

Re: Offensive blog postings regarding HIMSS and CCHIT

Dear Mr. Hart & Mr. Canning:

Our law firm represents Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (“HIMMS”) [sic]. It has recently come to our attention an individual using a pseudonym has been posting offensive and potentially defamatory material about HIMSS on Chip Hart’s website “Confessions of a Pediatric Practice Consultant.” The post was made in response to the December 7, 2008 article “CCHIT and OSS.” The offensive and potentially defamatory material was posted was by “Rocky Ostrand” at 1:59 a.m. on January 30, 2009 and can be found at this web address: <http://chipsblog.pcc.com/?p=279>

We are requesting your assistance with the following:

- (1) Please remove the offensive post from your website.
- (2) Please provide us with “Rocky Ostrand’s” e-mail address, IP address, and any other information you may have that would help us identify his or her true identity.
- (3) Because we may take legal appropriate legal action against “Rocky Ostrand,” please preserve all records related to the identity of this individual as well as all postings placed by him or her on your website.

Because of the sensitive nature of the posting, we would greatly appreciate it if you could provide us with “Rocky Ostrand’s” e-mail address, IP address, and any other identifying information by February 23rd. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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