

Press release - Harassment by Jonathan Dunsmoor.

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Gresham International, a leading legal and compliance firm in the Digital Asset space, is currently under attack by an individual who is spreading false and defamatory stories about the organization and its team. The company has become the target of a malicious harassment campaign, with baseless accusations aimed at damaging its reputation and integrity.

The individual behind these false allegations has embarked on a relentless smear campaign, disseminating fabricated stories and misinformation through various online platforms, social media channels, and directly contacting third parties. These stories are not only fictitious but also maliciously designed to tarnish the reputation that Gresham International and its Managing Associate have diligently built over the years.

The Individual, Jonathan Dunsmoor, is a suspended and reprimanded lawyer from New York, USA.

His techniques are something commonly seen in online harassment campaigns. Referred to as 'White Knighting' and 'Gas Lighting'. The concept of White Knighting is where an individual misconstrues information or manipulates rudimentary facts to portray another party as a 'bad actor'. In the process, making themselves look like a 'good actor'. They disseminate harmless information in a negative way (spin), promoting that spin to suit their needs. The purpose of this process is to call into question the candor of the target to damage their reputation all while veiling their ulterior motive. In this particular case, this individual is also taking things they have done, and suggesting that their target is also doing the very same thing. 'gaslighting'.

Mr. Dunsmoor brought regulator complaints against our Managing Associate in the UK. That regulator convened a committee at the request of Mr. Dunsmoor (as was his right under the rules) and found his complaint to be meritless. As a result, no action was taken. Recently, he has published a letter from the Office of Lawyer Regulation from Wisconsin, his second such complaint to that department, this again aimed at our Managing Associate. Their response, much like other things, has also been misconstrued by Mr. Dunsmoor. The Office of Lawyer Regulation did not 'agree' with what Mr. Dunsmoor had claimed. After speaking with the Office of Lawyer Regulation, they confirmed that they felt they had no authority over any of the complaints that Mr. Dunsmoor had made, but in line with protocol, passed his complaint to the District Attorney and local Police Department, who would be the correct parties to lodge such a complaint. Our Managing Associate subsequently spoke with both the District Attorney and Police Department, and they have confirmed that they consider there is no action to be taken. The letter Mr Dunsmoor received was from the Office of Lawyer Regulation informing him that they were closing their file and that they had to retain a record of it. Again, this information is misconstrued by Mr. Dunsmoor to suit his narrative.

We believe these reports filed by Mr. Dunsmoor were designed to be nothing but retaliatory. Previously, two U.S. States found Mr. Dunsmoor either misrepresented facts about his qualifications and/or his prior criminal conduct before his admission to the bar. A copy of his

New York Suspension can be found [here](#) and a copy of his Pennsylvania Order for Reprimand can be found [here](#). The public reprimand is available on YouTube. According to Mr. Dunsmoor's publishings, he blames our Managing Associate for his current personal situation or the various state regulators.

Gresham International categorically denies all the allegations made by this individual and emphasizes that they are completely false and unsubstantiated. In most cases, these are manipulated facts which are devoid of any actuality. We are going to offer some examples below, however these change over time once Mr. Dunsmoor finds something else he believes that he can spin.

To address and show the falsehood of some of these claims;

‘The Managing Associate is not a lawyer/paralegal’ - The Legal Services Act within the United Kingdom (England and Wales) determines who may participate in ‘Reserved Legal Activities’. These are legal services activities associated with the practice of law in the UK. Much like other European Countries, the UK operates a split legal profession. Cilex Lawyers, Solicitors, and Barristers (and some other classes such as Patent Attorneys) may participate in Reserved Legal Activities. Under the Cilex Code of Conduct, as laid out by the regulator approved within the UK, CILEX - only those who have achieved the status of ‘Fellow’ may use the term ‘Lawyer’. To do so outside of this and without having this qualification would be a criminal offense. It should also be noted that Cilex lawyers are being renamed to Chartered Lawyers and are anticipated to fall under the Solicitors Regulatory Authority regime next year. This is because of the commonalities between Solicitors and Lawyers such as work, training, and professional standards, including the requirement for CLE and Practice Certificates. To clarify, Cilex lawyers can represent clients, can become judges, instruct higher counsel, and achieve the same audience rights as Solicitors with a two-week course (Lawyer Advocates). Our Managing Associate is a Lawyer and holds a valid practice certificate for 2024.

Gresham International/Its Managing Associate engages in criminal activity - It goes without saying that no, Gresham International and/or any of its affiliated team members do not engage in criminal activity. Having worked with unsuccessful projects does not denote criminal enterprise nor does having worked with a project that was a victim to actual criminal activity. Our team complies with reporting requirements for money laundering and any general criminal activities (which are higher for UK lawyers than in places such as the USA).

Comments concerning paying to speak - We can confirm that Gresham International pays sponsorship to some selected events. In the last five years, one of those offered a speaking engagement as part of the ‘package’. Outside of this one time, no team member of Gresham International has ever paid for any speaking engagement. Our Managing Associate requests a speaking fee for most events which can be booked directly or through Gresham International.

Being asked not to speak at events - Mr. Evans has never been asked not to speak at an event and as far as we are aware neither has any other member of the Gresham team.

Although Mr. Dunsmoor may deny that his actions amount to Harassment, the volume, nature, and lack of any actual legal reason for these are all why we consider them to be nothing less.

Some of these posts are designed to be degrading to our Managing Associate and other team members. For example, Mr. Dunsmoor created an NFT collection that crudely drew faces on team members and cited language such as ‘daddy issues’. In another video, he questions why a recently disabled team member was unable to pay their child support. Neither of these serves any type of legitimate purpose. Again, Mr. Dunsmoor is not an investigator, does not work for a regulator, and has no authority to question any person.

Continuing with his behavior; we are aware that he messages multiple parties and has done so for years. This includes parties that have no connection with Gresham International in any way. Also, the alarming frequency with which he messages, posts, or otherwise engages with something to do with Gresham or its Managing Associate; often being a daily/hourly occurrence. Given the messages that we have seen, there is no limit to who or what he will message. Including fabricated criminal or regulatory investigations concerning Gresham and/or its Managing Associate. The volume, nature, and type of activity all lead even the most rudimentary assessment of his actions to lead to the conclusion; that he has now in all likelihood become obsessed.

To emphasize, his blog posts are so clearly devoid of any factuality, or manipulated in such a way that they are designed to be defamatory. Every publication platform he used to promote them, has removed them. As a result, he now resorts to publishing these on his ‘law firm’ website and sharing those links with his social media or to anyone who will provide him with attention. Again, Mr. Dunsmoor is not currently a lawyer.

What his articles miss, or gloss over, are his actions including; advertising admissions to practice in States he did not possess, being removed as a speaker from (at least) three events, and having been associated with questionable projects (which it’s clear he has looked to remove from Google/online). Additionally, he draws false associations with parties calling them ‘colleagues’ and fails to undertake even rudimentary research on a topic (such as why a Limited Liability Company not structured as a partnership does not call its team members ‘partners’). At a minimum, this shows an inability to research, although given his other actions it is more likely that this is just manipulation to suit his narrative.

We stress that none of these are highlighted as a ‘tit-for-tat’ approach, but rather to draw on our conclusion that Mr. Dunsmoor takes his own failings and projects them onto other parties as part of his campaign.

In light of all of this Gresham International is taking swift and decisive action to address this harassment and defamation campaign. The company is actively working with legal experts and authorities to investigate the matter and pursue all available legal remedies against the individual responsible for spreading false information. The first step is making the public aware that this is happening and offering an open channel of communication for anyone who may have concerns.

In the face of adversity, Gresham International remains steadfast in its commitment to transparency, honesty, and accountability. The company urges the public to disregard these false allegations and reaffirms its unwavering dedication to serving its clients with excellence and integrity. Any individual is welcome to contact us to discuss any of Mr. Dunsmoor’s claims.

Although we posted information concerning this individual on our website - we would again, advise all parties to avoid contact with him. If questioned he often becomes confrontational and develops theories about criminal activities for those questioning him. Asserting that there is a collaboration in criminal enterprise using terms such as 'Blockchain doesn't lie'.

Some parties have interacted with his social media posts who we feel may only know half of the facts. We will be contacting them separately so that they can understand the gravity of the situation with which they are interacting. Some of their engagement may impact their professional image and draw them into a lawsuit. Of course, everyone is entitled to their view, but they should only potentially impact their professional image under full knowledge of facts.

We would again, remind anyone they are welcome to contact us and ask any questions about any of the allegations. We have a total open-door policy.

As a result of this situation, we are exploring ways that we can assist the community with cyber harassment, bullying, defamation, and online stalking. Something which many of us have suffered with or from. Something which too many of us know well.

For now, we will continue to serve the community. We will continue to educate and work with so many rockstars and we continue to thank you all for your support.

If you are a victim of bullying or cyberstalking we have posted some materials at the bottom of this article for your information. You should never suffer in silence.

<https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/how-to-stop-cyberbullying>

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/>