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15 Entity; and Julius Baer BANK AND TRUST
16 CO. LTD, a Cayman Islands entity,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 WIKILEAKS, an entity of unknown form,
20 WIKILINKS.ORG, an entity of unknown
21 form; DYNADOT, LLC, a CALIFORNIA
22 limited liability corporation, and DOES 1
23 through 10, inclusive,

24 Defendants.

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) OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN
) OPPOSITION TO THE TEMPORARY
) RESTRAINING ORDER, PROPOSED
) PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND
) PERMANENT INJUNCTION
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1 decision under section 230 of the Communications Decency Act to immunize internet users such as
2 Mathews and other Wikileaks contributors against liability for content created by third parties.

3 Mathews respectfully urges the Court to immediately lift the injunctions.
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5 **FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

6 Daniel Mathews is a mathematics graduate student at Stanford University with a longstanding
7 interest and involvement in human rights activism. *Id.*, ¶ 1. He also earned a law degree in Australia,
8 his native country. When he learned that a project called “Wikileaks” claimed to “be developing an
9 uncensorable Wikipedia for untraceable mass document leaking and analysis” he believed the project
10 was an important tool for human rights and anti-corruption activists. *Id.* Mathews was interested in
11 volunteering some of his time and energy as a scholar, activist and writer to analyzing the authenticity
12 and significance of purportedly “leaked” documents with potential human rights implications. *Id.*

13 As noted in the TRO, there are a large number of domain names that contain the term
14 “Wikileaks,” all of which resolve to the same “Wikileaks” website. TRO at ¶ 3:1-4. Prior to its being
15 taken down by this Court’s permanent injunction, the “Wikileaks.org” name was by far the most
16 commonly used domain name. Mathews Decl., ¶ 3. “Wikileaks” is a website that uses wiki
17 software. Wiki software allows users to create, edit, and link web pages easily, and enables the
18 creation of collaborative websites. *Id.* Wiki software enables the creation of a website in which any
19 member of the public can create pages, as well as enabling members of the public to delete or modify
20 pages created by others. *Id.* Websites employing such software (and there are different versions of
21 such software) are often themselves referred to as *wikis*. *Id.* Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia, is
22 one of the best known wikis, but there are many other wikis. *Id.*

23 The Wikileaks project, as Mathews understood it, was primarily designed to provide a wiki
24 that whistleblowers and human rights activists could use to anonymously leak documents with
25 important human rights implications to the public. *Id.*, ¶ 4. Anonymity is essential to the project
26 since in many repressive regimes, any such whistleblower would face severe reprisals for disclosing
27 human rights violations or other government wrongdoing, such as, for example, misuse of Western
28 aid. *Id.*; *see also* Declaration of Nicole Fritz (director of human rights center in Johannesburg

1 testifying to the severe risks faced by whistleblowers and human rights workers, the lack of legal
2 means to secure information about wrongdoing and abuses, and the potential utility of anonymous
3 conduits such as Wikileaks in remedying these shortcomings).

4 At the same time, however, a necessary corollary of such anonymity is that it is difficult to
5 determine whether any purported “leak” is authentic, or to determine the significance of such a
6 document. *Id.*, ¶ 5. The power of a wiki is that it provides not only the mechanism to leak the
7 document, but also a forum for any member of the public who may have knowledge relevant to the
8 “leak” to critique, debunk, and analyze the document for this purpose. *Id.* Allowing such critiques
9 and analyses to be submitted anonymously enables knowledgeable people who themselves may reside
10 under the regime to provide valuable information with which to evaluate and understand such “leaks,”
11 if indeed that is what they are. *Id.* As the Wikileaks site explains, “If a document comes from the
12 Chinese government, the entire Chinese dissident community and diaspora can freely scrutinize and
13 discuss it; if a document arrives from Iran, the entire Farsi community can analyze it and put it in
14 context.” *Id.*

15 Thus, as documents appeared through Wikileaks which were interesting to Mathews, he
16 occasionally contributed to analyses and articles about them, when he had the time and energy.
17 Mathews Decl. at ¶ 6. In 2006, a document was leaked to Wikileaks that was purportedly written by
18 Sheik Aweys, a leader of the Union of Islamic Courts, one of several entities that had been vying for
19 power in the Somali civil war. *Id.* On its face, the document proclaimed an Islamic Republic in
20 Somalia, and stated that “whosoever leaks this information and is found guilty should be shot.” *Id.* at
21 ¶ and Exh. A. Mathews, along with others, wrote an analysis of the document in the context of the
22 larger Somali political situation, including an analysis of whether the document was authentic. *Id.* A
23 version of the article largely written by Mathews is still posted on the Wikileaks website. *Id.* In the
24 nature of a wiki, the article may have been edited by others since it was originally posted, although it
25 appears that any editing was minor. *Id.* Said S. Samatar, Professor of African History at Rutgers
26 University, said “This is a remarkably well researched and written piece. Informative, lucid and
27 incisive.” *Id.*

28 In 2007, a document was leaked to Wikileaks that showed the extent to which the family and

1 associates of the former Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi had siphoned off over two billion dollars
2 of state money into a web of shell companies, secret trusts and frontmen in countries around the
3 world, including the Cayman Islands and Switzerland. *Id.* at ¶ 7 and Exh. B. The report had been
4 commissioned by the President of Kenya, Mwai Kibaki, but had later been suppressed and had never
5 been released publicly. *Id.* Mathews and others contributed to an analysis of the document and of
6 corruption in Kenya that concluded that the document was genuine. *Id.* The leaked documents and
7 the resulting story were widely reported in the international media. *Id.* The documents (and the
8 failure to publicly release them) discredited President Kibaki’s pledge to turn a new leaf in rooting out
9 corruption. *Id.*

10 Mathews had no involvement in the leaking of the Julius Baer documents. *Id.*, ¶ 8. He has
11 not commented on or edited these documents. *Id.* He never read any of the Julius Baer documents,
12 until he was served with some of them as attachments to the Complaint, at which point he only
13 skimmed them. *Id.* He does not know who submitted the documents to Wikileaks other than Julius
14 Baer’s contention that they were submitted by Rudolf Elmer.

15 The Wikileaks site claims that it uses generally available wiki software combined with
16 elements of cryptographic software to mask the identities of those who wish to submit documents.
17 *Id.*, ¶ 9. Mathews is not a software engineer or programmer and has no relevant technical
18 programming or networking skills or knowledge. *Id.* He does not know what software is actually
19 used on the Wikileaks site(s), nor does he know whether the cryptographic capabilities of the software
20 are as advertised. *Id.* He does not know where the servers are that run any of the Wikileaks wiki
21 software, although he has read news reports indicating that the servers are in Sweden. *Id.* He does not
22 know who is in control of these servers. *Id.* There are many domain names that resolve to the
23 “Wikileaks” website, some of which contain the name “Wikileaks” and some of which do not. *Id.*
24 Mathews has no understanding of the technical mechanisms whereby various Wikileaks sites all
25 “mirror” each other, although he is aware that multiple “mirror” domain names were created well in
26 advance of the instant litigation, in order to help users in China evade attempts by the Chinese
27 government to block their access to the Wikileaks site. *Id.*

28 It is Mathews’ understanding that any member of the public, including Plaintiffs, can post

1 comments regarding the Julius Baer documents, edit the documents, or delete them. *Id.*, ¶ 10. As far
2 as Mathews is aware, Plaintiffs have never attempted to do so. *Id.* It is also his understanding, that
3 (as with any wiki) any such commenting, editing or deleting can be easily reversed by someone else.
4 *Id.* Whoever submitted the Julius Baer documents in the first place (presumably Rudolf Elmer) can
5 always resubmit the documents. *Id.* Mathews does not have any ability to irreversibly delete the
6 Julius Baer documents, or to block the documents from being resubmitted by Rudolf Elmer or anyone
7 else. *Id.*

8 On February 13, 2008, Mathews was served via email (and also personally) with the
9 Summons, Complaint and other papers in this action. *Id.*, ¶ 11. The emails from Plaintiffs' counsel
10 stated that Mathews was an "WL Officer." *Id.* Mathews is not an "officer" of "Wikileaks" or any
11 other formal or informal organization responsible for the administration or management of Wikileaks.
12 *Id.* The Wikileaks site lists members of an "advisory board," but Mathews is not listed as, and is not,
13 one of them. *Id.* Mathews immediately responded that he did not know why he was being served
14 with the documents, but that he "presume[d]" plaintiffs' counsel had served him with the summons
15 "because I am a registered user of the wikileaks website and have written some material there. But I
16 have no other connection to this case, have not read the documents from Bank Julius Baer which are
17 the subject of this case, have not written anything about them, and generally know very little about the
18 case." *Id.*

19 Plaintiffs' counsel responded: "Wikileaks lists you as an officer of the company on its
20 Facebook page. As an officer of a defendant in this action, my client is entitled to serve you a copy of
21 the summons and complaint pursuant to Rule 4(h)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure." *Id.*
22 Facebook is a website created for college students (and now used by others) as a social networking
23 site. *Id.* at ¶ 12. The Wikileaks website had invited people to start discussion groups on Facebook
24 and other websites. *Id.* The Facebook page at issue had identified Mathews as the "Stanford rep." of
25 the discussion group, and the Facebook term "officer" has no significance; the fact that he is an
26 "admin" merely indicated that he was a moderator of that discussion group. *Id.* Mathews responded
27 to Plaintiff's counsel: "I am an officer of a facebook group, which is essentially a message board for
28 discussion of issues relating to wikileaks. I am not, and never have been, an officer of wikileaks, and I

1 request you not to represent that I am.” *Id.* Nevertheless, on February 22, 2008, Plaintiffs counsel
2 declared to this Court that “Plaintiffs served a copy of the TRO and OSC on the Wikileaks
3 Defendants via e-mail, per the Court’s prior order, ... to the personal e-mail address for a listed officer
4 of Wikileaks.” Decl. of Spiegel re Notice of Non-Opposition, ¶ 4.

5 Mathews has never had any communications with Julie Turner, who Plaintiffs contend was
6 Wikileaks’ attorney, about this case or any legal matter. *Id.*, ¶ 13. Mathews did not obtain legal
7 representation in this matter until after the Court’s deadline to file opposition to the TRO had passed.
8 *Id.*

10 ARGUMENT

11 I. ***Mathews Has Standing to Challenge the Permanent Injunction and the TRO as Prior*** 12 ***Restraints Upon His Rights and the Rights of Others to Speak and to Receive Information.***

13 Mathews has standing to challenge the TRO because it purportedly applies to him. The TRO
14 on its face restrains “DEFENDANTS WIKILEAKS and WIKILEAKS.ORG and DOES 1-10
15 (collectively the “Wikileaks Defendants”) ... and all of their respective *officers* ... website site
16 developers ... and all those in active concert or participation with the Wikileaks Defendants ... and
17 all others who *receive notice of this order.*” TRO, ¶ 1 (emphasis added). Mathews has been served
18 with the Summons, Complaint, and TRO in this action. *Cf. Planned Parenthood Golden Gate v.*
19 *Garibaldi*, 107 Cal.App.4th 345, 349 (2003) (injunction purporting to bind “all persons with actual
20 notice of this judgment” does not bind persons who have not been personally served). Moreover,
21 although he is not an “officer” of Wikileaks, Plaintiffs contend that he is, and given the general
22 vagueness of Plaintiffs allegations, they may contend that he is a “website site developer” as well.
23 Further adding to the confusion is that Plaintiffs have defined the term “Wikileaks Defendants” to
24 include “their respective officers.” Proposed Order Granting Preliminary Injunction at 2:21.
25 Mathews denies that he is an “officer” of Wikileaks, but as long as these issues remain in dispute
26 before this Court, the injunction has the effect of restricting and chilling his exercise of First
27 Amendment rights. He also has standing to challenge the Permanent Injunction, as it interferes with
28 his ability to reach readers who expect to find his work at Wikileaks.org.

1 Moreover, Mathews has standing to assert the rights of others whose activities might be
2 restricted or chilled by the TRO even if his own exercise of those activities were not protected. An
3 injunction is invalid “if it prohibits privileged exercises of First Amendment rights whether or not the
4 record discloses that the petitioner has engaged in privileged conduct.” *NAACP v. Button*, 371 U.S.
5 415, 432 (1963). The Court may consider possible applications outside the factual contexts presented
6 in the case. *Id.*; accord *Thornhill v. Alabama*, 310 U.S. 88, 97-98 (1940).¹

7 Moreover, Mathews may challenge any aspect of the OSC that has the *potential* to restrict his
8 speech, since it “cannot [be] assum[ed] that, in its subsequent enforcement, ambiguities will be
9 resolved in favor of adequate protection of First Amendment rights. Precision of regulation must
10 be the touchstone in an area so closely touching our most precious freedoms.” *NAACP*, 371 U.S. at
11 438.

12 Thus, for example, even though the TRO’s language “in active concert or participation” is
13 used in the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2)(C), as applied to the facts of this case such
14 terminology creates an unconstitutional uncertainty as to the potential scope of the TRO. Human
15 rights activists such as Mathews are left to wonder whether any of their activities on the Wikileaks
16 sites – posting comments or analyses of documents, or editing the comments of others, will be deemed
17 to constitute “active concert or participation” so as to bring them within the scope of the Court’s
18 injunction. *See, e.g., In re Berry*, 68 Cal. 2d 137, 151 (1968) (injunction barring “all persons in active
19 concert or participation with” named Defendants from picketing or similar labor activities held to be
20 unconstitutionally vague.”).

21 By the same token, the TRO orders persons subject to it to “remove [the Julius Baer
22 Documents] from the Wikileaks websites, including any other websites owned or operated by the
23 Wikileaks Defendants *or within their control.*” TRO at 3:19 (emphasis added). The emphasized
24 words are impermissibly vague on the facts of this case, since it is in the nature of wiki software to
25 provide *any member of the public* some level of control over the website. Similarly, the TRO’s
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27 ¹ As discussed at greater length by those who have sought leave to intervene or file *Amici* briefs, the First Amendment
28 protects not only the right to speak but also the right to *receive* information. *See, e.g., Kleindienst v. Mandel*, 408 U.S. 753,
762 (1972); *Lamont v. Postmaster Gen.*, 381 U.S. 301, 308 (1965).

1 requirement that all persons subject to the order “give notice of this Order to ... anyone *responsible*
2 *[sic]* or with access to modify the website ...” is ambiguous for the same reason, and potentially
3 applies to any member of the public. TRO at 3:25-26. Further confusion is engendered when those
4 ambiguous references are read in conjunction with the TRO’s command to “immediately block and
5 otherwise prevent any current or future use” of the Julius Baer documents (TRO 3:11-12), enjoining
6 the “distributing, *linking to*, or otherwise providing *any information for the access or other*
7 *dissemination*” of the Julius Baer Documents “and any information or data contained therein,
8 including on [listing multiple “mirror sites” established by Wikileaks prior to this litigation], and any
9 other websites under their ownership, control *and/or [sic]* *which they can post or edit any content.*”
10 TRO at 2:25-3:4 (emphasis added).

11 Particularly in light of the Permanent Injunction’s disabling of the most commonly known
12 domain name of Wikileaks, Wikileaks.org, the cumulative result of these aspects of the TRO is to
13 chill Mathews and other human rights activists from exercising their right to continue to post and
14 contribute to analyses of documents on Wikileaks (quite apart from the Julius Baer Documents),
15 because any communication that assists people in finding the Wikileaks website is purportedly barred
16 by the TRO. Mathews is barred, for example, from directing anyone interested in learning about the
17 current contested election and civil strife in Kenya to his own published Wikileaks research into
18 President Kibeki’s record on corruption. Although Plaintiffs concede that there are documents on
19 Wikileaks that they do not contend were “wrongful[ly]” posted, and “do not contend that [such
20 documents] should be removed,” Memo.P.A. at 8:20-21, 10:3-8; Hiestand Decl. at ¶ 27, this
21 concession is worthless. In fact, the vague language of the TRO has the practical effect of inhibiting
22 anyone might wish to post, edit, or analyze *any* documents on Wikileaks or invite others to do the
23 same.

24 **II. *The Injunctions Impose an Impermissible Prior Restraint on Mathews and Others Who Seek***
25 ***To Contribute To, and Communicate Through, the Wikileaks Site***

26 **A. *Prior Restraints On Speech Face a “Heavy Presumption of Invalidity.”***

27 The injunctions at issue here are classic prior restraints, “the most serious and least tolerable
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1 infringement on First Amendment rights.” *Nebraska Press Ass’n v. Stuart*, 427 U.S. 539, 559 (1976);
2 *Near v. Minnesota*, 283 U.S. 697 (1931) (overturning as unconstitutional an injunction “abating” a
3 “malicious, scandalous, and defamatory” periodical and restraining future publication); *Organization*
4 *for a Better Austin v. Keefe*, 402 U.S. 415 (1971). As such, the injunctions carry “a ‘heavy
5 presumption’ against [their] constitutional validity.” *Id.* at 419 (citing *Carroll v. President &*
6 *Commissioners of Princess Anne Cty*, 393 U.S. 175, 181 (1968); *Bantam Books, Inc. v. Sullivan*, 372
7 U.S. 58, 70 (1963). “When a prior restraint is issued by a court, there is a special *in terrorem* effect to
8 the judicial order that does not exist in the case of subsequent punishments. Because of the
9 consequences of the ‘collateral bar rule’ and the power of contempt of court as punishment for
10 disobedience of court orders, judicially imposed prior restraints have an uncommonly potent capacity
11 to infringe on First Amendment Rights.” Rodney Smolla, *Smolla and Nimmer on Freedom of Speech*
12 (2007) at p. 15-14.4-15-14.5.

13 A temporary restraining order “issued in the area of First Amendment rights must be couched
14 in the narrowest terms that will accomplish the pin-pointed objective permitted by constitutional
15 mandate and the essential needs of the public order. In this sensitive field, the State may not employ
16 ‘means that broadly stifle fundamental personal liberties when the end can be more narrowly
17 achieved.’ In other words, the order must be tailored as precisely as possible to the exact needs of the
18 case.” *Carroll*, 393 U.S. at 183-184 (internal citations and quotation marks omitted); *accord Madsen*
19 *v. Women’s Health Ctr. Inc.*, 512 U.S. 753 (1994).

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21 ***B. The Interest of Offshore Tax Havens In Maintaining Bank Secrecy Cannot Possibly***
22 ***Constitute A Sufficient Interest to Impose a Prior Restraint***

23 “The loss of First Amendment freedoms, for even minimal periods of time, unquestionably
24 constitutes irreparable injury.” *Elrod v. Burns*, 427 U.S. 347, 373-374 (1976) (citing *New York Times*
25 *Co. v. United States*, 403 U.S. 713 (1971). The *New York Times* case involved leaking of an
26 important classified set of documents (the so-called “Pentagon Papers”) at the height of the Vietnam
27 War. The United States sought to enjoin the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* from publishing
28 the contents of these papers. *Id.* The case made its way to the United States Supreme Court with

1 great haste. *Id.* The Court concluded that the United States had not carried its burden of showing
2 that a prior restraint upon the newspapers was warranted. *Id.* Significantly, this was so even though,
3 as several concurring Justices suggested in dictum, the newspapers themselves might well have been
4 prosecuted for the leaks under the Espionage Act. *Id.*, 403 US at 730 (Stewart, J. concurring), 733
5 (White J concurring), 748 (Marshall, J. Concurring).²

6 Thus, to defeat the “heavy presumption” against prior restraints, the Julius Baer Banks must
7 convince this Court that the banking secrecy laws of offshore tax havens are a more compelling
8 interest than the espionage statutes aimed at protecting the national security secrets of the United
9 States. That proposition, of course, is absurd. To the contrary, offshore tax haven secrecy laws are
10 *inimical* to the public interest – the purpose of such laws is manifestly to enable persons to hide assets
11 from the reach of creditors, the Internal Revenue Service, and the United States Courts. ³ *See, e.g.*,
12 *Goldberg v. Lawrence*, 227 B.R. 907, 917 (Bankr.D.Fla 1988) (Debtor is unfortunately “apparently
13 not alone in his belief” that “hide-the-ball, ‘catch me if you can’ conduct” is acceptable. “There is a
14 growing body of case law surrounding debtors who have secreted their assets in distant jurisdictions
15 with laws which would make the stereotypical Swiss banker proud.”). A United States Court need not
16 apply offshore laws that, as applied, offend the public policy of the United States. *Id.* (citing *In re*
17 *Portnoy*, 201 B.R. 685 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1996)). *A fortiori*, a United States cannot impose a prior
18 restraint where the sole justification therefore is an assertion that publication would violate the secrecy

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20 ²In fact, under current jurisprudence, a publisher of information that was unlawfully acquired by a third party,
21 where the publisher did not itself participate in any violation of the laws, may well be immune from liability under the
22 First Amendment. *See, e.g., Bartnicki v. Vopper*, 532 U.S. 514, 527 (2001); *Florida Star v. B.J.F.*, 491 U.S. 524, 541
23 (1989). There is no need to reach that issue at this stage of the proceedings, since the question is not the ultimate liability
of any defendant but the (much easier) question whether a prior restraint is warranted. Moreover, as discussed further
below in section II.B. below, in the specific context of the internet Congress has barred liability for the publication of
content provided by a third party.

24 ³Insofar as the Julius Baer Banks complain about a loss to their “reputations,” MPA at 19:8, they would appear to be
referring to the loss of their reputation as an offshore tax haven wherein a client may shield its assets from scrutiny by
creditors or revenue authorities. For the reasons stated above, this interest is contrary to U.S. public policy, and in any
event insufficient to support a prior restraint. The record also includes assertions that, among the leaked documents were
“altered and/or forged or semi-forged ‘leaked’ documents,” without further explanation or specificity. *Heiland Decl.*, ¶ 24.
Such cagey and vague assertions are insufficient to show liability for false statements (let alone support a prior restraint).
26 *See, e.g., ComputerXpress v. Jackson*, 93 Cal.App.4th 993, 1011 (2001) (no claim for trade libel shown where plaintiffs
have not “even identified which of the numerous postings included in the record it contends were actionable. Instead,
27 [plaintiff] simply refers this court to the 131 pages of Internet postings contained in the record, apparently assuming it is
the court’s obligation to determine how they support [plaintiffs’] position.”).

1 laws of an offshore tax haven. *See also: Tax Haven Abuses: The Enablers, the Tools and Secrecy*,
 2 U.S. Senate Comt. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on
 3 Investigations (2006) (available at
 4 www.senate.gov/~levin/newsroom/supporting/2006/PSI_taxhavenabuses.080106.pdf) at, e.g., 2 n.5
 5 (“this Subcommittee took testimony from a U.S. owner of a Cayman Island offshore bank who
 6 estimated that 100% of his clients were engaged in tax evasion, and 95% were U.S. citizens”); *Cf.*
 7 USCS Appx § 2B1.1(8)(B) imposing a sentencing enhancement where a ‘sophisticated means’ is
 8 employed, to wit: “especially intricate offense conduct pertaining to the execution or concealment of
 9 an offense, [f]or example, conduct such as hiding assets or transactions, or both, through the use of ...
 10 offshore financial accounts also ordinarily indicates sophisticated means.”); *Bondi v. Grant Thornton*
 11 *Int’l (In re Parmalat Securities Litigation)*, 421 F. Supp.2d 703, 714 (D.N.Y. 2006) (persons aiding
 12 and abetting company insiders in “setting up offshore companies in financial secrecy havens whose
 13 basic purpose was to engage in transactions designed to hide Parmalat's mounting losses, and to
 14 siphon off billions of dollars and euros from the company into their own pockets” may be liable for
 15 same); *Hiestand Decl*, Exh. D, p. 113 (Wikileaks page summarizing leaked document purporting to
 16 describe individual as concealing money in a Cayman Island trust, noting that an initial investigation
 17 of that document *does not* harmonize with information about that individual, and that the responsible
 18 tax investigation unit in Germany has been notified.).⁴

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 20 **C. *There Cannot Be a Compelling Interest In Restraining Mathews’or Others’ Speech***
 21 ***Where, as Here, Such Speech Has Been Specifically Immunized by Act of Congress***

22 Plaintiffs cannot assert a compelling interest in restraining Mathews’ speech because the
 23 speech at issue here (i.e. of speakers other than the poster of the Julius Baer documents) has been
 24 specifically immunized by Act of Congress. Congress “has chosen for policy reasons to immunize
 25 from liability for defamatory or obscene speech ‘providers and users of interactive computer services’
 26 when the defamatory or obscene material is ‘provided’ by someone else.” *Batzel v. Smith*, 333 F.3d

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 28 ⁴ While there is no compelling public interest in protecting anonymity of those who would secrete assets in offshore havens, the First Amendment does protect the right to *spea*k anonymously. *McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Commission*, 514 U.S. 334, 341-343 (1995); *Rancho Publications v. Super. Ct.* 68 Cal.App.4th 1538, 1547 (1999).

1 1018, 1020 (9th Cir. 2003). This immunity is contained in Section 230 of the Communications
2 Decency Act, ** which provides that “No *provider or user* of an interactive computer service shall be
3 treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content
4 provider.”⁵ 47 USC § 230(c) (emphasis added). Congress’ purpose was twofold: to encourage “the
5 unfettered and unregulated development of free speech on the Internet, and to promote the
6 development of e-commerce” and to “encourage interactive computer services and users of such
7 services to self-police the Internet for obscenity and other offensive material.” *Id.* at 1029; *Zeran v*
8 *America Online*, 129 F3d 327, 333 (4th Cir. 1999). In *Batzel*, for example, the court held that the
9 moderator of a listserv and operator of a website is immune from liability for posting an allegedly
10 defamatory e-mail authored by a third party and transmitted to them for the purpose of having such
11 email posted. *Id.*, 333 F.3d at 1020.

12 This immunity extends to *any* state law claims arising from the publication on the internet by
13 any “provider or user” of content prepared by a third party. *Perfect 10, Inc. v. CC Bill LLC*, 481 F.3d
14 751, 767-68 (9th Cir. 2007) (statutory exception for “intellectual property” *does not* apply to any state
15 law claims no matter how characterized). There is no exception to the immunity on the grounds that
16 plaintiff has put the publisher “on notice” of the wrongfulness of the claim. *Barrett v. Rosenthal*, 40
17 Cal.4th 33, 57-58 (2006).

18 Wikis encourage members of the public to edit and revise content created by others. Put
19 simply, section 230 means that persons who post content on wikis are responsible for their own
20 content, not for the content posted by others. To be sure, at some point if one heavily edits the content
21 posted by another, that may amount to the creation of new content. *Compare Batzel*, 333 F.3d at
22 1031. (“Obviously, Cremers did not create Smith's e-mail. Smith composed the e-mail entirely on his
23 own. Nor do Cremers's minor alterations of Smith's e-mail prior to its posting or his choice to publish
24 the e-mail (while rejecting other e-mails for inclusion in the listserv) rise to the level of
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27 ⁵ An "information content provider" is defined as "any person or entity that is responsible, in whole or in part, for the
28 creation or development of information provided through the Internet or any other interactive computer service." 47 U.S.C.
§ 230(e)(3).

1 "development."). But where, as here, the allegedly wrongful documents posted by the third party have
2 not been altered at all, neither the "users" nor the "provider" can possibly be liable.⁶

3 Thus both Wikileaks and Dynadot are immunized from any liability for the third-party posting
4 of the Julius Baer Documents. Significantly, Plaintiffs' claims are framed entirely in terms of
5 California law claims. As such they are barred by Section 230. *Perfect10*, 481 F.3d at 767-68. By
6 the same token, Mathews is completely immunized from liability. The fact that he (or any other
7 person) has any ability to edit content on a site cannot give rise to any legal duty to do so, let alone a
8 judicially imposed prior restraint requiring him to do so. *A fortiori*, there can be no liability for
9 "linking to and/or otherwise providing any information for the access or other dissemination of copies
10 of and/or images of the JB Property," (TRO at 2:25-28) insofar as this is done by hyperlinking or
11 otherwise informing people about the many "mirror" domain names that resolve to the Wikileaks site.
12 (Hyperlinking simply amounts to telling another internet user the domain name of a website). *See*
13 *also Nissan Motor Co. v. Nissan Computer Co.*, 378 F.3d 1002, 1016-18 (9th Cir. 2004) (First
14 Amendment bars the issuance of an injunction prohibiting party from hyperlinking to defamatory
15 websites).

16 Dynadot apparently hastily stipulated to the permanent injunction for the sole purpose of
17 avoiding having to defend a frivolous lawsuit. Dynadot's immaterial interest in avoiding frivolous
18 litigation cannot be allowed to trump the reasonable expectation of Mathews and others who have
19 been communicating to the public through the Wikileaks.org website to continue to be able to do so at
20 that well-known and and recognized domain name address.

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22 **D. *A Prior Restraint is Particularly Inappropriate Since Plaintiffs' Claims Lack Merit
as a Matter of State Law***

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24 Since Plaintiffs' claims arise under state law and are all barred under section 230, it is

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26 ⁶ However, insofar as anyone posts or edits text on Wikileaks attempting to analyze whether a given document is
27 authentic, or attempting to determine the documents' significance, that posting is likely to be constitutionally protected
28 opinion. *See, e.g., Levin v. McPhee*, 119 F.3d 189, 197 (2d. Cir. 1997) (speculation or conjecture about a mystery is
protected opinion, so long as it is not presented as being based on undisclosed facts within the knowledge of the speaker);
see Hiestand Decl., Exh. D, p. 113 (Wikileaks page summarizing leaked document purporting to describe individual as
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1 unnecessary to decide whether they they succeed as a matter of state law. Nevertheless, it is worth
2 noting that they do not, and that they certainly lack merit as to Mathews.

3 Whether or not certain documents are “proprietary” in the sense of confidential, the copying of
4 these documents, or the transmission of information contained within them, does not constitute
5 “conversion.” “The question here is not whether appellee had a right to keep his files from prying
6 eyes, but whether the information taken from those files falls under the protection of the law of
7 property[;] ... it does not.” *Pearson v. Dodd*, 410 F.2d 701, 708 (DC Cir. 1969).

8 Nor do Plaintiffs state a claim under Business & Professions Code Section 17200 *et seq*
9 (“Section 17200”). Section 17200 does not provide for compensatory damages, only for restitution.
10 *Korea Supply Co. v. Lockheed Martin*, 29 Cal.4th 1134 (2003); Section 17203 (court may make any
11 order “necessary to restore to any person in interest any money or property, real or personal, which
12 may have been acquired by means of such unfair competition”); *accord* Section 17535. After passage
13 of Proposition 64 in 2004, a plaintiff has no *standing to bring suit* unless it alleges that it “suffered
14 injury in fact *and* has lost money or property as a result of the unfair competition.” Amended Section
15 17204 (emphasis added). Since the copied images of documents or the contents thereof are not
16 “property,” *see Pearson, supra*, plaintiffs cannot show that they have “lost money or property.” Thus
17 Plaintiffs have no standing to sue under section 17200.

18 By the same token, Plaintiffs do not and cannot contend that Mathews had any knowledge of
19 the employment contract with the (presumed) poster of the Julius Baer Documents, or of any
20 prospective economic advantage to be lost by the Julius Baer Banks as a result of the posted
21 Documents. Nor have they shown the existence of any state law duty on Mathews’ part (or on the
22 part of any person) to remove the postings, particularly insofar as doing so would not prevent the
23 poster from simply reposting them, on Wikileaks or, for that matter, on Wikipedia, or on any of the
24 innumerable sites upon which one can post documents or images. In this case, the fact that Wikileaks
25 may provider greater anonymity to posters than other sites is irrelevant. Here, Plaintiffs have no
26 doubt that the leaker is Rudolf Elmer, a person with whom they have been engaged in numerous civil
27 and/or criminal proceedings in Switzerland and other foreign jurisdictions. This dispute should be
28 carried out in the context of those foreign proceedings against Elmer, not by asking this Court to issue

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extraordinary and unconstitutional relief against other third parties such as Mathews and Wikileaks.

CONCLUSION

Plaintiffs have failed to meet their “heavy presumption” against the constitutionality of the prior restraints they have requested. Mathews respectfully urges that Court deny the preliminary injunction and suspend the permanent injunction.

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