

To whom it may concern,

I am sending the following information to initiate a complaint against Judge Referee Elizabeth Clydesdale (Ramsey County, MN) and Attorney Dan Van Loh (from the law firm Capistrant Van Loh). I am including information about both in the same document as the complaints against each stem from the same incident(s) / occurrences. The purpose of this complaint is to have these individuals held accountable for their actions pertaining to and surrounding Harassment Restraining Orders 62-HR-CV-21-362 and 62-HR-CV-21-361.

Important Background Information.

My name is Tim Hutchinson. I am a 63-year-old man who was with my wife over 31 years. We enjoyed a good life together. That is, until along came a man named Steven Anderson, who works at a Calvary church in Roseville. He began manipulating our daughter (Brittany) soon after dating her. She broke up with him and told me it was because Steven was "too controlling." She met with him again and he "shared his heart" and told her it was because of his upbringing that he was not able to properly express himself. Because of this she began dating him again. And is also the reason my family and I gave him a wide swath of grace and patience. Turns out he took total advantage of that and in the process has caused tremendous damage to our family, and we are now experiencing unimaginable pain. Due to his actions my daughter has completely shut me out of her life (where previously we were remarkably close). He has her convinced, through lies, that I am a horrible person.

My daughter is an RN who works on a Covid unit at a Twin Cities hospital, and I've not seen or spoken to her since February 2021.

I've asked the church where he works to help mediate this, and they responded by having their lawyer tell me to stay off their property and to not communicate with them. This is because of the lies he told them.

My daughter's boyfriend had convinced her to file a restraining order against me based upon lies. Afterwards, they married, and I was not allowed at the wedding and did not walk my daughter down the aisle. The first HRO was in

2021. When it was set to expire they filed for an extension, and was granted that. All based upon lies and improper court proceedings.

As a direct result of the lies he told about me, my wife and I divorced and we sold our house where we lived for the past 24 years.

Steven Anderson was able to get away with this, in large part because his attorney lied multiple times, and because the court referee acted improperly. I am now filing a complaint against both.

Summary of complaints,

Reasons attorney Dan Van Loh is being reported;

- 1) Before I agreed to accept the first HRO, Mr. Van Loh told me that if I fought back and won the HRO it would show up on Brittany's background check and could affect her employment and future missionary efforts. This turned out to be a lie.
- 2) I told him before the first HRO hearing a website was not for the public, but instead was a private journal, and the only person I invited to see it was his client, Steven Anderson. He later falsely claimed it was a public website set up to defame Steven. He later used this false narrative to request an emergency hearing for an extension of the HRO.
- 3) He suggested, and the court referee agreed, that no information or evidence from the first HRO be allowed at the trial for the second HRO. But then my private journal was introduced as evidence as a public website and became the bulk of their claim against me.
- 4) He went along with all of the blatantly false accusations against me and threw reasoning out the window by pushing forward with their hateful and hyper-exaggerated claims.
- 5) Any time I attempted to find ways to reconcile matters, Mr. Van Loh would state in an email that my continued efforts to work things out with my daughter were only pushing her away. He intentionally made things worse and much more difficult for me to restore peace and harmony in my family.

6) He claimed I was a liar and so was my sister (who had just lost her only daughter, suddenly and unexpectedly. I mentioned this before she was brought into the virtual courtroom to testify.)

Reasons Judge Referee Elizabeth Clydesdale is being reported;

1) When it was my turn to present my testimony, she stopped the proceedings and did not allow me to present any evidence or personal testimony to refute the claims of the plaintiff. In short; **I was denied my opportunity to testify.**

2) She allowed information to be presented that she previously said would not be allowed.

3) Allowed their attorney to speak harshly about my witnesses without any evidence to prove his statements.

4) Did not explain that I was not obligated to answer any of their attorneys' questions.

5) Was not there to seek truth and ultimately justice, but instead allowed their attorney to do whatever he please, despite it being obvious I was unable to defend myself.

6) When I made an honest mistake of providing evidence in an improper way before the trial, she harshly berated me in front of the others present, including my daughter.

Facts;

Either prior to, or during the first HRO hearing their attorney, Dan Van Loh told me that if I contested this matter and won, that would have a serious impact on my daughter's ability to obtain employment or continue going overseas as a volunteer. She is an RN and has traveled to different countries to help others. This is important to her, and it would be devastating if she could not continue doing so. Mr. Van Loh said that if I contested this matter and proved their claims were false (which they are), then anyone who did a background

check would see that my daughter had filed false documents with the court and would not hire her and allow her to do any more overseas volunteering.

Based upon that I agreed to the 2-year HRO uncontested and without finding of fact. I also agreed to take down a private journal I had online. This private journal is where I documented the events that had happened since Steven Anderson began manipulating my daughter. I am including a copy along with this letter and other evidence to show it is completely innocent. It is important to note that this journal was absolutely private and I only invited Steven over one time to show him that I had all this information and would make it public if he did not stop his manipulation and agree to make peace with me. All I wanted was peace in my family and to have a relationship with my daughter. He copied the entire private journal and used it as evidence against me. When I told his attorney, Mr. Van Loh it was a private online journal, he responded, "That's what pen and paper are for."

Nowhere in this journal are there any threats against Steven or my daughter.

Here is the text from the home page of this private journal

1 Peter 5:8 "...*Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*"

and;

John 10:10 "*The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy...*"

This website is the true story of how one person told evil lies to ruin a great father-daughter relationship. What's even more shocking is that person works at Calvary Church; his name is Steven Anderson - director of youth services.

When the father (Tim Hutchinson) asked Calvary to assist in rectifying the problem, the church had their attorney tell him to not communicate with them, and to stay off their property. Clearly Satan is causing a division based upon lies. This website is being put up to not only expose the lies of the devil, but to also as a call to prayer for Calvary and Steven Anderson, who caused so much heartache.

The dad had become so distraught that he attempted suicide. The response from Steven Anderson and the church, was nothing. No signs of compassion at all. No reaching out to see how he was doing - no offer to pray with him - absolutely nothing at all.

Steven then had a restraining order put in place against that father, and married his daughter. The father could not attend the wedding, or walk his daughter down the aisle.

Despite all of this, the father made 11 attempts at settling things peacefully. Neither the church nor Steven will communicate with him, at all.

This website is a humble request for prayer - a plea for mighty warriors of God to call upon the heavens to intervene - to strike down evil influences and to lift up the broken! For restoration of the relationship that was stolen from the father. For wisdom in the church so they may have a heart more like Christ's - and for healing of Steven's mind so he may awaken and realize that evil has been influencing his decisions, to repent, and come back to the Lord.

Here's some information from the father...

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, my name is Tim Hutchinson. I am a 60-year-old man, and have been with my wife for 32 years. Thus far we've enjoyed an amazing life together. That is, until along came a man who works at a church in MN. He began manipulating my daughter soon after dating her. Now my family and I are experiencing unimaginable pain. Due to his actions my daughter has completely shut me out of her life (where previously we were remarkably close). He has her convinced (through lies) that I am a horrible person.

My daughter is an RN who works on a Covid unit at a Twin Cities hospital, and I've not seen or spoken to her since February, 2021.

I've asked the church where he works at to help mediate this, and they responded by having their lawyer tell me to stay off their property and to not communicate with them. I later learned that at least some of the negative actions against me were likely the result of advice given by counselors at the church.

My daughters boyfriend had convinced her to file a restraining order against me based upon lies. Afterwards, they married and I was not allowed at the wedding and did not walk my daughter down the aisle.

As you will see below I have this situation well documented.

I have been hurt at a profound level; first, the relationship between my daughter and I; the wedding I did not get to attend and did not walk my daughter down the aisle; the suicide attempt; other relationships have been affected, and so has my job. There have been other deep impacts on myself as well. I have become socially withdrawn. This has been a living nightmare. And all as a result of lies. Evil lies which I believe are due to a monster inside of the church and

influencing Steven Anderson. A monster known as Satan. Please, join me in prayer against the evil among us, and for restoration of that which was stolen from me!”

The only thing other than the home page on this private journal, was the journal itself – which again is where I documented the events that happened, including emails, phones and text messages we sent each other. That journal is included in this complaint as a separate file.

I took the journal offline during the HRO hearing process. Later, during the filing of the second HRO, Mr. Van Loh would claim this was a “public website” and again try to use this against me.

[Note: there are several times in the above text which refers to my journal as a “website” – that is there in case I made the private journal public, which I never did.]

During the two-year period of the first HRO I sent my daughter letters through her attorney, Mr. Van Loh, as allowed by the HRO. These letters were infrequent and just letting her know that I love her and some updates. At one point in time, I asked Mr. Van Loh to discuss the possibility of reconciliation with Steven. Because of the upsetting nature of my not being able to see or speak with my daughter, I had mentioned the possibility of a lawsuit against Steven. Mr. Van Loh’s response was, in part; “...hurting Steven will hurt Brittany which would most assuredly undermine or end any future hope of reconciliation.” He also went on to say in another email that Steven does not want to reconcile with me.

As documented in the private journal, I tried 15 times to make peace with Steven, and he refused every attempt.

I did not violate the terms of the first HRO and was waiting for it to expire so I could once again find a way to have a relationship with my daughter. During those two years my family was asking me questions about the HRO and how things happened. It was upsetting for me to keep talking about it, so my idea was to have my youngest daughter interview me and make a video of that. Which we did. I then created a private web page, without links coming into or out of that page (you literally had to know the exact web page address to find it). I then password protected that page and uploaded the 93-minute video

and shared the link and password to five of my immediate family members. Once they had watched it, I took that page down. During the time it was up (only a few days) someone shared the link and password with my daughter, Brittany. She showed it to her husband Steven, who then planned to use it against me in filing for an extension of the HRO. You can view this video in its entirety by copying and pasting this private link into your browser:

<https://youtu.be/ZbYLElTAwO0>

The above video is not available to the public. It is only available by my sharing the link above to certain individuals, including yourself for the purpose of filing a complaint.

It is important to know at this point that in January of 2023 my niece suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. Her mom is my youngest sister. I stood by her side throughout this terrible time in her life. Months later she decided to try and help me by offering to organize some peaceful protests at Calvary church where Steven works. Her goal was to get the church to agree to help move Steven towards mediation. Her intentions were pure and honest. Initially I said no to this. Eventually I agreed when there were assurances that this would be peaceful and with the understanding that I would not participate.

I sent a letter about this to Mr. Van Loh. Shortly afterwards I was served papers for an extension of the HRO, which was to soon expire. I planned to ask for a trial in the hopes that the truth could finally come out. I called my sister and explained this, asking her to stop the plans for a protest.

Part of their claim is that I was a CIA assassin and they have concerns I would harm (or murder) hundreds of children at a church. These are outrageous lies and they have no evidence or witnesses for this claim. In fact, they do not have any witnesses or evidence against me at all which would show that I am a threat to them, or to anyone. Because in reality, I am a peaceful person and the victim of lies. Except for the one daughter who was convinced to file an HRO against me, the entire rest of the family is on my side.

During the first hearing, I asked for a trial. Mr. Van Loh told Judge Referee Clydesdale that nothing from the first HRO should be allowed in this trial. She agreed.

Prior to the day of the trial, I submitted evidence through the Minnesota Digital Exhibit System. I also sent a list of the items submitted to their attorney, Mr. Van Loh. When I did not hear back from him, I called his office. A woman there said that he was not available. She checked the email and said they had it and everything was fine.

On the day of the trial, I found out that I was also supposed to send the evidence to their attorney, and not just a list. I somehow thought they would be able to access it through the Minnesota Digital Exhibit System where I had uploaded it too. The Judge Referee spoke very harshly to me about this honest mistake. She mentioned that this matter would be concluded on that day but did not give any times or reference a length of time it would last. In the papers I was served it mentioned that this trial would last at least 3 hours.

One of the first things that happened was I was found to be in violation of the first HRO because I shared my side of the story with 5 members of my immediate family. To avoid having to tell my story repeatedly, I made a video (as previously mentioned) and shared with them on a hidden web page that was additionally password protected. Once those 5 people saw the video I took it down. In the court filing for extension of the HRO (which was made on an emergency basis – literally for no reason at all other than dramatic effect) it mentioned the video and said they could provide a transcript if needed. This was clearly an attempt to make it seem as though the video had illegal or violent content. Nothing could be further from the truth. Their statement was intended to be misleading. Some of those who watched the video came to me afterwards and said this confirmed they were right to believe me and not the lies Steven was telling. The video was not shown in court nor was a transcript presented, yet the Judge Referee found this to be in violation of the HRO without knowing any of the content.

It should also be noted here that Brittany admitted to her mom that she did not write all of her HRO filing – Steven did and she just copied & pasted it. So

there remains the possibility that she does not even know what her HRO filing says.

During the trial their attorney questioned me at length about the private journal I had online previously. There was really nothing there that was a threat to anyone and seemed like a big waste of time. They had no evidence and no witnesses.

I believe the Judge Referee should have informed me that I was not under any obligation to answer Mr. Van Loh's questions and that I have a right to not submit to his questioning.

During the trial their attorney (Mr. Van Loh) acted rudely and was clearly not interested in truth and justice – this was purely a seek and destroy mission for him. It was almost as if he took pleasure in attacking a man who was clearly emotionally distraught, and the Judge Referee allowed this.

When it was my turn, I was able to call a few witnesses, and was told that I could not ask them questions about anything the Plaintiff's had not already introduced as evidence. This limited what I could do and felt like my opportunity to prove my innocence was being intentionally squashed. For example, I asked if my sister could read a statement. I explained that her daughter had passed away only a few months ago and she was still grieving. The Judge denied that request. Here is the statement she was going to read:

Good morning your honor. I am here today to make a statement in support of my brother, Tim Hutchinson. I have known him all of my life, which is now more than 50 years. Nothing in these court filings comes even close to who my brother really is.

To begin, I will share with you about my only daughter, Jessica. Several months ago she suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. Children should bury their parents, not the other way around. This was one of the most devastating things I've experienced in my life. In that time of enormous grief, my brother Tim rushed to my side and remained there as a steady rock for me to hold onto. Without him I don't even know how I would have made it through all of this.

My brother Tim and I are close, and we talk on the phone at least 3 or 4 times a week. At least once a week during our calls, as Tim will be talking about his daughter Brittany, and how much he loves her and wants to see her, he will cry. Not just a little, but actually sobbing. He is truly hurt by these terrible lies about him.

I know my brother had contacted several attorneys looking for a way to resolve this matter outside of a court proceeding – he wanted this to be settled peacefully and privately as a family should. His desire was for this family to come together and resolve this using mediators. The attorneys told him that it was unlikely that Steven would voluntarily agree to this, and that going to the church he worked at would be the best solution. Especially since Steven had previously talked with the church about doing mediation.

My brother had said that he tried contacting the church several times previously and they wouldn't agree to any mediation or investigation. He said he wasn't sure what the next steps were and that he was going to wait until the restraining order expires and see if they can move forward with coming together as a family and working through this.

Because we are family, and especially that he helped me so much when my daughter died, I wanted to find a way to help ease his pain. My thought was to try and get the church to agree to do an investigation or at least mediate this matter. So I contacted family members and friends to see if they would help with a protest at the church. Every person said yes, they absolutely believe Tim is innocent of these outrageous claims.

I then called Tim and explained what we were ready to do. He said no, don't do that. Just wait. As he has said all along, we should practice peace and calm – love and forgiveness. I waited a few days and asked him again. He still said no, don't do anything. So I went online and looked up laws concerning peaceful protests. From that I made a list and told others that if we did this that we would only remain on public property, act peacefully 100% of the time, and if approached by anyone we would be polite and courteous. This was always intended to be a peaceful protest to help my brother, not a riot.

I called my brother a third time and explained how we would act. He agreed and said that everyone there must promise to act in a calm and peaceful

manner. My brother also said that he would not attend these protests, due to the lies about him being a danger to the church. He then sent an email to the church's attorney requesting they do an investigation, stating if they didn't there would be a protest. They declined his request. He also sent an email to Steven, through his attorney letting him know what the plan was. He also offered Steven an opportunity to share what ideas he had about how to resolve this. The response was to file another restraining order against my brother.

Tim said he is going to ask for a trial, and that I should call off the protests. So I cancelled them. It's a sad day when a court needs to get involved in order for the truth to come out between family members.

Your honor, I have never heard my brother say anything about being violent or do anything illegal. Instead, he has encouraged his family to remain peaceful and calm, and to act with love and forgiveness. I'm not sure if Tim wants me to say anything about this, but Steven had approached my brother asking him to send him money to help with living expenses. My brother said yes, absolutely. And he has been sending this help every month now for the past 2 and a half years. Even though they say horrible lies about him, he still helps. That's who my brother really is – not some demon crawling out the pit of hell as they want you to believe.

Our family looks up to Tim, and respects him greatly. And we stand beside him 100% because we know who he really is.

Thank you, your honor for the opportunity to come here today and speak this truth on behalf of a great man, husband, father, brother, uncle and American citizen.

Despite being denied a chance for her to read that statement, I was able to ask her questions about it and she answered truthfully. When it was Mr. Van Loh's turn he asked her some questions and then told the Judge that my sister was a liar. I had a few other witnesses, but again felt as though I could not ask them to share the real truth because of concern their attorney would only attack them, as he did my sister. So I decided it would be best for myself to state the truth. As soon as I said that I was done presenting witnesses and would testify myself, the Judge ended the proceedings and said Mr. Van Loh

and myself could make brief closing remarks. I was stunned and felt as though this proceeding was completely unfair and the result of a corrupt court. Their attorney asked for the HRO extension to be for life – meaning I could never again see or speak to my daughter again. He also called my witnesses liars.

In the end Steven got a 10-year extension and Brittany got another 2-years.

All because of lies told by Steven, his attorney acting in an unethical manner, and a Judge Referee that clearly did not care about truth, justice or my family.

Summary

In addition, even talking about this matter is emotionally upsetting. It took a long time for me to even begin to write this letter of complaint. Having someone that you love so dearly, being stripped out of your life because of a barrage of horrible lies is overwhelming. And to have that result in a failed marriage, loss of the family home, health problems and becoming depressed is unfathomable.

I am asking...no, **begging** for help with this. **Please**, let there be someone out there who still believes in truth and justice – someone in a position to help set the truth free. I am 100% certain that if the truth were told, then neither the original or the extension would have been granted. I would have a relationship with my daughter, my marriage would not have failed, we would still be in our family home, and my health would be better.

End notes:

- 1) Earlier in 2023 I contacted the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and asked them to review this matter. I presented to them all the information that I have in as straightforward and honest way possible. Their response to me was that if I could have the Civil Court refer this matter to them, they would continue their investigation and likely arrest Steven. When I asked what, if anything, I had done wrong, they replied, "Nothing, you're a good, good father, sir." At the time I did not know if

there was to be another court hearing and had hoped the first HRO would expire, and we could work things out as a family. If that happened, then I would not have asked the court to refer this to law enforcement. However, when they filed for an extension, I decided to ask for this referral during the trial. I never had the opportunity to do so because I was not allowed to present my testimony.

- 2) I tried to hire a lawyer after the issuing of the HRO extension and spoke with several of them about an appeal. None would take the case because I had been found guilty of violating the original HRO. I tried to explain it was about the video, but they said it doesn't matter, it is still a violation. So, I decided to do something myself, and it seems my only recourse is to file this complaint. This would have been filed sooner, however there were several exacerbating events; a) I was divorced due to the stress of the lies in the HRO(s). b) Our family home was sold, and I became temporarily homeless. c) I face several health challenges, one of them is I now have heart disease. d) My youngest daughter became addicted to meth, and I rescued her. (She is now clean, stable and working as a supervisor at a well-known hotel chain.)

Attachments: the backstory. HRO court filings (first and extension).