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RE : FTPA vs. INFODIO
Article published October 5th, 2020

Dear Sir,

We represent the interests of SELAS Foucaud Tchekhoff Pochet & Associés (FTPA), a law practice based 1 bis avenue Foch, 75116 Paris, and of its partners Philippe Pochet and Coralie Oger.

In an article published on October 5th, 2020, and entitled "*When Diego Salazar wanted to launder money in Paris, FTPA and Jean-François de Clermont-Tonnerre came to help*" (and accessible in France by following this link: <https://infodio.com/28092020/diego/salazar/money/laundering/ftpa/coralie/oger/philippe/pochet/jean/francois/clermont/tonnerre/hottinger>), you seriously defame our clients.

After the self-explanatory aforementioned title, namely quoting FTPA, you describe Diego Salazar as a "thug" who, in your opinion, illegally earned profit via alleged corrupt practices in Venezuela.

According to your article, Diego Salazar, with the help of his first cousin Rafael Ramirez, was "*forced as main intermediary between Chinese companies receiving billions worth of procurements contracts from Venezuela and PDVSA [the Venezuelan national oil company]*".

After this very dark portrait, you write that *"With "earned" profits, Salazar set to grow his property portfolio in many places and in Paris, he got his Banca Privada d'Andorra (BPA) banker-money launderer Pablo Laplana to liaise with Coralie Oger, a lawyer from FTPA (<https://ftpa.com/en/lequipe/coralie-oger>).*

Lawyers, as we know, are a third the money laundering problem (the other two thirds being equally corrupt bankers and useless financial watchdogs). Oger's expertise is described as "Corporate Law and Mergers Acquisitions, and in particular in international and domestic Mergers & Acquisitions, Restructurings and LBO and Private Equity Transactions".

So when thug Diego Salazar needed to diversify his "private equity" through non-descript structures, Oger assisted him with creation of a Luxembourg vehicle that would obscure the ultimate beneficiary owner of two buildings -worth € 50 million- located in 17/19 avenue Montaigne and 7 rue du Cirque in Paris".

At this stage of the article, you deliberately infringe the confidentiality of client/ attorney correspondence by producing an email sent by Mrs Coralie Oger to Mr Pablo Laplana on October 30th, 2020.

You then go forward by writing: *"Oger was not acting without approval from the top at FTPA. One Philippe Pochet (<https://ftpa.com/en/lequipe/philippe-pochet>), "one of the founding partners of FTPA...seasoned practitioner with a proven track record in Intellectual Property and Media Law... particularly active in the fashion and cinema industries..." was CCed in Oger's email communications with BPA's Laplana".*

At the end of the article, you carelessly reproduce the entire email, also protected by the client/ attorney privilege, sent by Mr Laplana to Mrs Coralie OGER on October 26th, 2020.

The wording of the aforementioned title and sentences, devoid of any cautiousness or nuance, attribute to FTPA and its partners Coralie OGER and Philippe POCHE the crime of complicity of money laundering.

Obviously, these accusations are baseless, wrong, and prejudicial to FTPA reputation; they constitute defamatory content.

Which is why this article blatantly breach the French law of July 29,1881 on the Press (articles 23,29 par. 1 and 32 par.1).

Your article also breaches the protection of private correspondences in French criminal law. Article 226-15 of French Code Pénal provides for up to 1 year imprisonment and fines up to 45 000 euros for this crime.

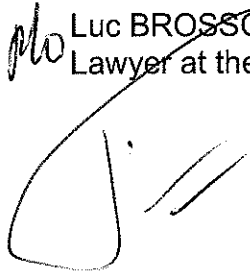
At last, this article is also defamatory in English Law.

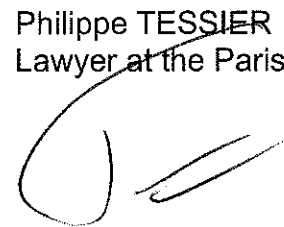
We put you on legal notice to withdraw it from your website as soon as possible.

Without reaction from you under 8 days, our clients gave us instructions to introduce legal proceedings against this content, in France and in the U.K.

Pursuant to our professional rules, we are at the disposal of your lawyer to discuss this matter with him/ her.

Sincerely yours,

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