation, P.C. ("MFR") (collectively "Plaintiffs") commenced the State Court Action by filing their Complaint on May 20, 2015, in the Marion County Superior Court, Indiana, which was designated as Case No. 15 05 PL 016798. (See generally Compl.).
- 4. CVS first received a copy of the Summons and Complaint on May 27, 2015, when the same was served on its agent for receipt of service in Indiana, CT Corporation System ("CT Corporation"). A true and correct copy of the summons and complaint served on CT Corporation is attached as Exhibit 1. Because this Notice of Removal is filed within thirty days of service of the summons and complaint upon CVS, this matter is timely removed. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- 5. Dr. Mimms is a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. (Compl. ¶ 1). For purposes of diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, Dr. Mimms is a citizen of Indiana.
- 6. MFR is an Indiana Professional Corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Indiana with its principal place of business in Indianapolis, Indiana. (Id.#¶ 2). For purposes of diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, MFR is a citizen of Indiana.

- 7. CVS is a non-Indiana corporation. (*Id.* ¶ 3). It is organized under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, with its principal place of business in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. For purposes of diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, CVS is a citizen of Rhode Island.
- 8. Because the defendant is not a citizen of Indiana, where Plaintiffs are citizens, complete diversity of citizenship exists between the parties.
- 9. In determining whether the amount in controversy requirement has been met, the Seventh Circuit has held that "unless recovery of an amount exceeding the jurisdictional minimum is legally impossible, the case belongs in federal court." *Grinnell Mut. Reinsurance Co. v. Haight*, 697 F.3d 582, 585 (7th Cir. 2012) (quoting *Back Doctors Ltd. v. Metro. Prop. and Cas. Ins. Co.*, 637 F.3d 827, 830 (7th Cir. 2011)). If the face of a complaint does not conclusively determine the amount in controversy, a court may look outside the pleadings to other evidence in the record. *See Chase*, 110 F.3d at 428. Such evidence may include settlement demands, such as a pre-suit demand letter. *Id.* (evidence including plaintiff's sole settlement demand of \$120,000 showed, to a reasonable probability, that the amount in controversy exceeded diversity jurisdiction requirements); *Grinnell*, 697 F.3d at 585 ("settlement negotiations... can be considered 'to show the stakes' when determining whether the amount in controversy is met); *Archer v. Kelly*, 271 F. Supp. 2d 1320, 1322-23 (N.D. Okla. 2003) (plaintiffs' pre-suit demand of \$1,325,000 satisfied the jurisdictional amount in controversy requirement).
- 10. Here, the Complaint does not include a specific damages demand. (See Compl.). However, on March 6, 2015, shortly before filing suit, Dr. Mimms forwarded a letter to CVS threatening to file the instant action, asserting the same allegations therein as ultimately set forth

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in the Complaint, and making a written demand upon CVS for \$1,000,000. (Demand Letter, Ex.

2, at 3).1

Thus, the amount in controversy plainly exceeds the \$75,000 jurisdictional 11.

minimum, and this matter is therefore appropriately removed.

12. Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1446, CVS attaches a copy of the

summons and complaint (Exhibit 1), which comprises all process, pleadings, papers and orders,

if any, now on file with the state court and served upon CVS.

13. A copy of this Notice of Removal will be promptly filed with the Clerk of Marion

County Superior Court, Indiana, and a copy of this Notice of Removal will also be promptly

served upon counsel for the Plaintiffs as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

14. This Notice of Removal is being filed subject to and with full reservation of

rights. No admission of fact, law or liability is intended by this Notice of Removal, and all

defenses, motions and pleas are expressly reserved.

WHEREFORE, Defendant CVS Pharmacy, Inc. hereby removes this action from the

Marion County Superior Court of the State of Indiana to the United States District Court for the

Southern District of Indiana.

Dated: June 19, 2015

Respectfully submitted.

/s/ Jonathan W. Garlough

Robert H. Griffith (pro hac vice forthcoming)

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¹ CVS has redacted portions of the demand letter to prevent the public disclosure of HIPAA-protected information.

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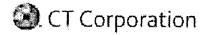
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/s/ Jonathan W. Garlough
Jonathan W. Garlough

Exhibit 1



Service of Process Transmittal

05/27/2015

CT Log Number 527193496

TO:

Serviceof Process CVS Pharmacy, Inc. 1 Cvs Dr, Mail Code 1160 Woonsocket, RI 02895-6195

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Process Served in Indiana

FOR:

CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (Domestic State: RI)

enclosed are copies of legal process received by the statutory agent of the above company as follows:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Anthony Mimms, M.D. and Mimms Functional Rehabilitation, P.C., Pltfs, vs. CVS

Pharmacy, Inc., Dft.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Summons, Return, Appearance, Verified Complaint, Verification

COURT/AGENCY:

Marion County Superior Court, IN Case # 1505PL16798

NATURE OF ACTION:

Alleges defamation and tortious interference with constructional and business

relationships

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, Indianapolis, IN

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Certified Mail on 05/27/2015 postmarked on 05/26/2015

JURISDICTION SERVED :

Indiana

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 23 days after service

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

Jason D. May

Law Offices of Jason D. May, LLC

9201 N. Meridian Street Suite 220 Indianapolis, IN 46260 317-218-3859

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CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 05/28/2015, Expected Purge Date:

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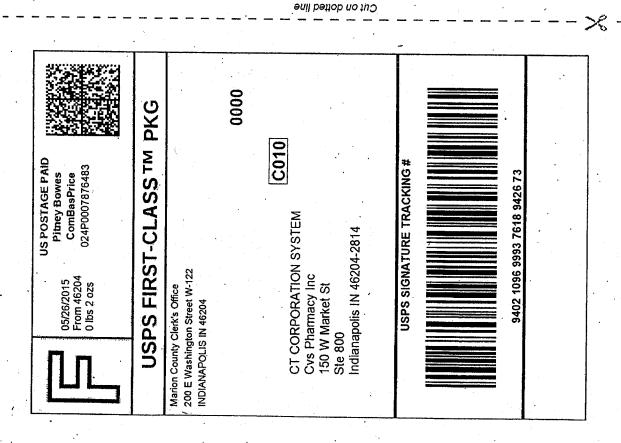
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

Come now Plaintiffs, Anthony Mimms, M.D. (hereinafter "Dr. Mimms") and Mimms Functional Rehabilitation, P.C. (hereinafter "MFR"), by counsel, and for their Verified Complaint for Damages against Defendant CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (hereinafter "CVS"), and allege and state the following:

I. PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Dr. Mimms, is a licensed medical doctor residing in Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2. Plaintiff, MFR, is an Indiana Professional Corporation, lawfully organized and doing business with its principal business offices located at 6325 S. East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 3. Defendant, CVS, is a for-profit foreign corporation operating various individual CVS Pharmacy locations in and around Indiana.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 4. Dr. Mimms has been licensed by the Indiana Medical Licensing Board as a CSR-Physician since 2004.
- 5. Dr. Mimms is licensed and registered to prescribe drugs, substances and certain chemicals as classified by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") as Schedule I, Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IIID, Schedule IV and Schedule V.

- 6. Dr. Mimms has never been fined, charged, or convicted with any offenses or violations of 21 U.S.C. s 801 et seq., commonly known as the Controlled Substances Act.
- 7. Dr. Mimms is not aware of any investigations against himself or MFR for any reason, including, but not limited to, criminal activities or violations of the Controlled Substances Act.
- 8. Dr. Mimms, in the course and scope of his employment with MFR, treats patients with physical medicine and rehabilitation needs.
- 9. In the course and scope of such treatment, Dr. Mimms lawfully prescribes drugs, substances and certain chemicals as classified by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") as Schedule I, Schedule II, Schedule IID, Schedule III, Schedule IIID, Schedule IV and Schedule V ("Prescriptions").
- 10. The relationship between MFR/Dr. Mimms and some of their patients are contractual in nature, due to the prescribing of certain Prescriptions.
- 11. Certain patients of Dr. Mimms' have attempted to fill such Prescriptions at CVS locations, including, but not limited to, those located at:
 - a. CVS Store # 6658, 620 East State St, Pendleton, IN 46064;
 - b. CVS Store # 6599, 715 East Broadway, Fortville, IN 46040;
 - c. CVS Store #4633, 1233 North State St, Greenfield, IN 46140; and
 - d. CVS Store #7541, 5981 West Broadway, McCordsville, IN 46055.
- 12. While attempting to fill their Prescriptions at the locations identified in Paragraph 11 herein, these patients witnessed defamatory remarks being made about Dr. Mimms by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS.
- 13. Such statements made during the course and scope of their employments with CVS include the maliciously false allegation that Dr. Mimms operates a "pill mill", and that Dr. Mimms is a "murderer".

- 14. CVS employees, agents and/or representatives have further advised Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients that Dr. Mimms is "under DEA investigation," that Dr. Mimms "had been or would soon be arrested", and that these patients "should find another doctor."
- 15. CVS has further failed and/or refused to fill Prescriptions for patients of Dr. Mimms/MFR without any factual or legal basis.

III. DEFAMATION

- 16. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate herein numerical paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Complaint as if otherwise fully set forth herein.
- 17. False communications made by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, as identified in Section II herein impute criminal conduct (i.e. murder, illegal or deceptive prescription practices, etc.).
- 18. False communications made by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, as identified in Section II herein also impute misconduct on the part of Dr. Mimms and/or MFR in their trade, profession, office or occupation.
- 19. The false communications made by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, as identified in Section II herein show a cooperative effort to destroy the credibility and reputation of Dr. Mimms and/or MFR.
- 20. As such, the communications made by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, as identified in Section II herein are defamatory per se.
- 21. CVS is vicariously liable for the actions of its employees, agents and/or representatives when they made the false statements as identified in Section II herein while acting within the course and scope of their employment.
- 22. As a result of the defamatory statements made by CVS employees, agents and/or

representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, Plaintiffs are entitled to presumed damages as a natural and probable consequence of CVS's per se defamation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against the Defendant in an amount to be determined at trial, sufficient to compensate their losses, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, costs of this action, including attorney's fees, and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

IV. TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP

- 23. Plaintiffs restate and incorporates herein numerical paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Complaint as if otherwise fully set forth herein.
- 24. Dr. Mimms and/or MFR maintained valid and enforceable contracts with some of its patients regarding treatment and prescriptions.
- 25. CVS, as a dispensary of prescription drugs, substances and certain chemicals, was aware of the nature and contractual relationship of Dr. Mimms/MFR and their patients.
- 26. CVS intentionally induced the breach of such contractual relationships when CVS' employees, agents and/or representatives maliciously made defamatory remarks to Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients.
- 27. CVS further intentionally induced the breach of such contractual relationships when CVS' employees, agents and/or representatives failed and/or refused to fill Prescriptions for Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients, as required by some of these valid and enforceable contracts with its patients.
- 28. CVS had no factual, legal or any other such justification for the conduct of its employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS when making such statements as identified in Section II herein.

29. Dr. Mimms and MFR have suffered damages resulting from CVS' wrongful inducement of the breach of contract with some of its patients.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against the Defendant in an amount to be determined at trial, sufficient to compensate their losses, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, costs of this action, including attorney's fees, and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

V. TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

- 30. Plaintiffs restate and incorporates herein numerical paragraphs 1 through 29 of this Complaint as if otherwise fully set forth herein.
- 31. Dr. Mimms and/or MFR maintained valid relationships with its patients regarding treatment and prescriptions.
- 32. CVS, as a dispensary of prescription drugs, substances and certain chemicals, was aware of the nature of the relationship of Dr. Mimms/MFR and their patients.
- 33. CVS intentionally interfered with the doctor-patient relationship maintained by Dr. Mimms/MFR and their patients when CVS' employees, agents and/or representatives maliciously made defamatory remarks to Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients.
- 34. CVS further intentionally interfered with the doctor-patient relationship maintained by Dr. Mimms/MFR and their patients when CVS' employees, agents and/or representatives failed and/or refused to fill Prescriptions for Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients.
- 35. CVS had no factual, legal or any other such justification for the conduct of its employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS when making such statements as identified in Section II herein.
- 36. Dr. Mimms and MFR have suffered damages resulting from CVS' intentional interference with Dr. Mimms'/MFR's relationship with their patients.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against the Defendant in an amount to be determined at trial, sufficient to compensate their losses, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, costs of this action, including attorney's fees, and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable as of right.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAW OFFICES OF JASON D. MAY, LLC

Jason D. May #2 434-49 Attorney for the Plaintiffs

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Anthony Mimms, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I, individually and as the shareholder of Mimms Functional Rehabilitation, P.C., the Plaintiffs in the within proceeding, have read and know the contents of the foregoing Complaint and that I know the information contained therein to be true based upon personal knowledge of the same, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them

true.

Anthony Mimms, MD/

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt #7010-1670-0000-4074-3802

CVS Health One CVS Drive Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895

Re: Dr. Anthony Mimms Defamation Matter

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that this firm represents Dr. Anthony Mimms with respect to his claims for defamation stemming from statements made by employees of CVS Pharmacy to patients of Dr. Mimms. Please review the following theory of liability and summary of Dr. Mimms' damages.

Liability

On multiple occasions, various CVS Pharmacy employees have made defamatory statements regarding Dr. Mimms while his patients were attempting to fill their prescriptions. To date, our investigation has revealed that CVS pharmacy employees at four (4) different locations made defamatory statements to patients regarding Dr. Mimms that are damaging to his professional reputation.

The Indiana Supreme Court stated the following in its opinion in <u>Kelley v. Tanoos</u>, 865 N.E.2d 593, 596 (Ind. 2007):

A defamatory communication is said to either be 'defamatory per se' or 'defamatory per quod.' A communication is defamatory per se if it imputes: (1) criminal conduct; (2) a loathsome disease; (3) misconduct in a person's trade, profession, office, or occupation; or (4) sexual misconduct. Id. (citing cases). All other defamatory communications are defamatory per quod. Id. at 146. To maintain an *597 action for either per se or per quod defamation the plaintiff must demonstrate (1) a communication with defamatory imputation; (2) malice; (3) publication; and (4) damages. Schrader v. Eli Lilly and Co., 639 N.E.2d 258, 261 (Ind.1994). Actions for per se and per quod defamation are susceptible to different requirements with regard to the showing of damages. In an action for defamation per se the plaintiff "is entitled to presumed damages 'as a natural and probable consequence' of the per se defamation." Rambo, 587 N.E.2d at 145 (citing Elliott v. Roach, 409 N.E.2d 661, 683 (Ind.Ct.App.1980)). In an action for defamation per quod, the plaintiff must demonstrate special damages. Id. at 146 (citing cases).

While the facts in this Indiana Supreme Court case are distinguishable from the circumstance in this matter, the opinion clearly spells out that the false statements made by CVS Pharmacists amount to defamation per se.

The patient statements taken by our office establish that the employees' statements were made with malice and defamatory imputation. For example, in a recorded interview, patient of Dr. Mimms, who personally heard defamatory statements from the CVS Pharmacist told us that statements were made indicating that Dr. Mimms operates a "pill mill" and the he is a "murderer" and for these reasons CVS would no longer fill his prescription. The second has been a patient of Dr. Mimms for four (4) years. He contributes the improvement of the quality of his life to Dr. Mimms, which made these false statements extremely offensive to both Dr. Mimms and , another patient of Dr. Mimms, experienced a similar situation with CVS located in Pendleton, Indiana. A CVS pharmacy employee refused to fill 's prescription, stating that Dr. Mimms is "under DEA investigation." then traveled to the CVS located in Fortville, Indiana and a different CVS pharmacy employee made the same statement. In yet another interview, patient attempted to fill her medically-necessary prescription for Oxycodone at the Greenfield, Indiana CVS location, only to be told by a male employee that they "were no longer filling prescriptions for Dr. Mimms" and refused to tell her why. She thereafter attempted to have her prescription filled at the CVS location in on Pendleton Pike in Indianapolis. The location did not have enough medication to fill the entire prescription, and called other locations to determine where the prescription could be filled in its entirety. While waiting for a response, the female that Dr. Mimms "was under DEA investigation" and that she "should find CVS employee told

These are not just isolated events, as CVS employees continue to make defamatory statements about Dr. Mimms. As recently as March 5, 2015, Dr. Mimms was notified by yet another patient that she, and her sibling, were each told that Dr. Mimms "had been or would soon be arrested" by an employee of the CVS location in McCordsville, Indiana.

another doctor."

These false statements were made by employees of CVS and show a cooperative effort to destroy the credibility and reputation of Dr. Mimms, as if it were a CVS policy. It is well-established in Indiana case law that vicarious liability will be imposed upon an employer under the doctrine of respondent superior where the employee has inflicted harm while acting within the scope of employment.

While our investigation continues, we have provided the information herein for your review. Based upon the above facts, CVS is liable for the defamation, and therefore the injuries to Dr. Mimms.

Damages

The damage CVS has inflicted upon Dr. Mimms is irreversible, beyond reproach and unquantifiable. Dr. Mimms denies each and every malicious statement made by the CVS employees, including those with regard to his pain management practice, licensure, and ethics. Dr. Mimms' license has never been suspended and he is not under DEA investigation. As a result of CVS' actions, Dr. Mimms

has suffered utter embarrassment, damage to his reputation, and lost clients from his pain management practice.

With respect to calculating the damages my client sustained by CVS' actions, it should be noted that, in Indiana cases of defamation per se, there is a presumption that Dr. Mimms' reputation has been damaged, and the jury may award a **substantial** sum for this presumed harm **even without proof of actual harm**. Therefore at trial on the facts, Dr. Mimms will not have to prove *any* compensatory damage losses, and will be able to recover punitive damages. This is noteworthy for many obvious reasons, including the fact that the county directly north of where this matter will be litigated, if necessary, a jury awarded a party \$14.5 Million for its defamation per se action against State Farm - one of the largest defamation verdicts in United States history²

In light of the foregoing, first and foremost we demand that CVS cease and desist encouraging and/or allowing these defamatory statements to be made by its employees. We further make a demand of \$1,000,000.00 on behalf of Dr. Mimms. Please confirm receipt of this letter and respond within thirty (30) days. Please let me know if there is anything else we can provide for your evaluation.

I look forward to working with you towards an agreeable compromise of this claim.

Respectfully submitted

Jason D. Ma

Cc: Client file

CVS Pharmacy, Inc. c/o CT Corporation System 150 West Market Street Suite 800 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

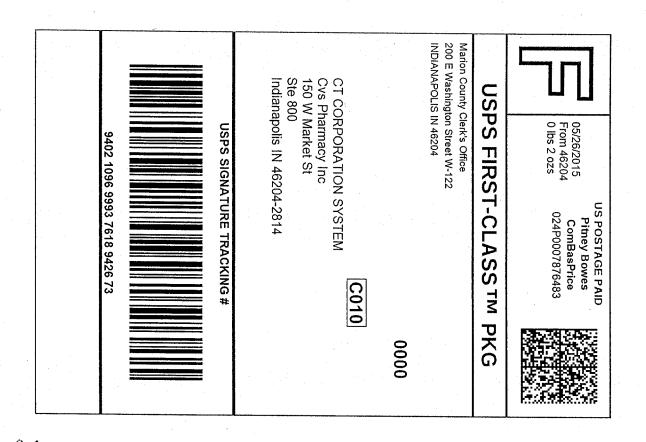
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² State Farm Fire & Cas. Co. v. Radcliff, 987 N.E.2d 121, 125 (Ind. Ct. App.), reh'g denied (May 28, 2013), transfer denied, 995 N.E.2d 620 (Ind. 2013).

STATE OF INDIANA	IN THE MARION	COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	
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Plaintiffs,)		
vs.)		
CVS PHARMACY, INC.,)		
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c/o CT Corporation System			
150 West Market Street Suite	800		
Indianapolis, IN 46204			
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The Plaintiff is represented in this action by:	Jason D. May, Esq. (#27434-49 Law Offices of Jason D. May, LI 9201 N. Meridian Street, Suite Indianapolis, Indiana 46260	.C	

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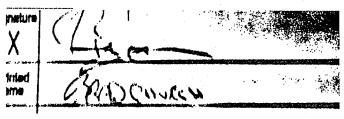
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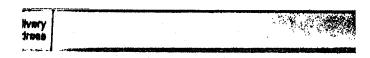
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

Come now Plaintiffs, Anthony Mimms, M.D. (hereinafter "Dr. Mimms") and Mimms Functional Rehabilitation, P.C. (hereinafter "MFR"), by counsel, and for their Verified Complaint for Damages against Defendant CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (hereinafter "CVS"), and allege and state the following:

I. PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Dr. Mimms, is a licensed medical doctor residing in Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2. Plaintiff, MFR, is an Indiana Professional Corporation, lawfully organized and doing business with its principal business offices located at 6325 S. East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 3. Defendant, CVS, is a for-profit foreign corporation operating various individual CVS Pharmacy locations in and around Indiana.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 4. Dr. Mimms has been licensed by the Indiana Medical Licensing Board as a CSR-Physician since 2004.
- 5. Dr. Mimms is licensed and registered to prescribe drugs, substances and certain chemicals as classified by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") as Schedule I, Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule III, Schedule IV and Schedule V.

- 6. Dr. Mimms has never been fined, charged, or convicted with any offenses or violations of 21 U.S.C. s 801 et seq., commonly known as the Controlled Substances Act.
- 7. Dr. Mimms is not aware of any investigations against himself or MFR for any reason, including, but not limited to, criminal activities or violations of the Controlled Substances Act.
- 8. Dr. Mimms, in the course and scope of his employment with MFR, treats patients with physical medicine and rehabilitation needs.
- 9. In the course and scope of such treatment, Dr. Mimms lawfully prescribes drugs, substances and certain chemicals as classified by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") as Schedule I, Schedule II, Schedule IID, Schedule III, Schedule IIID, Schedule IV and Schedule V ("Prescriptions").
- 10. The relationship between MFR/Dr. Mimms and some of their patients are contractual in nature, due to the prescribing of certain Prescriptions.
- 11. Certain patients of Dr. Mimms' have attempted to fill such Prescriptions at CVS locations, including, but not limited to, those located at:
 - a. CVS Store # 6658, 620 East State St, Pendleton, IN 46064;
 - b. CVS Store # 6599, 715 East Broadway, Fortville, IN 46040;
 - c. CVS Store #4633, 1233 North State St, Greenfield, IN 46140; and
 - d. CVS Store # 7541, 5981 West Broadway, McCordsville, IN 46055.
- 12. While attempting to fill their Prescriptions at the locations identified in Paragraph 11 herein, these patients witnessed defamatory remarks being made about Dr. Mimms by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS.
- 13. Such statements made during the course and scope of their employments with CVS include the maliciously false allegation that Dr. Mimms operates a "pill mill", and that Dr. Mimms is a "murderer".

- 14. CVS employees, agents and/or representatives have further advised Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients that Dr. Mimms is "under DEA investigation," that Dr. Mimms "had been or would soon be arrested", and that these patients "should find another doctor."
- 15. CVS has further failed and/or refused to fill Prescriptions for patients of Dr. Mimms/MFR without any factual or legal basis.

III. DEFAMATION

- 16. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate herein numerical paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Complaint as if otherwise fully set forth herein.
- 17. False communications made by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, as identified in Section II herein impute criminal conduct (i.e. murder, illegal or deceptive prescription practices, etc.).
- 18. False communications made by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, as identified in Section II herein also impute misconduct on the part of Dr. Mimms and/or MFR in their trade, profession, office or occupation.
- 19. The false communications made by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, as identified in Section II herein show a cooperative effort to destroy the credibility and reputation of Dr. Mimms and/or MFR.
- 20. As such, the communications made by CVS employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, as identified in Section II herein are defamatory *per se*.
- 21. CVS is vicariously liable for the actions of its employees, agents and/or representatives when they made the false statements as identified in Section II herein while acting within the course and scope of their employment.
- 22. As a result of the defamatory statements made by CVS employees, agents and/or

representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS, Plaintiffs are entitled to presumed damages as a natural and probable consequence of CVS's per se defamation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against the Defendant in an amount to be determined at trial, sufficient to compensate their losses, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, costs of this action, including attorney's fees, and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

IV. TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP

- 23. Plaintiffs restate and incorporates herein numerical paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Complaint as if otherwise fully set forth herein.
- 24. Dr. Mimms and/or MFR maintained valid and enforceable contracts with some of its patients regarding treatment and prescriptions.
- 25. CVS, as a dispensary of prescription drugs, substances and certain chemicals, was aware of the nature and contractual relationship of Dr. Mimms/MFR and their patients.
- 26. CVS intentionally induced the breach of such contractual relationships when CVS' employees, agents and/or representatives maliciously made defamatory remarks to Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients.
- 27. CVS further intentionally induced the breach of such contractual relationships when CVS' employees, agents and/or representatives failed and/or refused to fill Prescriptions for Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients, as required by some of these valid and enforceable contracts with its patients.
- 28. CVS had no factual, legal or any other such justification for the conduct of its employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS when making such statements as identified in Section II herein.

29. Dr. Mimms and MFR have suffered damages resulting from CVS' wrongful inducement of the breach of contract with some of its patients.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against the Defendant in an amount to be determined at trial, sufficient to compensate their losses, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, costs of this action, including attorney's fees, and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

V. TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

- 30. Plaintiffs restate and incorporates herein numerical paragraphs 1 through 29 of this Complaint as if otherwise fully set forth herein.
- 31. Dr. Mimms and/or MFR maintained valid relationships with its patients regarding treatment and prescriptions.
- 32. CVS, as a dispensary of prescription drugs, substances and certain chemicals, was aware of the nature of the relationship of Dr. Mimms/MFR and their patients.
- 33. CVS intentionally interfered with the doctor-patient relationship maintained by Dr. Mimms/MFR and their patients when CVS' employees, agents and/or representatives maliciously made defamatory remarks to Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients.
- 34. CVS further intentionally interfered with the doctor-patient relationship maintained by Dr. Mimms/MFR and their patients when CVS' employees, agents and/or representatives failed and/or refused to fill Prescriptions for Dr. Mimms'/MFR's patients.
- 35. CVS had no factual, legal or any other such justification for the conduct of its employees, agents and/or representatives during the course and scope of their employment(s) with CVS when making such statements as identified in Section II herein.
- 36. Dr. Mimms and MFR have suffered damages resulting from CVS' intentional interference with Dr. Mimms'/MFR's relationship with their patients.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against the Defendant in an amount to be determined at trial, sufficient to compensate their losses, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, costs of this action, including attorney's fees, and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable as of right.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAW OFFICES OF JASON D. MAY, LLC

Jason D. May, #27434-49 Attorney for the Plaintiffs

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true.

Anthony Mimms, MD/