IN THE ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

RURAL REVIVAL LIVING
TRUST; AND LAURA LYNN HAMMETT

APPELLANTS

v. CASE No. 65CV-21-20

MICHEAL PIETRCZAK

APPELLEE

EXHIBIT A

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO CORRECT AND SETTLE THE RECORD

- 1. I, Laura Lynn Hammett, am a joint defense doctrine defendant and counterclaimant in the underlying case.
- 2. I am over 21 years of age and competent to testify.
- 3. If given the opportunity to testify, I would say the following, which I know to be the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- 4. I am second generation American, the granddaughter of a Jew who escaped slaughter by government actors in Eastern Europe. My father became a surgeon. He was the first student accepted to UCLA Medical School and worked as a court appointed neutral for several decades.
- 5. I grew up surrounded by lawyers and my sister was even a judge pro tem. I earned a B.S. in journalism from Colorado State University. But my writing was influenced by watching my father dictate in his home office after finishing his clinical work, and by heeding his instruction to "be specific". I taught myself the law I know by listening, reading online and as an investigative reporter covering the judiciary. I have an impressive record of self-advocacy.
- 6. I am a convert to Christianity and a lifelong Libertarian. I am ashamed to say I did not research the candidates and voted for Susan Kaye Weaver for Circuit Court Judge in 2018. Now that I have seen her lack of integrity, I would rather

- vote for an honest Communist to replace her. Hopefully the powers that be will give me a better option.
- 7. The transcripts produced for the bizarre hearings of August 4, 2021 and March 17, 2022 are inaccurate in substantial, prejudicial ways.
- 8. I served a subpoena to produce the recordings in a case filed in United States

 District Court for Eastern District of Arkansas, 4:21-CV-189-LPR. That case
 involves a disputed debt, which if the debt was incurred, was plausibly incurred
 by plaintiff and Appellee Micheal Pietrczak ("Pietrczak") using my credit card
 without authorization or knowledge. The court reporter filed a motion to quash
 the subpoena and I opposed. We are awaiting a decision.
- 9. I filed a suit under 42 U.S.C. 1983 against the trial court judge, the court reporter and respondent's counsel, 4:21-CV-00857-BRW. Though I described the proceedings in the state court case, I specified that I was asking only for damages caused by the inaccurate transcription of the August 4, 2021 hearing. The suit was dismissed against all three defendants based on Rooker-Feldman and immunities...before the attorney defendant responded. I am begging this Court to protect my right to due process, including an accurate record.
- 10. White threatened me many times with defamation suits, criminal proceedings, contempt and a mental competency exam, both on the record and by emails.

- 11. Judge Weaver intonated her agreement. I paid \$175 for a certified record of the proceedings and prepared a petition for writ of habeas corpus before the October 7, 2021 hearing because I anticipated the Court planned to incarcerate me on contempt. In the March 17, 2022 hearing the judge admonished me for giving her "stink eye" after she commanded me to remain silent while White and Pietrczak gleefully told outrageous lies about me.
- 12. While writing about the courts in California, stories I broke were picked up by the Los Angeles Times and AP. Fox News featured my work that helped to have an unethical court commissioner disciplined.
- 13.I take good notes. I only use quotation marks around verbatim statements.

 There were observers of the August 4, 2021 and March 17, 2022 hearings who shared their recollections and notes with me immediately after the hearing. I was convinced that my perception was reasonable and not paranoid.
- 14. On August 4, 2021 I participated in what was supposed to be the trial on Zoomgov.
- 15. After White asked for an extension of time to serve a summons on the Rural Revival Living Trust, the judge left the bench for a few minutes. When she got back she told us she spoke with "the AOC" and they advise her that the Pietrczak motion must be in writing and the Court must give me the usual time

to respond in writing. I was overjoyed. I already felt uncomfortable about the Court and wanted everything to be in writing. I know that even accurate transcripts can be misleading because of tone of voice. And, I am a writer who trips all over my tongue when I try to speak. Mostly, I already saw that Judge Weaver should be recused.

- 16. Mr. White made absurd statements like that I was "running and hiding" from being served summons. I found the lawsuit on Court Connect. I was not served.

 I answered on my own behalf without being served.
- 17. I was in shock that a judge would let an attorney use the tone of voice he used with me. There was no pretense of anything but Judge Weaver's adoration of Mr. White and the judge's disdain for me. She cooed over him.
- 18. I felt like I made all the proper objections and preserved my right to appeal the issues. But when I read the transcript, I was a deer caught in the headlights. I knew the court reporter was willing to do whatever Judge Weaver instructed her to do. And she had. She fictionalized the transcript.
- 19. At the March 17, 2022 Hearing:
- 20. Plaintiff dismissed me as an individual at the beginning of the hearing. The Reporter moved this dismissal to RT 115:22-24. The Court and Respondent's counsel likely did not realize, when planning their strategy together, that

dismissing a joint defense doctrine defendant would make dismissal of the defaulting defendant mandatory. Moving the request for dismissal to later in the hearing seems to be a weak attempt to make continuing against the defaulting defendant acceptable.

- 21. White used profanities about me several times that were not transcribed.

 During the hearing of March 17, 2022 in this case, Attorney William White

 ("White") leaned toward me and said "Bitch" in a loud and menacing tone. The

 Court did not admonish White.
- 22. The tone of the hearing was menacing. I was railroaded. White was coddled.
- 23. I made more objections than were transcribed. At the same time, I was cognizant that the Court intended to find me in contempt. I never had the chance to say "joint defense doctrine" before she shut me down. I did preserve the right to appeal on those grounds by describing the joint defense doctrine in the most cryptic way, by saying that the arguments that I wanted to make that would help the Rural Revival Living Trust also benefit me as an individual. The Court made it clear I would go to jail if I said anything that directly benefitted the trust.
- 24. A court watcher quoted Judge Weaver as saying ""I told you time and time again, you are not to say anything." That quote was not transcribed. I did not

remember those exact words and double checked with the court watcher. She confirmed that she believed it was a direct quote and signed a sworn letter to that effect.

- 25. White and Pietrczak repeatedly said I did this or that wrong, using my name and not the word "trust" nor "trustee". I remember thinking "they keep saying 'Laura did this and Laura did that'. I am sure to win on appeal because I am not allowed to deny the allegations about me. I am standing right here and they are lying and lying about me."
- 26. I might describe the hearing as a lynching, but at a lynching, the perpetrators of hate are angry. Here, it sounded like the Court and Mr. White were best friends having a party and the party game was to gag me then take all of my property and watch me suffer.
- 27. They won. The property was sold and the proceeds given to White and an irrevocable trust. Even if I win on appeal, and remand, it will be difficult to recoup my money.
- 28. But I lose more by allowing the orders to stand. Even after dismissing me as an individual with prejudice, the Court wrote into orders that I acted reprehensively and she seized my property rights to the real estate in question

and also my personal property that was never put into the Rural Revival Living Trust.

- 29. Most importantly, there is a public benefit to playing the recordings. Keeping the recordings under seal is the equivalent of third-party spoliation of evidence.My reasonable inference is that the Court is hiding something. I know what the Court is hiding.
- 30. I swear under penalty of perjury according to the laws of the United States and the State of Arkansas that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

July 21, 2022 <u>/s/ Laura Lynn Hammett</u>

Laura Lynn Hammett

Signed and notarized manually on the next page.

July 21, 2022 <u>with flaimmett</u>

Laura Lynn Hammett

State of Ackansas Faulkner County

Notarization

On this 21st day of July, 2022, before me, a Notary Public in and for the state, personally appeared Laura Lynn Hammett, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, Affidavit in Support of Motion to Correct and Settle the Record and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and official seal.

My commission expires February 9, 2025