

STATE OF NEW YORK ::  
DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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ERIC F. COPPOLINO,

Complainant

- vs -

RADIO KINGSTON / NOVO FOUNDATION

Respondent

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STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ULSTER

ERIC F. COPPOLINO, duly swears [or affirms], deposes and states:

On Monday, Sept. 3, 2008, I learned that Hillary Hoffman Harvey, an employee of respondent RADIO KINGSTON/NOVO FOUNDATION's employee, claimed credit for instigating my firing from three employers, including the respondent itself.

Harvey plays many roles in this scenario, and is a primary actor. For example, she is also the organizer of local "Me Too" events, the leader of "Me Too Kingston," as well as a former editor of *Chronogram* (concurrently with my employment) and presently a host on RADIO KINGSTON.

I do not know Hillary Harvey personally. I have met her once for 30 seconds, in the respondent's newsroom.

### **Harvey Admits to Instigating my Firing by Three Employers**

Harvey, in a comment to the Ulster Publishing website, on the evening of Monday, Sept. 3, openly admits:

"Eric, I filed sexual harassment claims on behalf of multiple people with two mutual employers, which resulted in your losing three freelance jobs. You have published five essays and two public comments proving your intent to harm me" [EXHIBIT 1].

In this extraordinary admission, Harvey documents for us how what began as a Facebook whisper campaign on April 4, 2018 transformed into my firing from three freelance positions in April and May 2018. She states openly and notoriously that she is the person who did this.

Respondent does not mention Hillary Harvey in any of its pleadings, though I do. Please refer to 98 to 109, "The Special Animus of Hillary Hoffman Harvey," on pages 17, 18 and 19 of my July 5 filing in this matter for additional background.

Note that Harvey's "Me Too Kingston" organization appears to have no other purpose than to troll and instigate trouble for me at my places of employment and before the public [EXHIBIT 2], [EXHIBIT 3].

And Harvey continues to express malice and animosity to me to the current day. Harvey's name, for example, appears as a "source" within the text of "Bad Moon Rising" the articles, when it is my understanding that she instigated the series and shaped its viewpoint considerably.

### **This Admission Raises Many Questions**

We need to know:

1. Who are these multiple people? Are they my fellow employees, or parties extrinsic to my places of employment?
2. Who vetted these claims?
3. Is Hillary Harvey an attorney? How did she file complaints "on behalf of multiple people"?
4. Why wasn't I confronted about those purported complaints by respondent RADIO KINGSTON/NOVO FOUNDATION or the Omega Institute?
5. What are her motives in taking this action, and in persisting in making public comments about me?
6. Is she acting with approval, or as an agent, of her employer, respondent RADIO KINGSTON/NOVO FOUNDATION?
7. What communication was there between all three of these organizations, related to Hillary Harvey's complaints?

Her reference to "two mutual employers" means respondent RADIO KINGSTON/NOVO FOUNDATION, and *Chronogram*, which will be the subject of a complaint filed in the near future. The third is Omega Institute for Holistic Studies, respondent in a parallel action now before the Division of Human Rights, which to my knowledge never employed Harvey.

I would remind the Division of Human Rights that it was Harvey who on April 7 called me the "Hudson Valley's [Harvey] Weinstein," a reference to the movie

producer awaiting trial, free on \$1 million bond. She said this before she had any "data" supporting her false and malicious claim.

We now have evidence suggesting that:

1. Respondent RADIO KINGSTON/NOVO FOUNDATION, Omega Institute and *Chronogram* acted in concert, prompted by Harvey;

2. Respondent RADIO KINGSTON/NOVO FOUNDATION was being disingenuous when station manager Jimmy Buff said on April 20 that I was being fired for "making women uncomfortable" [please see EXHIBIT 11 to my July 5 filing in this matter, Jimmy Buff exit interview].

3. That Omega Institute, respondent in a parallel action, is being disingenuous when it claimed I was fired for a "brand mismatch";

4. That respondent's employee Hillary Harvey is a bad-faith actor, maliciously stalking me after I have lost all of my freelance positions as a result of her actions. She is now publicly taking credit for her actions, presumably, to further her political ambitions as a leader of the local "Me Too" movement, which has an event coming on Sept. 25 -- which will be broadcast on respondent's radio station.

5. Respondent's employee Hillary Harvey, who holds herself out to be a journalist, objects to my exercising my 1st Amendment right to free speech my moral right to state my truth, and -- with no trace of irony whatsoever, after *admitting to having me fired from three jobs* -- claims that my journalism is designed to "harm" her. She does not, however, cite an example of this.

I request that the New York State Division of Human Rights interview Hillary Harvey Hoffman, as she will be an instrumental figure in getting to the bottom of my illegal, prejudicial removal from three cherished freelance positions, and the attempted destruction of my reputation as an author and consultant.

SIGNED AND AFFIRMED AT KINGSTON, NY, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

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ERIC F. COPPOLINO