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**Via FedEx**

February 18, 2014

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Nancy K. Kopp, Treasurer  
Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building  
80 Calvert Street, Room 109  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**NOTICE OF CLAIM FORM**

RE: STATE OF MARYLAND

Dear Treasurer Kopp:

Please accept this letter as our joint, written notice of claim. The facts are as follows:

**1. My full name, address and phone number:**

Home —

Zena D. Crenshaw-Logal  
[REDACTED]  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307  
[REDACTED]

Rodney A. Logal  
[REDACTED]  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307  
[REDACTED]

Andrew D. Jackson  
[REDACTED]  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307  
[REDACTED]

Work —

We are all retired, but have an office for various activities as follows:

7519 W. 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307  
(219) 865-6248 Ext. 0

**2. Date & Time of Loss:**

March 19, 2013

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**3. Location of Loss:**

Circuit Court for Howard County  
8360 Court Avenue  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21403

**4. County:**

Howard County, Maryland

**5. State Agency Involved:**

Circuit Court for Howard County, Maryland at Ellicott City, Maryland

**6. Amount of Damages:**

Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) reduced to the statutory limit of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)

**7. Vehicle (Year, Make & Model)**

Not Applicable

**8. Name, Address, and Phone Number of other persons involved:**

Judge Lenore R. Gelfman  
Howard County Circuit Court  
8360 Court Avenue  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21403  
(410) 313-2143

**9. Description of incident:**

Acting *pro se*, on or about February 10, 2012, the claimants jointly filed a lawsuit before the Howard County Circuit Court at Ellicott City, Maryland against multiple defendants. Cause number 13-C-12-089772 was assigned to that case. The claimants subsequently arranged for each defendant to be served by an appropriate non-party via certified mail requesting restricted delivery and return receipt; county sheriff; and/or via substituted service as contemplated by applicable law. As far as the claimants know, all corresponding proofs of and returns on service were duly filed.

On February 27, 2013, claimants received notice to appear for a five (5) minute Status Conference in the referenced case on March 15, 2013 at 8:30 AM. A copy of said notice to Zena Denise Crenshaw Logal is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Claimants Rodney A. Logal and Andrew D. Jackson received the same notice.

In accord with the attached notice, on March 1, 2013, claimants filed their "Verified Motion to Attend Status Conference Telephonically and/or Postpone to Allow for Travel Arrangements" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Sometime on or after March 13, 2013,

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claimants received the March 7, 2013 Order attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, denying their motion to join the March 15, 2013 status conference by telephone as well as their alternative request to postpone the status conference so that one or all of them could attend in person on a future date.

Apparently the referenced status conference proceeded in the claimants' absence. On March 30, 2013, they received the March 19, 2013 "ORDER OF DISMISSAL" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Said action by the State of Maryland was precipitated by its:

1. **INADEQUATE DELINEATION, NOTICE, AND WARNING OF STATUS CONFERENCE POSTPONE POLICY** before the Circuit Court for Howard County at Ellicott City, Maryland in that the policy is not referenced in the attached "NOTICE OF HEARING / TRIAL" purporting to identify the procedure for securing such a postponement and; the policy is neither set out conspicuously via the court's website nor provided by local rule and/or state statute;
2. **SELECTIVE/ARBITRARY ACCOMMODATIONS; USURPATION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE POWER; AND UNAUTHORIZED RULE MAKING** in that Maryland law provides for witness testimony by telephone pursuant to Title 2 Code of Maryland - *Civil Procedure*, Chapter 500 - *Trial*, Rule 2-513 (2013), whereas there is no corresponding accommodation of sworn or unsworn oral/verbal communications via court status conferences or Judge Lenore R. Gelfman simply determined that any such accommodations are prohibited in usurpation of Maryland's state legislative authority and/or as part of unauthorized rule making; and
3. **USURPATION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE POWER; UNAUTHORIZED RULE MAKING; INADEQUATE DELINEATION, NOTICE, AND WARNING OF PREREQUISITES FOR PROOFS OF AND RETURNS ON SERVICE OF PROCESS BEFORE THE HOWARD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AT ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND** in that apparently Judge Lenore R. Gelfman concocted or perceived, but has yet to reveal some otherwise indiscernible impediment to the Court's exercise of jurisdiction over the defendants designated in Cause number 13-C-12-089772. So the barrier either emanated from the judge's usurpation of Maryland's state legislative authority and/or her unauthorized rule making with regard to service of process, proofs of, and/or returns on service of process. Alternatively, the provision was duly promulgated, but has been unduly obscured by the State of Maryland, its branches of government, agencies, and agents.

As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing torts, the claimants, and each of us, have/has lost the chose in action that was Cause number 13-C-12-089772 before the Howard County Circuit Court at Ellicott City, Maryland, reasonably valued for as much as Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). Further, the claimants, and each of us, have/has lost our funds outlaid to date to prosecute said chose in action; and we have been caused much anxiety, inconvenience, and other mental distress.

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Zena D. Crenshaw-Logal, Claimant

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Rodney A. Logal

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew D. Jackson

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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