

Mr. Frost,

I'm disappointed that the communication I sent to you was widely distributed to your staff and equally disappointed in the reply sent by Chris Buck. My intention was to offer you the opportunity to correct the disarray in your office. While I agree with some of Chris's statements, many of his artful mischaracterizations are fantasy. The record of our communications establish I've been consistent with my order of priority and my goals. It was Chris's task to establish the back channel in an attempt at avoiding unnecessary litigation. I didn't claim he had a high level contact in government, he did. He gave his spoken and written word that he would arrange a meeting between me and that person and then failed to arrange the promised meeting, offering the bizarre excuse that what was appropriate at a critical time became inappropriate after a month had passed. It seems now to have been a ploy to run out the clock to the detriment of my interests. If that high level person exists I'm going to want that name. If no name is provided that will raise some new questions when we reconcile my bill and your firm's apparent paralysis in advancing my interests. My only stipulation to any in person meeting was that the supervisory personnel to Dr. Scott Martin be present. That was relayed to me by Brad as impossible for your firm to achieve because opposing counsel is "playing hardball", whatever that means.

If you don't remember why I hired your firm please check our communication records. My primary goal was to address the machinations of the entities that steered me to signing contracts with Dr. Martin in as low a key as possible. The premise that the VASBDC, GMU-MEC directs clients to GMU campus staff/employee offices to conduct for profit GMU Professors personal and private LLC business, registered on campus during business hours without any permissions or controls is to be considered lawful is absurd. Scott demonstrably did not possess the necessary skills for the job although he falsely represented that he did. That was and is secondary. Not only did you fail in your primary task, your tactic of writing and filing a claim for hundreds of thousands of dollars on my behalf put me at odds with the people and organizations I seek to collaborate with. The complaint was intended to provoke a conversation that Chris's inaction stymied. I request you immediately forward this communication to all opposing counsels, CC'ing me so I know if and when you did it. If this is not something you are able to accomplish without delay please send me all parties counsel's to this action contact information ASAP and I'll do it myself. The clock is ticking.

I fully agree that the trust between us has been broken and I will no longer have your firm represent me. I'll reserve judgement on if steps need to be taken to address the caliber of your work until a later date.

I've already informed your staff of my intention to seek assistance directly from the authorities. I will be offering my every assistance including waiving any attorney/client privilege to the IG's I specify. I will offer all of the materials in my possession including our communications as well as all work product on my case from your firm. I am entitled to it. I paid for it and am free to do with as I wish, including making public if I wish, how I wish. Kindly forward soft copies as soon as possible and I can come pick up originals when you have them prepared. I understand your office is in somewhat disarray over covid so I'll be patient, but my offer to the authorities for access to all work product from my case by your firm will be immediate. When sending documents via email please take care not to repeat Chris Buck's error of sending potentially privileged client information to unintended recipients. Not to presume, but it may be a good idea for you to notify Mr. Belevetz of Chris's error.

Additionally, I'm willing to extend a courtesy that was not extended to me. If any party's counsel to this would like to amend their position prior to my submission of my complaint through the OIG portals this Tuesday at noon please tell them to feel free to contact me directly at [redacted] before then. I'm not looking for a "shakedown" as the attorneys refer to it. I'm looking for governmental accountability to make things work as they should. That is all.

Mr. Frost, I'm sending this to all parties as is your practice, but it's primarily directed at you.

Thank you.

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From: Chris Buck <[redacted]>

Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2024, 10:24 AM