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MARCUS EVANS, INC., Plaintiff	
(Name all parties)	
<b>v.</b>	
TRACY COENEN and SEQUENCE, INC., Defendants	
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Name: Baker & Daniels, LLP, David L. Weinstein, Stacey L. Smiricky	DOROTHY BROWN
Atty. for: Plaintiff	
Address: 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4400	Clerk of Court
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v.	) No
TRACY COENEN and SEQUENCE, INC.,	JURY DEMAND
Defendants.	

## COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, MARCUS EVANS, INC., through its attorneys, BAKER & DANIELS, LLP, for its Complaint against TRACY COENEN and SEQUENCE, INC. states as follows:

#### THE PARTIES

- 1. Marcus Evans is a Delaware corporation with its North American headquarters located at 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2. Sequence, Inc. is a Wisconsin corporation doing business at 10 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1800, Chicago, Illinois ("Sequence").
- 3. Tracy Coenen is an individual who is a resident of Wisconsin, doing business in Chicago, Illinois, as the owner of Sequence ("Coenen").

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction in this matter because Defendants have submitted to jurisdiction pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-209(a)(1) and (2) and 735 ILCS 5/209(b)(1) and (4).
- 5. Venue properly lies with this Court, pursuant to Section 2-101 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure.

#### **FACTS**

#### Background

- 6. Marcus Evans is a business information company, providing global business intelligence and information to assist clients in strategic and effective decision-making. Marcus Evans provides industry sector-focused events for business learning and networking opportunities across a variety of industries and professions.
- 7. Marcus Evans's technology (or CIO) summits feature speakers and programs that explore issues in the technology industry. The programs include case study presentations, prearranged business meetings, workshops and round table discussions.

#### Defendants' Website and Content

- 8. Defendants maintain a website at www.sequenceinc.com (the "Website").
- 9. The Website promotes Coenen as a supposed expert in financial and accounting investigation, including "fraud examinations." The Website promotes "an independent and unbiased analysis" of cases on which Coenen works.
- 10. The Website contains a page captioned "The Fraud Files" wherein Defendants post statements about various companies, including Marcus Evans. The Website is interactive, allowing Defendants to communicate with the Website's visitors.
- 11. On or about July 27, 2011, Defendants posted statements of fact on the Website related to Marcus Evans, its business and its employees. Specifically, Defendants titled the post "Marcus Evans Scam: Fraud Complaints About Events and Sales Pitch." A copy of the July 27, 2011 post is attached at Exhibit A.
- 12. The untruthful statements include, "Searches for terms like "marcus evans scam", "marcus evans complaints", and "marcus evans fraud" curiously return numerous websites that Marcus Evans created about their "fraud events" and such... clearly an attempt to

dominate the search engine results for anything related to complaints about the company."

(emphasis in original)

- 13. The statements of fact in the July 27, 2011 post were untruthful.
- 14. Defendants knew the statements of fact in the July 27, 2011 were false or had no reasonable basis for believing the statements to be true.
- 15. Defendants made the statements maliciously and with an evil intent to injure Marcus Evans without just cause or excuse.
- 16. In the same July 27, 2011 post (Ex. A), Defendants re-published statements of fact made by other individuals related to Marcus Evans, its business and its employees. In that post, Defendants stated that the re-published statements came from www.ripoffreport.com, a website that Defendants identified as a "scam" (the "ROP Website"). Defendants also stated in this post that the ROP Website contains some "posted complaints" that could be considered not legitimate.
  - 17. The untruthful, republished statements in the July 27, 2011 post included:
  - (a) "[W]e see what is here and realize just another version of the Nigerian scam."
  - (b) "By this I mean the rep will always always say that the only reason she is able to call you is because one of their existing clients either became insolvent (went out of business) or has a date conflict, and now has been forced to forfeit their deposit (of approximately \$10,000) and now they are interviewing a small select handful of appropriate companies in your industry niche with your exact expertise to take over their client's schedule of 30 prequalified face to face meetings AND also get to apply the forfeited deposit towards the booking of the next company who books on.

So they hook you with a made up rare discount opportunity that you think "other clients of theirs did not have the opportunity to take advantage of", which is wrong. At the same time, this urgency forces your buying decision to be an emotional impulse decision because the sales rep will actually tell you that if you want to take the meetings then you will have to set up a call back later that day or the very next day within 24 hours. They get you to do this by deceptively lying