



IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA  
CLAIM NO.

**BETWEEN:**

**CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT**

*Claimant*

and

**ROGER KEITH VER**

*Defendant*

CLAIM FORM

The Claimant: **CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT**

of: Unit 101H, Jolly Harbour, St. Mary's, Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda

**claims against**

The Defendant: **ROGER KEITH VER**

of: Hodges Bay, Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda

The Claimant and the Defendant are both citizens of Antigua and Barbuda. This is a claim in libel arising out of the following publications made by the Defendant about the Claimant which contain false statements about the Claimant and caused considerable harm and/or damage to the Claimant's reputation within the jurisdiction of Antigua and Barbuda.

- (1) A publication made by the Defendant on or around 15 April 2019 on the official Bitcoin.com Youtube channel titled "Special Message to Craig Wright," in which the Defendant stated the following: "*Craig Wright is a liar and a fraud. So sue me. Again.*" ("**Video**");
- (2) A publication made by the Defendant on or around 3 May 2019 on the Defendant's twitter account titled "*My response to CSW's 100,000 GBP lawsuit*" ("**Twitter Video**"); and

- (3) A publication made by the Defendant on or around 3 May 2019 which stated the following:  
*“Faketoshi, claiming to be Satoshi Nakamoto when you are not. Craig Wright is a cockwombling bunglecunt Faketoshi” (“BKK Shadow Reply”).*

The Claimant seeks:

1. An injunction restraining the Defendant from further publishing the Video, the Twitter Video and the BKK Shadow Reply within the jurisdiction of this court restraining the Defendant whether by itself, its servants, its agents or otherwise howsoever from further publishing, causing, authorising or procuring the publications of the allegations complained of or similar allegations defamatory of the Claimant (in the publications or otherwise);
2. A correction order pursuant to s.32 of the Defamation Act 2015 or alternatively damages, including aggravated damages, for defamation; or
3. Such further and other relief as the court deems fit;
4. Costs.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE**

**If this form is not fully completed and returned to the court at the address below within 14 days of service of the claim form on you, the claimant will be entitled to apply to have judgment entered against you.**

**If the claimant does so, you will have no right to be heard by the court except as to costs or the method of paying any judgment unless you apply to set judgment aside.**

1. Have you received the claim form with the above claim number? YES/NO

2. If so, when?   /  /  

3. Did you also receive the claimants Statement of Claim? YES/NO

4. If so, when?   /  /  

5. Are your names properly stated on the claim form? YES/NO If not, what are your full names?

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6. Do you intend to defend the claim? YES/NO

If so you must file a defence within 28 days of the service of the claim form on you.

7. Do you admit the whole of the claim? YES/NO

If you do you should either

(a) pay the claim direct to the claimant or the claimant's solicitor, or

(b) complete the application form to pay the claim by instalments. If you pay the whole debt together with the costs and interest as shown on the claim form within 14 days you will have no further liability for costs.

8. Do you admit any part of the claim? YES/NO

If you do you may—

(a) pay the money that you admit direct to the claimant or the claimant's legal practitioner, or

(b) complete the application form to pay the claim by instalments.

9. If so, how much do you admit? .....

If you dispute the balance of the claim you must also file a defence within 28 days of service of the claim form on you or judgment may be entered against you for the whole amount claimed.

10. What is your own address? .....

11. What is your address for service? .....

If you are acting in person you must give an address within . . . miles of the court office to which documents may be sent either from other parties or from the court. You should also give your telephone number and FAX number, if any.

Dated .....

Signed .....

[Defendant in person] [Defendant's legal practitioner]

The court office is at Parliament Drive, St. John's Antigua telephone number +1 (268) 462-3744, FAX +1 (268) 462-0609. The office is open between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday to Friday except public holidays.

Form 5: Defence and Counterclaim

Rule 10.2 (1)

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**DEFENCE AND COUNTERCLAIM**

Defence I dispute the claim on the following grounds —

I certify that all the facts set out in my defence are true to the best of my knowledge information and belief.

My address for service is \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone no.

Dated .....

Signed .....

[Defendant in person]

We are acting for the defendant; our address for service is:

Signed

(Legal practitioner for the defendant)

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Counterclaim

I claim against the claimant

(set out details of the remedy or relief sought)

on the following grounds —

I certify that all the facts set out in my counterclaim are true to the best of my knowledge information and belief and that I am entitled to the remedy claimed.

Dated .....

Signed .....

[Defendant in person]

We are acting for the defendant; our address for service is:

Signed

(Legal practitioner for the defendant)

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Notes:

(a) The defendant may set out the defendant's defence in another manner — it is not necessary to use this form.

(b) the defendant must:

– state which allegations in the claim are admitted

– which are denied

– which are neither admitted or denied because the defendant does not know whether they are true. — identify any documents considered necessary to the defendant's case.

- (c) The defendant must give reasons for denying any allegations made by the claimant.
- (d) The defendant must set out clearly all the facts on which the defendant relies to dispute the claim and must set out any different version of events on which the defendant relies.
- (e) The defendant may not be allowed to give evidence about any fact which is not set out in the defence.
- (f) If the defendant wishes to counterclaim the defendant must:
- specify any remedy that the defendant seeks against the claimant
  - include a short statement of all facts on which the defendant relies
  - identify any documents which the defendant considers necessary to the defendant's case.
- (g) If the defendant is represented by a legal practitioner, the defendant must also sign the form and give the defendant's address for service.

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT —**

See the notes served with this claim form. This claim form must contain or have served with it either a statement of claim or a copy of a court order entitling the claimant to serve the claim form without a statement of claim. If you do not complete the form of acknowledgment of service served on you with this claim form and deliver or send it to the court office (address below) so that they receive it within 14 days of service of this claim form on you, the claimant will be entitled to apply to have judgment entered against you. The form of acknowledgment of service may be completed by you or a legal practitioner acting for you.

**You should consider obtaining legal advice with regard to this claim. See the notes on the back of this form or the next page.**

**This claim form has no validity if it is not served within 6 months of the date below unless it is accompanied by an order extending that time.**

[SEAL]

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Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020

The claimant's address for service is: 44 Church Street  
St. John's  
Antigua



## NOTES FOR DEFENDANT

The claimant is making a claim against you in the court. If you do nothing judgment may be entered against you. That means that the claimant will be entitled to take steps to enforce payment from you of any money the claimant is claiming and you will have no right to be heard except as to the amount of any costs claimed or as to the way in which you can pay the judgment, unless you apply to set judgment aside.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO –

You may:

#### **A. Defend the claim –**

If you would like to do this you must:

- complete and return the form of acknowledgment of service to the court office so that they receive it within 14 days of the date on which you received this form;
- AND if a statement of claim was served on you with the claim form.
- Complete the form of defence or submit some other form of defence showing why you dispute the claim giving full details of all the facts on which you intend to rely if there is a trial.
- Deliver or send the form of defence to the court office so that they receive it within 28 days of the date on which you received this form.
- Serve a copy of the form of defence on the claimant's legal practitioner (or the claimant if the claimant has no legal practitioner) at the address given on the claim form.
- If no statement of claim is served with the claim form you need not file and serve a defence until twenty eight/forty two days after the statement of claim is served on you.
- After you have filed your defence you will be given details of the date, time and place of a case management conference at which a judge will decide what issues have to be determined by the court and give directions about what needs to be done before the case is tried.

– You must attend the case management conference.

**B. Admit the whole of the claim**

If you would like to do this you must:

– Complete the form of acknowledgment of service stating that you admit the claim and return it to the court office so that they receive it within 14 days of the date on which you received this form.

– If you can pay the amount stated on the claim form including fees, costs and interest you should pay this to the claimant within 8 days and no further steps can be taken against you. You must add interest at the daily rate shown from the date stated on the claim form.

– If you cannot pay this sum in full you may apply to the court to pay by instalments. If you wish to do so you must complete the Application to Pay by Instalments form and return it to the court with your acknowledgment of service.

**C. Admit part of the claim and defend the rest**

If you would like to do this you must:

– Complete the form of acknowledgment of service stating how much you admit and return it to the court office so that they receive it within 14 days of the date on which you received this form AND complete the form of defence as under section A above.

You may also:

– Pay the amount that you admit direct to the claimant OR apply to pay that sum by instalments. If so you should follow the procedure indicated under B.

**D. Make a claim against the claimant**

If you would like to do this you must:

– Complete the form of acknowledgment of service and return it to the court office so that they receive it within 14 days of the date on which you received this form.

– Complete the form of defence giving details of your defence (if any) to the claim as under A above and also the claim that you are making against the claimant and return it to the court office so that they receive it within 28 days of the date on which you received this form.

– If you admit the claim but wish to counterclaim you should say so. If your counterclaim is for a lower sum than the claim you may pay the difference between the amount that the claimant claims from you and the amount that you claim from him direct to the claimant OR apply (using the procedure indicated under B) to pay that sum by instalments. You will be given details of the date, time and place of a case management conference at which a judge will decide what issues have to be determined by the court and give directions about what needs to be done before the case is tried.

REMEMBER THAT IF YOU DO NOTHING, JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU WITHOUT ANY FURTHER WARNING

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