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June 26, 2025

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Re: Constitution Society website

Dear [REDACTED]

Attached, please find a letter to you from Ken Bliss of the Constitution Society. The Society is aware of your activity regarding copyright infringement and other violations of related laws. We request that you immediately address the matters noted in Ken's letter and inform us when you make these requested changes.

Sincerely,


Lowell H. Becraft, Jr.

Constitution Society
Ken Bliss, Vice President & Secretary
secretary@constitution.org
June 26, 2025



RE: Cease and Desist – Unauthorized Mirror Website, Intellectual Property Infringement, and Defamatory Conduct

Dear Mr. Hansen,

As Vice President, Secretary, and Co-Webmaster of the Constitution Society, I write on behalf of the Board of Trustees to demand that you immediately cease operating the website at <https://constitution.famguardian.org/>, which infringes on our intellectual property, misrepresents our organization, and publishes defamatory content about the Society and its members. This follows your resignation as Webmaster and Trustee on August 18, 2023, and your failure to fully comply with our prior requests to remove infringing content.

On August 14, 2023, the Trustees unanimously voted to prohibit any current or former trustee from creating, hosting, or maintaining a mirror site of <https://constitution.org/>, revoking any prior permissions, express or implied, including any alleged authorization from Jon Roland. Your continued operation of the mirror site violates this directive and multiple federal and state laws.

Violations

Copyright Infringement:

Your site reproduces, without permission, copyrighted content from <https://constitution.org/>, including original writings by Jon Roland, curated compilations, site layout, formatting, and navigational structure. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- https://constitution.famguardian.org/1-Education/cs_basic.htm
- https://constitution.famguardian.org/1-History/cs_found.htm
- https://constitution.famguardian.org/1-Constitution/cons/con_action.html

Claims that this content is “public domain” or previously authorized by Jon Roland are invalid, as the Constitution Society, as successor to Jon Roland’s intellectual property, has revoked any such permission and holds exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. § 102.

Trademark and Trade Dress Infringement:

Your site’s design, URL structure, and naming conventions are confusingly similar to ours, creating a likelihood of confusion about the source or affiliation of your site. This violates the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1114, § 1125(a)) and constitutes unfair competition.

Defamation:

Your “About” page (<https://constitution.fanguardian.org/1-About/about.htm>), Resignation Letter, and Farewell Message contain false and damaging statements about the Constitution Society and its trustees, including allegations of mismanagement, financial incompetence, and apathy. These statements harm our reputation and are actionable under state defamation laws.

Breach of Fiduciary Duty:

As a former trustee, you had a duty to act in the Society’s best interests. Creating and maintaining an unauthorized mirror site, potentially diverting traffic and revenue, breaches this duty and may have contributed to our documented 99% ad revenue decline.

Unauthorized Distribution via Archive.org:

You are also distributing a ZIP archive of our website at <https://archive.org/details/ConstitutionSociety>, which constitutes unauthorized replication and mass distribution of protected materials. This action must cease immediately.

Demands

You are directed to:

1. Permanently remove the website at <https://constitution.fanguardian.org/> or delete all content derived from <https://constitution.org/>.
2. Remove the ZIP archive and any other downloadable files from <https://archive.org> or any similar platform.
3. Cease using any Constitution Society copyrighted material, trademarks, or trade dress.
4. Remove all defamatory content, including the “About” page, Resignation Letter, and Farewell Message.
5. Refrain from further misrepresentations or unauthorized use of our brand, content, or reputation.
6. Provide written confirmation of compliance within 7 business days.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to comply will result in:

- DMCA takedown notices to your hosting provider, domain registrar, Archive.org, and search engines.
- Legal action for copyright infringement (17 U.S.C. § 501), trademark infringement (15 U.S.C. § 1114), defamation, and breach of fiduciary duty, seeking damages and injunctive relief.

- A public disclaimer on <https://constitution.org/> disavowing your site and associated materials.

Your claim of prior permission from Jon Roland, if any, is superseded by the Trustees' August 14, 2023 resolution and our exclusive rights to the content. We urge you to resolve this matter amicably to avoid escalation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Bliss", followed by a period.

Ken Bliss

Vice President & Secretary

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