

Oregon State Bar

July 4th 2018

Complaint Against: Katherine Heekin, Heekin Law Firm.

Barratry, soliciting, abuse of process, extortion, intentional infliction of economic harm, intentional use of the justice system for business interference, insolvency, and hostile takeover, vexatious litigation, collusion, abuse via frivolous lawsuits

(All other complaints have mention to Katherine Heekin, and would be important to entire narrative)

For months we worked to reach a settlement rent agreement with our landlord after receiving threats, stalking, forced imprisonment, attempted hostile takeover, and a multitude of grievances. I was told that our business was to pay for ALL improvements to the land and was to leave everything behind that the company owned and we personally owned. Because the lease agreement stated we were to pay for the cost of farming. That's it. I was told to rent at a HIGH 50% net profit rent, pay for the entire improvement, conduct the labor personally to improve the land, and leave everything behind.

This sharecropper agreement was one amongst many (aprox 15-20). All of which were switched to rent except ours.

We maintained and began cultivating. When it was brought to the landlords attention that we could have a lucrative crop all rent settlement ceased, and on the eve of harvest Katherine Heekin began the representation in a lawsuit against us on Breach of Oral Agreement.

We had an emergency hearing and one of the Plaintiffs business partners was proposed to come in and take over the crop in a form of receivership and us evicted.

The poetic timing of the lawsuit was not missed by the judge and they were unsuccessful in their attempted hostile takeover.

Fast forward- they were not unsuccessful in the hostile takeover in the end.

Mrs. Heekin conducted a vexatious litigation with haste. I multitude of violations shortly occurred from our counsel and undoubtedly from Mrs. Heekin.

Yet, Mrs. Heekin did not technically do anything wrong potentially, it was how she utilized what she did right that is one cause for complaint. It is important to point out some of the problems and loop holes in the justice system that and being yielded for intentional harm.

For instance, Oral agreements are allowed in Oregon for complaint. This is inherently problematic. While the claim is easy to disprove, it provides an opportunity for lawyers to racketeer and cause economic damage to the defendant in having to pay to defend themselves. It needs no evidence to engage in extensive litigation. And in a way, is like profiling.

Mrs. Heekin was able to use something with no grounds to go on a witch hunt. And indeed we were profiled. Because now at the solicitation and co-counsel of Mrs. Heekin we are experiencing the barratry of another attorney on the same complaint grounds as her client. Breach of Oral Agreement. We were profiled as people who would keep working, and keep standing, and we have no recourse to bankruptcy therefor have no options, and that if timed correctly just as before they could litigate us and wait for new assets to arrive and ultimately seize.

I have watched Mrs. Heekin exhaust anyone involved in the case. Our counsel, the receiver, the wholesaler who took over the asset sales after settlement. I also witnessed her threaten the wholesaler with a lawsuit on Breach of Oral Agreement. The wholesaler name was Diana Turner whom filed a bar complaint at this time.

I am not sure if there was collusion between Mrs. Heekin and our previous counsel but I considering it important to consider. Katherine Heekin was able to render us insolvent and ultimately obtain the entire crop asset through our slow breakdown, and was made capable by our counsel to litigate the case in such a manner that provided so much vexation that we were never able to come up for air, gives me pause to believe there was potential collusion. Furthermore, because there was so much behind the scenes activity during September with our attorney becoming the registered agent for her client's business partners and all the properties and business changing ownership.

The lawsuit was filed the eve of harvest, and once finances were in bias receivership and we were without counsel, the settlement was proposed.

I remember being in the settlement mediation. I was told that all my claims were worthless. This was heartbreaking to me, after suffering so much abuse, torment, fear, free labor, and financial damage I was told to drop my claims because they were worthless. But they got to keep theirs until the product sold. This told me that my claims had value. But regardless our counsel never attempted any discovery or litigation on our claims. I was ultimately forced to drop them.

But, the settlement meant that it was done, right? No.

After the settlement, all assets were transferred to a wholesaler and Katherine Heekin was the trustee and was to report to us as we still had a 22%- \$9,000 stake in the settlement and assets.

It was now that the manager was solicited. (And can be referenced in complaint against Dana Sullivan) And a new claim that had been ambulance chased was threatened to be filed with Katherine Heekin as co-counsel.

After seeing that I knew that this would never end, and was told by another employee that the intent was to run us out of town, with nothing.

While I appreciated the moment of silence from Mrs. Heekin, I also witnessed the disregard in her duty to provide us with details of sales and accounting.

It was from a industry colleague that I found out that we were being threatened with arson and death. And that our product was selling for \$172 per lb. We were never told or asked for approval. This was considerably lower than I was selling for \$1,200-\$1,600 lb. I then realized that I was still in potential danger, and furthermore that the settlement was a sham and we would receive nothing.

I reached out to the wholesaler and then Mrs. Heekin began her intense behavior, threatening Oral Agreement lawsuits, and ultimately forcing the wholesaler to abandon sales and then requested that it was my personal obligation to continue working for their behalf.

Mrs. Heekin ultimately desired to lift the stay but it was thwarted. And then found a new location for the assets.

We are now are completing the lawsuit by giving 100% of assets for the claims to drop.

It was successful, Mrs. Heekin made it through with no discovery to her client, made sure that we were rendered insolvent, unable to file bankruptcy, forced to drop our claims, without counsel, and solicited and committed barratry with a new attorney coming in to take over our future income through the same tactics and frivolous lawsuit.

I request action and investigation into this matter, because I feel collusion, abuse of process, abuse of legal system, barratry, extortion, force, and vexatious litigation tactics were utilized causing us grievance and much suffering.

EVIDENCE-

- The entire case filing and pleadings
- Emails as supportive evidence
- Communications with wholesaler
- Letter stating co-counsel
- Complaint from wholesaler
- Settlement agreements and violations