



Sacramento Superior Court of California Grants Summary Judgment to National Grange on McFarland's Defamation Claims

After the National Grange filed the state court lawsuit in 2012, McFarland countersued the National Grange, Ed Luttrell, Martha Stefenoni, and Shirley Baker for defamation. McFarland claimed that statements by the National Grange that he had acted improperly and in violation of Grange law were false and defamatory. He also claimed Public Disclosure of Private Facts, Intrusion, Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations, Intentional Interference with Prospective Business Relations and Infliction of Emotional Distress. Today, the judge presiding over the state court lawsuit (now involving the National Grange and the California State Grange together against the McFarland Group) granted summary judgment to the National Grange on **ALL** McFarland's cross-claims. In other words, the judge, after reviewing all of the evidence, concluded that there was no basis for McFarland's claims and dismissed them **ALL**.

As always, I encourage you to read the documents and decide for yourselves what to make of them. Click to see these documents:

[McFarland's First Amended Complaint for Defamation](#)

[National Grange's Motion for Summary Judgment](#)

[McFarland's Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment](#)

[National Grange's Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment](#)

[Court Order Granting Summary Judgment](#)

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