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## Marron Lawyers Secures \$176,000 Sanction Award in Anti-SLAPP Proceedings

After 2+ years of complex anti-SLAPP litigation in the Los Angeles Superior Court, the Second Circuit Court of Appeal and before the California Supreme Court, Attorneys Paul Marron and Greg Scarlett recently secured a \$176,043.73 award of attorney fees and costs for their client. Marron Lawyers' client is a \$200 million dollar company that sued a coalition of competitors who had put up a fraudulent webpage. The competitors misused our client's trade name and address on their webpage in order to siphon off our client's customer base.

Marron Lawyers' emergency Motion for Injunctive Relief resulted in the immediate dismantling of the defendants' webpage. However, in a retaliatory move, defendants filed an Anti-SLAPP motion claiming that Marron Lawyers' client had violated the defendants "commercial free speech" rights by suing. This frivolous conduct eventually led to Marron and Scarlett securing the \$176,000 award against defendants and their attorney.

The award is one of the largest sanctions awards ever made by the Los Angeles Superior Court in a case of this type. The Marron/Scarlett team defeated the legal maneuvers of the defendants and their counsel in the trial court, the Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. The Appellate Court issued a strongly worded opinion affirming Marron Lawyers' client and directing that an award of fees and costs be entered against Defendants and their counsel.

Anti-SLAPP motions are a complex and potentially lethal aspect of many litigation cases that involve freedom of speech/right to public petition claims. They are typically filed at the outset of a case where issues of free speech or public interest are involved. Sometimes the defendant files an unsupported Anti-SLAPP motion which seeks dismissal of a meritorious lawsuit (as the defendants did here). Marron Lawyers' attorneys are sophisticated in Anti-SLAPP law and soundly defeated the cynical efforts of defendants and their counsel, proving that the motion was frivolous and designed to delay the progress of the underlying suit.

Mr. Scarlett did stellar work on this case, all the way through defendants' appeal to the California Supreme Court (for which fees were awarded). Marron Lawyers has deep experience and sophistication in anti-SLAPP matters. The firm consistently obtains five to six figure fee awards for clients on these motions, which are often treacherous for inexperienced attorneys.



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