IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

THE DUNCAN DUO, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v. CASE NO.: 1<u>6-CA-2597 DIV</u>ISION "I"

SGS REAL ESTATE, LLC, and JASON GARCIA

Defendants.

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SUMMONS

THE STATE OF FLORIDA:
TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to serve this Summons and a copy of the Complaint or Petition in this action on the above-named defendant(s) at:

SGS REAL ESTATE, LLC JASON GARCIA, Registered Agent 19314 SEA MIST LN LUTZ, FL 33558

Principal Address 8751 North Himes Ave TAMPA, FL 33614

Each Defendant is hereby required to serve written defenses to the Complaint or Petition on Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

Nickolas C. Ekonomides Nickolas C. Ekonomides, P.A. 791 Bayway Boulevard Clearwater, Florida 33767 727-447-1075

Email: contact@eko-law.com

within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon that Defendant, exclusive of the day of service, and to file the original of said written defenses with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter. If a Defendant fails to do so, a

default will be entered against that Defendant for the relief demanded in that portion of the Complaint or Petition.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (SEAL)

Pat Frank
As Clerk of the Court

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, DYNAMIC DUO REAL ESTATE, PL, by and through its undersigned counsel, sues Defendants, SGS REAL ESTATE, LLC, and JASON GARCIA and alleges:

- 1. Plaintiff, DYNAMIC DUO REAL ESTATE, PL, ("Dynamic"), is a Florida limited liability company with its principle place of business in Hillsborough County, Florida.
- 2. Dynamic markets and provides real estate brokerage services under the name The Duncan Duo ("Duncan") including listings for residential home sales.
- 3. Defendant, SGS REAL ESTATE, LLC, ("SGS"), is a Florida limited liability company with its principle place of business in Hillsborough County, Florida.
- 4. Defendant, JASON GARCIA ("Garcia"), is a resident of Hillsborough County, Florida.

COUNT I

(defamation by implication)

- 5. This is an action for damages that exceed \$15,000.00.
- 6. Garcia and SGS have been vocal and outspoken critics of Dynamic as to the

structure of commission splits in Dynamic listings for the sale of real estate.

- 7. On August 20, 2015, Garcia emailed Dynamic in connection with one of Dynamic's listings and stated: "I was going to show it but since you guys keep 3.5% and offer 2.5% minus \$395 MLS fee I will pass." See Exhibit "A".
- 8. On October 30, 2015, Garcia gave Duncan a one star Google rating online and provided the following written review:

They charge the consumer extra fees and keep more commission than the cooperating Broker. Just because they are on the radio does not mean they are straight up in business.

See Exhibit "B".

- 9. On or about October 30, 2015, Garcia publicly posted to his Facebook profile a lengthy statement regarding Duncan as a warning to "Realtors and Consumers" stating:
 - ***Attention Realtors and Consumers***. The Duncan Duo keeps more commission for themselves and cuts the cooperating Broker's side. They also charge an extra administrative fee to their client. If you are represented by them this could hurt you, the consumer, when the word gets out. Realtors will try to avoid their listings at all cost due to not being treated fairly in the deal. Exit Elite Realty as a whole has always paid the Duncan Duo's buyer's agents an equal share of the commission at closing. Apparently if you are on the radio, hang out with Barbara Corcoran, and are the official Realtor of the Tampa Bay Lighting it gives you the right to not play fair in the real estate sandbox. None of the above is untrue and therefore is not slanderous. Just want to make people aware of the truth. I do not have a radio show to get on my soapbox. Have great day people!

Exhibit "C".

- 10. After contact from GTAR about the online statements made, Garcia removed the Google written review but did not remove the Google one star rating. See Exhibit "D".
- 11. After said contact from GTAR, Garcia replaced the Facebook post with the following statement which he indicated he "Likes" with the Facebook like button:

GTAR yelled at me...... I must have gotten under someone's skin that is on the radio and rhymes with Pumpkin. Call Exit Elite Realty for Ethical Real Estate

Representation. In Article 15 we trust. Hey, has anybody heard from E-Home Discovery lately?

Exhibit "E".

- 12. Within one hour, the replacement Facebook post garnered hundreds of "Likes" and a comment from another Facebook user and response from Garcia confirming GTAR contact. Exhibit "F".
- 13. On or about October 30, 2015, SGS shared Garcia's replacement post on its Facebook page thereby republishing the entire statement. Exhibit "G".
- 14. Garcia made the statements in the scope and course of his employment by SGS and as company officer of SGS.
- 15. Garcia's and SGS' statements defame Dynamic by suggesting or implying that Duncan:
 - a. is not "straight up in business", that Duncan is dishonest or unethical, or does not play fair with other brokers or with consumers;
 - charges improper or non-disclosed fees to unsuspecting consumers and therefore can't be trusted; and
 - c. does not abide by the ethics rules of the real estate industry.
- 16. Such a portrayal of Duncan constitutes a gross misrepresentation of Duncan and how it conducts business, is highly offensive to Duncan, would be highly offensive to a reasonable person, and prejudices Duncan in the eyes of a substantial and respectable minority of the community.
- 17. Garcia and SGS had knowledge of the defamatory manner in which their actions and conduct would portray Duncan, or acted in reckless disregard thereof.
 - 18. As a result of the actions and conduct of Garcia and SGS, Dynamic has suffered

'damages.

19. Garcia and SGS had actual knowledge of the wrongfulness of their conduct and of the high probability that injury or damage to Dynamic would result and, despite that knowledge, intentionally pursued their course of conduct resulting in injury or damage to Dynamic. In the alternative, and even if they acted without such actual knowledge, the conduct of Garcia and SGS was so reckless or wanting in care that it constituted a conscious disregard for or indifference to the rights of Dynamic. As a result, Dynamic is entitled to recover punitive damages against Garcia and SGS pursuant to Florida Law.

WHEREFORE, DYNAMIC DUO REAL ESTATE, PL, demands judgment for damages, including actual, compensatory, and punitive damages, against the Defendants JASON GARCIA and SGS REAL ESTATE, LLC, an award of the costs of this action, and such further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

COUNT II

(conspiracy to commit defamation by implication)

- 20. This is an action for damages that exceed \$15,000.00.
- 21. Dynamic incorporates paragraphs 1 through 12 as if fully stated herein.
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- 24. Garcia and SGS had knowledge of the defamatory manner in which their actions and conduct would portray Duncan, or acted in reckless disregard thereof.
- 25. Garcia and SGS conspired to publish, print, display, or otherwise publicly portray Duncan in a defamatory manner that creates, suggests, or implies a defamatory connection with how Duncan conducts business and took actions intended to further that conspiracy by, among other things:
 - a. Replacing Garcia's initial Facebook post with one that mocked the name of Duncan and instructed to "Call Exit Elite Realty for Ethical Real Estate Representation";
 - b. Permitting and encouraging other persons, firms, and entities to share the Facebook posts, "Like" the Facebook posts, and provide comment;
 - c. Providing Garcia's own comment on the replacement Facebook post and ensuring it was visible on SGS' Facebook page; and
 - d. Intentionally and purposefully continuing the import of the Facebook post by "Liking" it, sharing it, and posting it on the SGS Facebook page.
- 26. The foregoing acts by Garcia and SGS constitute conspiracy to portray Duncan in a defamatory manner and have damaged Dynamic.
- 27. As a result of the actions and conduct of Garcia and SGS, Dynamic has suffered damages.
 - 28. Garcia and SGS had actual knowledge of the wrongfulness of their conduct and of

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Dated: March 17, 2016

/S/ N. Ekonomides

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------ Original Message ------Subject: 3904 FLOYD RD, TAMPA, FL 33618
From: Jason Garcia <------@yahoo.com
Date: Thu, August 20, 2015 10:02 pm
To: "-------@theduncanduo.com" <------@theduncanduo.com>

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Jason Garcia on Google+

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Review posted on

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