

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BRAD AMOS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE LAMPO GROUP, LLC, d/b/a  
RAMSEY SOLUTIONS; DAVE  
RAMSEY

Defendants.

Case No: 21CV-50339 M

JURY DEMAND

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COMPLAINT

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Comes now the Plaintiff, Brad Amos, by and through counsel and for cause of action will respectfully show to the Court as follows:

JURISDICTION and VENUE

1. Brad Amos is a resident of Williamson County, College Grove, Tennessee.
2. Defendant The Lampo Group, LLC, d/b/a Ramsey Solutions (hereinafter "Ramsey") is a Tennessee LLC doing business and headquartered in Williamson County, Tennessee. Registered Agent for service of process is Mark Floyd, 1011 Reams Fleming Boulevard, Franklin, Tennessee 37064.
3. Jurisdiction exists under T.C.A. § 20-2-201 and other statutory provisions.
4. Proper venue for this action is the Chancery Court for Williamson County, Tennessee.
5. The Defendants are collectively referred to as "Ramsey" in this Complaint.
6. Plaintiff was an employee as defined under all laws relevant to this lawsuit.
7. Defendant was an employer as defined under all laws relevant to this lawsuit.

## FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

8. From 2006 until 2019, Plaintiff worked in Los Angeles as a motion picture trailer editor for BLT Communications.

9. Plaintiff was earning an annual salary of over \$240,000.00 with benefits.

10. In May 2019, Plaintiff was contacted by Kimberly Rudolph, a recruiter for Ramsey.

11. Rudolph sought to hire Plaintiff as “Senior Video Editor”.

12. Ms. Rudolph held several phone interviews with Plaintiff over the following weeks.

13. These interviews covered Plaintiff’s work history, salary, and included questions about Plaintiff’s wife, children, and home life as well.

14. Eventually, Plaintiff had online interviews with the Head of Post Production for Ramsey, David DiCicco.

15. Mr. DiCicco stated his intention was Plaintiff to take a lead editing role at Ramsey.

16. Mr. DiCicco specifically highlighted a substantial role in the production of an upcoming documentary regarding student debt.

17. Mr. DiCicco made it clear this would be Plaintiff’s primary role if he accepted the position.

18. In a 60-day interview process Ramsey required over a dozen phone, Skype, and in person interviews with members of Ramsey leadership.

19. The interview process also required two spousal video interviews, a spousal dinner, personality testing, and Plaintiff turning in a monthly budget detailing personal finances.

20. These interviews included Head of Production, Larry Anderson; Video Department Supervisor, Lara Johnson; and Head of Creative and Board Member, Luke LeFevre.

21. Eventually, Plaintiff engaged in multiple on-site interviews with Ramsey's leadership.

22. At one of the interviews, Plaintiff expressed concerns with Mr. DiCicco and Larry Anderson regarding rumors that Ramsey Solutions was "cult-like".

23. Plaintiff also expressed concern about rumors that Ramsey did not support a family friendly atmosphere.

24. Plaintiff indicated the importance of being able to spend unimpeded time with his family.

25. Plaintiff expressed the importance of his work not interfering with his family life.

26. In response, Mr. DiCicco and Mr. Anderson specifically stated the working environment at Ramsey was not "cult-like."

27. Mr. DiCicco and Mr. Anderson assured Plaintiff that the working environment at Ramsey was indeed "family friendly" and would not interfere with his family life.

28. Mr. Anderson, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. LeFevre also ensured Plaintiff his desire for unimpeded family time would be respected and accommodated.

29. All interviewers guaranteed Ramsey Solutions was a non-traditional work environment because of their strong commitment to family time for employees.

30. Defendant constantly informed Plaintiff people who work for Ramsey love the work environment.

31. Defendant constantly informed Plaintiff this was evidenced by the fact they were voted a "best employer" by their employees in several publications.

32. The leadership in these "on-site" interviews emphasized:

- a) Plaintiff would have many opportunities for “quick and significant” advancements and salary increases based on his work performance.
- b) Plaintiff would edit features and help create their new film department.
- c) Defendant was not “cult like” in the way they operated
- d) Defendant operated a “drama free” workplace
- e) Defendant had been voted “best place to work” for over 10 years in a row by their own employees without interference from management.
- f) Defendant was family friendly and would allow Plaintiff to spend time with his family without interference or involvement from Defendant.

33. Ramsey made a final offer to Plaintiff for an annual salary of \$90,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 relocation bonus.

34. Plaintiff relied on each of the specific assurances in accepting the job with such a reduced salary.

35. Plaintiff’s start date was in August 2019 but he still needed to sell his home in California, so he had to leave his family in California to begin work on Ramsey’s documentary.

36. On Plaintiff’s first three days as an employee of Defendant, he went through what was known as the “onboarding” process.

37. During this “onboarding,” Plaintiff was introduced to the company culture.

38. The onboarding process did not include specific job training for Plaintiff’s job.

39. The “onboarding” consisted of 3 days of indoctrinating employees to constantly praise Dave Ramsey and/or “The Ramsey Way”.

40. The “Ramsey Way” encourages expressing deeply personal connection with Dave Ramsey and the Ramsey brand.

41. The “Ramsey Way” encourages expressing praise for Dave Ramsey constantly.
42. The onboarding process included group discussions where people shared their “Dave Story,”
43. “Dave Stories” were deeply personal moments where Dave Ramsey or his program significantly changed a person’s life.
44. During the onboarding process, Plaintiff was introduced to Ramsey’s “14-Point Philosophy,” which was a document outlining the company’s culture and values, also known as Ramsey’s “Core Values.”<sup>1</sup>
45. One point of this 14-Point Philosophy, titled “No Gossip,” specifically outlines the Ramsey value against “backstabbing.”
46. However, the part of the onboarding process dealing with “gossip” only focused on the prohibition against any negative comments about Dave Ramsey or his management decisions.
47. The core value expressed during onboarding was not anti-gossip, but was a directive to constantly praise Dave Ramsey in both private and public.
48. Early in Plaintiff’s employment, Defendant strongly encouraged Plaintiff to be Facebook friends with all of his co-workers and supervisors.
49. Defendant encouraged Plaintiff’s wife to join the “Lampo Ladies” Facebook group.
50. The Lampo Ladies Facebook group is used to facilitate spousal friendships for employees of Defendant.
51. Ramsey management monitored the board “Lampo Ladies” for opinions of wives of employees for “dissent” or for not being “onboard.”

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<sup>1</sup> Attached hereto as Exhibit A – Ramsey’s 14-Point Philosophy

52. Upon information and belief, the “Lampo Ladies” board is run by the wife of an HR director for Defendant.

53. Eventually, this included reporting to Ramsey any views which may split with any religious view Ramsey had on COVID.

54. Plaintiff’s wife joined the Lampo Ladies Facebook group.

55. Soon after his start date, Plaintiff cut a trailer for Ramsey’s new major podcast, “Borrowed Future.”

56. Plaintiff’s trailer was given glowing reviews by several of Plaintiff’s co-workers and supervisors.

57. Dave Ramsey reviewed Plaintiff’s trailer and personally stated to Plaintiff he “loved it.”

58. At a screening of the trailer, Luke LeFevre stated “this is how we need to be cutting things at Ramsey Solutions. Truly awesome job.”

59. Plaintiff’s trailer is still routinely linked by Ramsey Solutions.

60. The trailer has publicly received outstanding public reactions.

61. Soon after, Plaintiff helped edit and produce a major Ramsey sales reel for Amazon Prime and Netflix.

62. Beyond Plaintiff’s key responsibility areas, he also provided assistance to the video team.

63. Plaintiff performed a workflow analysis, identifying “bottlenecks” and offered solutions.

64. Plaintiff helped create a Standards and Practices guide for the editing team.

65. Plaintiff consistently came in early to work and aided other teams, including cinematographers, with their work.

66. Plaintiff consistently performed duties outside of his job description.

67. After Plaintiff's first 90 days of work, Mr. DiCicco and JB Waggoner reviewed his performance.

68. During this review Mr. DiCicco and Mr. Waggoner emphasized what a fantastic team member Plaintiff had been and reinforced their previous assurances that he would be given a leadership role with a pay increase.

69. Plaintiff participated in Ramsey's mandatory extracurricular activities.

70. Ramsey required its employees fill out weekly personal reports.

71. These personal reports required employees to scale their happiness with a green or red indicator regarding their personal victories and struggles for that week.

72. Personal reports included both work-related and personal victories and struggles.

73. These reports often asked for deeply personal information from their employees including but not limited to their marriages and relationships with their spouses.

74. They required employees to identify very specific personal issues in their personal lives, including any issues with their marriages.

75. When employees indicated they were unhappy with anything, professionally or personally, they were required to attend additional meetings.

76. Ramsey also required all its employees to participate in weekly "one-on-one" meetings.

77. The meetings were designed in part to ensure Plaintiff would not question Dave Ramsey's personal religious beliefs either at the office or in their home life.

78. These meetings were also designed for Defendant to garner very personal information on these employees which may be used against them later.

79. These meetings were thirty (30) minute meetings which involved discussion ranging from everyday work to deeply personal questions about home life, marriage, emotional well-being, and personal finances.

80. Employees were given feedback on these reports and meetings.

81. Plaintiff was told these reports were private.

82. However, these reports were shared with upper management.

83. In early March, during the beginning of his employment, Plaintiff expressed frustration in selling his California house in his personal reports and one-on-ones, but did not disclose this frustration publicly.

84. The reports and meetings were disclosed as Mr. LeFevre, unsolicited, provided a real estate agent from Ramsey's Endorsed Local Provider (ELP) Unit to help sell Plaintiff's house.

85. These ELPs pay money to Ramsey for the privilege of being an ELP.

86. In turn, Ramsey promotes these ELPs to their employees and on their shows.

87. Often Plaintiff's reports were returned to him with instructions to provide more detail because he did not include enough personal information about his family life.

88. Specifically, Plaintiff was asked to include more information about his relationship with his wife.

89. The information Ramsey required from Plaintiff was extremely personal in nature; their reactions were always judgmental.

90. These reports and meetings would cause the Defendant to offer directives to its employees to do things Defendant thought required to solve what they considered to be



“problems”, both professionally and personal. After his “onboarding” indoctrination, Plaintiff familiarized himself on his own with his key responsibility areas and began working.

91. In February 2020 prior to any COVID infection or order, Plaintiff was scheduling his family move and scheduled his move for the first week in early March.

92. After Plaintiff scheduled his move, Mr. DiCicco scheduled a documentary deadline during that time.

93. Concerned, Plaintiff offered to move a different week because of the deadline.

94. Mr. DiCicco informed him there was no need to reschedule his move in date.

95. Mr. DiCicco informed him the deadline for the screening was arbitrary so long as there was no theatrical release date.

96. There was no theatrical release date set for the project at that point.

97. Based on Mr. DiCicco’s assurances, Plaintiff proceeded with his move as originally scheduled.

98. Upon Plaintiff’s return, Plaintiff worked early mornings and late nights in order to make up for the time taken off to move his family.

99. Plaintiff was able to catch up to the deadline only being a few days behind schedule.

100. Mr. DiCicco did not provide any negative feedback to Plaintiff about this deadline from the time Plaintiff notified him about his move to the time Plaintiff caught up with the work.

101. On his March 2, 2020 radio show, Dave said “We have people calling in, they are wanting to cancel stuff for a live event in May — let me tell you how much of your money I am going to give you back if you don’t come for the coronavirus in May — ZERO. I am keeping your money. You are a wuss.”

102. On March 12, 2020, Governor Lee issued Executive Order #14 declaring a State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.<sup>2</sup>

103. Governor Lee guided individuals to work from home and stated, “we strongly discourage events of 250 people or more as an important step in limiting exposure to COVID-19.”<sup>3</sup>

104. On March 15, 2020, Dave Ramsey emailed all employees informing them that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the department where Plaintiff worked.

105. The next day, approximately 900 Ramsey employees, including Plaintiff, were expected to attend an on-site all employee meeting.

106. This all-employee meeting was conducted in contradiction to the guidance of Governor Lee.

107. At this meeting, Mr. Ramsey announced that Ramsey Solutions employees would not be working from home.

108. Mr. Ramsey stated that fear of working in the office because of COVID demonstrated “weakness of spirit”.

109. This reasoning was amplified on his radio show numerous times.

110. Troubled by this news, Plaintiff confronted Mr. LeFevre that afternoon in front of the entire team about his concerns with Ramsey’s response to this virus.

111. In this confrontation, Plaintiff mentioned other alternatives for safe working conditions during COVID, including working from home.

112. Plaintiff told Mr. LeFevre he was concerned that Ramsey’s confirmed COVID-19 case was a mere fifteen (15) feet from his working area.

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<sup>2</sup> Attached hereto as Exhibit B – Executive Order #14

<sup>3</sup> Attached hereto as Exhibit C – Governor Lee Guidance

113. Plaintiff expressed concern that Ramsey Solutions had not taken any effort to implement any precautions against COVID-19 despite the proximity to an infected employee.

114. Plaintiff reiterated his worries concerning his child with Coat's disease and his high-risk wife with a predisposition for pneumonia.

115. Mr. LeFevre dismissed Plaintiff's concerns, informing him that Ramsey's current response was sufficient, and that Plaintiff needed to simply "*pray and keep moving forward.*"

116. Defendant expected its employees to adopt the religious view of Dave Ramsey that taking COVID-19 precautions demonstrated "weakness of spirit" and prayer was the proper way to avoid COVID-19 infection.

117. Initially, given Mr. Ramsey and management's previous comments, Plaintiff continued to work from the office.

118. Plaintiff did not want to be unemployed in a town he just moved to.

119. Despite the CDC's COVID-19 precautions, the in person weekly meetings and devotionals at Ramsey continued to take place.

120. Ramsey declined to implement any of Governor Lee's or the Center for Disease Control's recommended COVID-19 precautions including limited gathering sizes, temperature checks, or social distancing.

121. On March 17, 2020, Tennessee announced a statewide mandated school closure.

122. On that same day, after a screening of a cut of the documentary, Mr. DiCicco reached out to Plaintiff about the possibility of working from home.

123. Plaintiff asked if that was an option and expressed his concerns about COVID since his son, wife, and mother were all considered "high risk."

124. Mr. DiCicco assured Plaintiff that his job would not be jeopardized by working from home and “family comes first.”

125. Plaintiff decided that working from home would be safest for his family considering Ramsey’s refusal to comply with COVID-19 precautions.

126. Plaintiff elected to work from home for one week, and then evaluate whether or not he felt safe enough to return to the office based on the number of COVID-19 cases.

127. On Friday, March 20, 2020, Mr. Ramsey had heard from his friends in politics that Governor Lee would be issuing an executive order requiring non-essential employees to stay at home and only allowing essential businesses to operate.

128. As a result, Ramsey told the company that while he hated it, the entire company would be working from home until further notice due to federal and state regulations.

129. After this, Plaintiff contacted Mr. DiCicco about Ramsey’s work from home plan and inquired about picking up some equipment from the office to resume his job duties at home.

130. Mr. DiCicco told Plaintiff that the documentary team, which included Plaintiff, would continue working in the office in contradiction to what he told Plaintiff previously.

131. Plaintiff brought up how Mr. DiCicco had previously stated Plaintiff could work from home but was informed by Mr. DiCicco that his position was essential and that Ramsey was considered an essential business.

132. Mr. DiCicco responded he preferred to have Plaintiff in the office to work side-by-side with the video team though did not say why this was important.

133. Plaintiff could perform all aspects of his job with a computer and Internet access.

134. Mr. DiCicco told Plaintiff that Defendant would be exploiting a loophole in order to force the documentary team to work onsite.

135. Mr. DiCicco and the Defendant were well aware Plaintiff had high-risk household members which made coming into the office very dangerous to Plaintiff's family.

136. Plaintiff offered a solution of coming into the office and then quarantining from his family at home by moving into the garage.

137. Mr. DiCicco would not allow Plaintiff to even take this precaution from COVID-19 because of the appearance.

138. Ramsey said any COVID-19 precautions showed "weakness of the spirit" and encouraged employees to refrain from taking COVID-19 precautions but instead "pray and keep moving forward."

139. Mr. DiCicco then told Plaintiff he could work from home but demoted him to Assistant Editor on the project because of Plaintiff's COVID-19 concerns.

140. Mr. DiCicco also stated that when Plaintiff was able to return to the office he would again be considered a "Senior Video Editor."

141. On Sunday, March 22, 2020 Governor Lee issued Executive Order #17 directing Tennesseans to work from home whenever feasible.<sup>4</sup>

142. On March 22, 2020 Plaintiff's wife shared a post criticizing the Tennessee government's weak response to COVID-19, presumably seen by Ramsey employees.<sup>5</sup>

143. On March 24, Plaintiff went into the office of Defendant to pick up his personal items.

144. Plaintiff found the building mostly empty except for the "edit bay" where Plaintiff worked.

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<sup>4</sup> Attached hereto as Exhibit D – Executive Order #17

<sup>5</sup> Attached hereto as Exhibit E – Facebook Post

145. In the edit bay, five people were crammed into a small space with a “party like” attitude- snacks, drinks, and whiskey were there for employees in the bay.

146. Other persons not associated with the documentary were present as well.

147. Plaintiff’s personal possessions were pushed to the side and were in a stack.

148. At that time, Mr. DiCicco told Plaintiff to wait for his call to provide guidance as to what Plaintiff should be working on.

149. Plaintiff called, e-mailed, and text messaged Mr. DiCicco many times over the next few weeks to ask what he should be working on. These attempts to communicate went unanswered or the response was a simple “stand by.”

150. Plaintiff spent this time period attending Zoom meetings, weekly devotionals online, checking e-mails, attempting to contact Mr. DiCicco, team meetings, and “one on one” meetings over Zoom.

151. From daily updates from Mr. LeFevre, Plaintiff discovered five more people at Ramsey had become infected with COVID-19.

152. On March 30, 2020, Governor Lee issued Executive Order #22, requiring non-essential employees to stay at home and only allowing essential businesses to operate.<sup>6</sup>

153. On April 9, 2020—after weeks of no contact—Plaintiff was contacted by Mr. DiCicco and he informed Plaintiff that he had missed a deadline, the same deadline Mr. DiCicco previously told Plaintiff was of no concern when Plaintiff was trying to move his family from California.

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<sup>6</sup> Attached hereto as Exhibit F – Executive Order #22

154. This phone call was the first time anyone at Ramsey had mentioned the missed deadline to Plaintiff since they told Plaintiff not to worry about missing the deadline over a month beforehand.

155. On the same phone call Mr. DiCicco stated Plaintiff was a great editor and doing a great job and was considered a valued member of the team.

156. Mr. DiCicco stated Defendant was not trying to fire Plaintiff or trying to get Plaintiff to quit through their recent actions.

157. However, on this call, Mr. DiCicco “officially” demoted Plaintiff to assistant editor on the project.

158. Plaintiff asked what Defendant needed next from him and Mr. DiCicco stated he’d call back soon with this information.

159. Later that day, Plaintiff had a zoom meeting placed on his schedule titled “documentary sync up” set for April 13, 2020.

160. Plaintiff was told this was a meeting between him and Mr. DiCicco.

161. However, when Plaintiff logged into the actual meeting, Mr. DiCicco, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. LeFevre were all present.

162. The meeting began with Mr. LeFevre questioning Plaintiff regarding his tenure at the company, the other projects he had been involved with, and the status of the documentary.

163. The meeting quickly turned hostile towards Plaintiff.

164. In the meeting, Mr. LeFevre asked Plaintiff why the documentary was so behind.

165. Plaintiff was surprised by the inquiry into the status of the documentary since he had not been kept up to date by anyone at Defendant since he started working from home.

166. Plaintiff expressed surprise he had such sparse communication with Mr. DiCicco regarding the documentary considering it was the sole purpose for his employment.

167. The meeting quickly devolved into a discussion about COVID-19 quarantine and Plaintiff's relationship with his wife.

168. Plaintiff had discussed in what he thought were private "one on ones" that his wife was having some problems adjusting to life in Tennessee as she had moved 2000 miles away from her friends of over 20 years and had to leave her job. He also mentioned the pandemic was not helping with the situation at all.

169. These conversations had been provided to upper management at Ramsey despite their promise they would not be shared.

170. Mr. LeFevre commented on Plaintiff's wife's problems with her "stress levels" and wanted to discuss how she felt about the move to Tennessee.

171. Mr. LeFevre commented that Plaintiff needed to "talk with his wife to get her on the same page" referring to his wife's comments regarding shortcomings of Governor Lee in handling the coronavirus

172. Mr. LeFevre then openly questioned Plaintiff about whether or not he wanted to work at Ramsey.

173. Plaintiff was astonished Mr. LeFevre asked this question and spoke of his sacrifices in moving his entire family based on Ramsey's specific promises.

174. LeFevre suggested Plaintiff look for other work, and asked Plaintiff whether he would accept another job if he were to find one.

175. Plaintiff replied "no" to this inquiry.

176. Plaintiff was removed from the project.



177. Plaintiff inquired what his next project would be since he was demoted and no longer working on his sole project, the student debt documentary.

178. Mr. LeFevre responded only by saying Plaintiff needed to “check his humility.”

179. After this meeting, Plaintiff was assigned the most demeaning work possible at Ramsey.

180. After this meeting, Plaintiff was mandated to attend a second, additional weekly one-on-one meeting with Lara Johnson.

181. Plaintiff was informed that he had not been “onboarded” (indoctrinated) correctly and therefore he would need to go through an additional one on one with Ms. Johnson. Defendant said Plaintiff needed to be “re-onboarded” regarding the “Ramsey Way.”

182. These meetings were meant to monitor, “reeducate”, punish, and/or find cause to dismiss Plaintiff. f

183. Plaintiff attempted to focus these meetings on business-related topics.

184. Ms. Johnson made the meetings about Plaintiff’s relationship with his wife and any issues they may be having in their marriage.

185. The meetings were designed to make Plaintiff uncomfortable and to make sure he and his wife could not spend time together without the interference of Defendant.

186. In at least one of these meetings, Ms. Johnson actually stated discussing business related matters in these meetings was “getting off topic.”

187. Ms. Johnson consistently redirected these conversations to focus on Plaintiff’s wife and marriage.

188. In these meetings, Plaintiff consistently expressed that he and his wife were happy and desired to continue building their life in Tennessee and at Ramsey Solutions, but had faced challenges presented in moving his family from California.

189. In response, Ms. Johnson insisted that Plaintiff was lying and was unhappy in his marriage and demanded information as to their marital issues.

190. Ms. Johnson would repeatedly insist that Plaintiff talk with his wife about their commitment to Ramsey Solutions.

191. Despite these allegations, Plaintiff constantly emphasized he and his wife's marriage was healthy.

192. Plaintiff expressed his desire to continue building their life in Tennessee and at Ramsey Solutions as it was promised to him when he was hired

193. Also, in these meetings, Plaintiff was asked for his opinions on recent Ramsey Solutions controversies.

194. One of the controversies brought up in Plaintiff's one-on-one included an unmarried female Ramsey employee who was terminated due to her pregnancy occurring outside of marriage.

195. Another controversy brought up in Plaintiff's one-on-one included an employee who was terminated after social media posts criticizing Ramsey Solution's COVID-19 response.

196. Plaintiff knew that his personal information in prior one-on-one meetings had been shared with others without his consent.

197. Consequently, he informed Ms. Johnson that he did not want to discuss these private matters in this additional series of one-on-one meetings.

198. When Plaintiff inquired about the quality of his performance during these meetings, Ms. Johnson consistently noted that she had nothing but compliments about his performance and that he was a superior worker.

199. Plaintiff was forced to attend these meetings of a “spiritual and personal nature” to force Plaintiff to completely submit to Ramsey as an employer and also as a spiritual and religious guide.

200. Frequently, Plaintiff was questioned about his perception of Dave Ramsey’s comments during staff meetings regarding the company and also religious matters.

201. He was also asked his thoughts whenever a negative article about Dave Ramsey would circulate.

202. To Plaintiff’s understanding, Ramsey Solutions employed a strict “No Gossip” policy regarding Dave Ramsey that, if violated, would lead to termination.

203. Plaintiff witnessed one producer, Shane Emerson, call a staff meeting for the sole purpose of apologizing for an alleged breach of this policy.

204. In alignment with this policy, Plaintiff always expressed his sense of neutrality toward these controversial issues.

205. Tennessee’s Stay at Home Order expired on April 30, 2020 and starting April 27, 2020, Ramsey Solution employees were encouraged to begin working at the office again.

206. Plaintiff returned to the office as all employees were required to do starting May 4, 2020.

207. Ramsey Solutions took adverse employment actions against all employees who requested to work from home.

208. Following Plaintiff's return to the office, employee desks remained in contact with one another without any partitioning or additional protection.

209. Zoom meetings were suspended and in person meetings were required.

210. Religious and Staff mass gatherings are mandatory.

211. During this time, the CDC issued a set of guidelines aiming to better protect individuals from infection and prevent the spread of the virus.

212. Specifically, the CDC urged the use of masks and social distancing as primary deterrents for the spread of COVID-19 infection.<sup>7</sup>

213. Ramsey implemented none of these policies as they felt the proper attitude was to simply "pray away the disease".

214. During conference meetings, the use of masks and social distancing was frowned upon.

215. Employees who wore masks to meetings were mocked and derided.

216. Ramsey Solutions continued to host meetings with more than 900 attendees, encouraging employees to attend in person despite being streamed.

217. Masks and social distancing were not required at these meetings with 900 attendees.

218. Within two weeks, these meetings were no longer streamed and employees were required to attend in person with no opportunity to social distance.

219. Later in May 2020, an anonymous Ramsey employee reported Ramsey violations under OSHA and/or CDC guidelines.

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<sup>7</sup> See Exhibit G – CDC Guidance

220. Dave Ramsey addressed this report and specifically described the anonymous employee “cowardly” and “disloyal,” asking that the employee should “do the right thing and quit.”

221. Dave Ramsey openly mocked this employee’s attempt to report a violation, stating that it would be useless due to Mr. Ramsey’s “connections.”

222. Ms. Johnson personally asked Mr. Amos if he had any concerns about Dave Ramsey’s comments regarding this employee.

223. Out of fear of retaliation, Plaintiff responded that he did not.

224. Despite the struggles with COVID-19 measures at work, Mr. Amos continued to provide his best effort to any projects assigned to him.

225. Leo Gonzales specifically gave high praise to the new style and detail Mr. Amos was giving to the Ramsey education material.

226. Shane Emerson commended Mr. Amos’s promo video for “Summit,” which also received a standing ovation at its event.

227. During this time, Dave Ramsey was publicly taking an anti-mask position on his radio show.

228. “Summit,” one of Ramsey’s largest conferences, was scheduled to take place at the Gaylord Hotel in Orlando.

229. The event was moved to the corporate office in Franklin purportedly because of Williamson County’s lack of a mask mandate.

230. The event was moved to Franklin because the Gaylord Hotel in Orlando required all attendees at large events to adhere to COVID-19 regulations including wearing masks.

231. Orange County, Florida had issued a mask-mandate prior to the scheduled event.

232. The Gaylord Hotel, located in Orange County, adhered to the mask mandate.

233. Mr. Ramsey expressed his desire to only hold the event if masks would not have to be worn.

234. On July 8, 2020, the Nashville Scene published an internal email from Ramsey Solutions' executive vice president and company board member Daniel Tardy reading "Today we were told by our host hotel, Marriott, that they have chosen to stop partnering with us and being solution oriented on delivering a great guest experience because of their myopic take on COVID stuff. I'll spare you the details but trust me when I say they are being immature, transactional and irrational."<sup>8</sup>

235. Ms. Johnson was aware that wearing a mask was a precautionary measure that Plaintiff took at work.

236. This "Summit" event was planned to host over seven hundred (700) attendees from all over the world in addition to vendors and approximately 900 employees.

237. Internal Ramsey emails indicated that the mask mandate for Williamson county would not apply to this event.

238. Employees taking video footage of the event were advised to ensure that no footage showed people wearing masks.

239. Ms. Johnson urged Plaintiff to take off during the Summit.

240. Ms. Johnson's made her suggestion with knowledge that Plaintiff wore masks at work and that Summit would be a mask-free event.

241. Persuaded by Ms. Johnson's warning of conflict at Summit, Plaintiff took time off as suggested.

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<sup>8</sup> Attached hereto as Exhibit H – Nashville Scene Article

242. Plaintiff's supervisors assured him that not attending the event would not adversely affect his employment.

243. Upon return, Plaintiff heard many employees decry the crowded environment of Summit.

244. On July 24, 2020, during a one-on-one meeting, Ms. Johnson asked Plaintiff about Dave Ramsey's "rants."

245. In response, Plaintiff stated that he did not know much or whether they were true.

246. Plaintiff explained he had heard a rumor that Dave Ramsey would compensate employees "with bounties" if they exposed other employees who provided damaging information to news outlets.

247. Plaintiff explained a Daily Beast article regarding Dave Ramsey pulling a gun out at a staff meeting just to prove a point about Ramsey's "no gossip" policy.

248. Ms. Johnson confirmed that this "bounty" rumor and the Daily Beast story were completely accurate.

249. Ms. Johnson added that one of the participants in this meeting had a breakdown because the gun triggered her Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

250. At the time of Plaintiff's hiring, Defendant specifically told Plaintiff that Defendant provided a "drama-free" workplace.

251. Defendant consistently provided a dramatic workplace atmosphere where staff would consistently spread internal rumors, monitor and report irregularities and disloyalty in the social media accounts of fellow employees, and punish any employee who shared "gossip" outside of the workplace.

252. Ms. Johnson asked Plaintiff if these statements had changed the way that he felt about working at Ramsey.

253. Ms. Johnson inquired if Plaintiff would like it better if Ramsey provided him \$15,000.00 and said “whoops I made a mistake.”

254. At this point, Plaintiff had already sacrificed much to move to Tennessee, including severe personal financial costs and salary reduction.

255. Additionally, Plaintiff’s family had struggled with the initial long distance and struggles moving to a new state.

256. Given his previous demotion and unemployment concerns during a global pandemic, Plaintiff valued job security over all else.

257. As a result of Plaintiff’s desire for job security and in light of his sacrifices to obtain it, Plaintiff answered Ms. Johnson’s inquiry with a “no.”

258. Plaintiff inquired if he would receive a raise due to his exceptional job performance since Ramsey made the specific promise that Plaintiff would have many opportunities for “quick and significant advancements and salary increases based on his work performance.”

259. Plaintiff had not received any significant job advancement nor salary increase since he started working at Ramsey.

260. Ms. Johnson asked if Plaintiff would be upset if he did not receive any raise.

261. Plaintiff responded that he would be very upset considering the promises made by Ramsey.

262. Ms. Johnson replied that Plaintiff would not be receiving any salary increase near his one-year evaluation, not even a cost-of-living adjustment.



263. Ms. Johnson indicated to Plaintiff that a salary increase or job promotion would never happen.

264. At the time of Plaintiff's hiring, Defendant specifically told him he would "edit features and help create their new film department."

265. On July 31, 2020, Plaintiff had another one-on-one with Ms. Johnson and Mr. LeFevre.

266. In this meeting, Mr. LeFevre stated Plaintiff "was not a good fit" and not "humble."

267. At the time of Plaintiff's hiring, Defendant specifically told Plaintiff that Defendant was not "cult-like" in the way they operated.

268. Defendant required complete and total submission to Dave Ramsey and his views of the world in order to maintain employment.

269. Even following laws and government mandates which are not in line with Ramsey's view of the world is reason for termination.

270. Defendant maintained a cult-like attitude regarding Dave Ramsey the entire time of Plaintiff's employment.

271. Additionally, Mr. LeFevre stated Plaintiff "would stand off to the side all of the time," specifically referencing Plaintiff's attempt to social distance at work.

272. Plaintiff was subsequently terminated at Ramsey Solutions.

273. Plaintiff was not given a reason for why he was dismissed other than his perceived "lack of humility".

274. Since Plaintiff's termination, Ramsey Solutions has been publicly criticized by many sources for their anti-mask position and their aversion to social distancing.

275. Defendant promised to Plaintiff that they were voted “best place to work for over 10 years” by their own employees without interference from management.

276. In actuality, Defendant forced their employees to participate in these polls and include only praise for the company and Dave Ramsey himself. If they refused, they would face disciplinary actions or termination by the company.

277. Defendant told Plaintiff at the time of his hire that they were family friendly and would allow Plaintiff to spend time with his family without interference or involvement from Defendant.

278. After Plaintiff started working at Defendant; they constantly harassed him about his home life and told him he needed to get his wife “on board” and he needed to “check his humility.”

279. Defendant constantly harassed Plaintiff about his home life and consistently told him he needed to get his wife “on the same page.”

#### **COUNT I – RETALIATORY DISCHARGE**

**(Tennessee Public Protection Act, T.C.A. § 50-1-304, et seq.)**

280. Plaintiff hereby re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

281. Plaintiff was an employee of the Defendant as a Senior Video Editor.

282. Plaintiff’s refused to participate in and/or refused to remain silent about Defendant’s requiring non-essential workers to be present in their office against state-mandated COVID-19 “stay at home”, mask, and social distancing precautions was the sole factor in Defendant’s decision to terminate Plaintiff.

283. As a result, Plaintiff has suffered damages.

## COUNT II – RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

### (Tennessee Human Rights Act T.C.A. § 4-21-101, et seq.)

284. Plaintiff hereby re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

285. Plaintiff asserts Defendant retaliated against plaintiff and interfered with his rights in violation of the Tennessee Human Rights Act, T.C.A. § 4-21-101, *et seq.*

286. Plaintiff was an employee of the Defendant.

287. Defendant violated the Tennessee Human Rights Act, T.C.A. § 4-21-101, *et seq.* by wrongfully terminating Plaintiff for his inadherence to several of Defendant's particular religious convictions.

288. Alternatively, Defendant violated the Tennessee Human Rights Act, T.C.A. § 4-21-101, *et seq.* by refusing to respect the Plaintiff's strongly held religious belief that "God helps those that help themselves"

289. Defendant's dangerous religious convictions that individuals should "pray away the disease" rather than taking proper precautions and taking precautions against COVID demonstrated "weakness of spirit" were not followed by the Plaintiff.

290. Defendant terminated Plaintiff for taking scientifically prescribed precautions in the COVID pandemic rather than relying on prayer alone to protect himself.

291. This action was taken in violation of Plaintiff's belief that the precautions suggested by the CDC, State of Tennessee, Medical Doctors and others were the proper way to avoid COVID.

292. Plaintiff was terminated for failing to follow Defendant's particular view that prayer was the exclusive way to prevent COVID infection.

293. Plaintiff was terminated for failing to follow Defendant's particular view that taking precautions other than prayer against COVID infection would make a person fall out of God's favor.

294. Plaintiff took other precautions to avoid infection in addition to prayer, and as a result was terminated from his position.

295. Defendant terminated plaintiff solely because he refused to adhere to Defendant's particular religious views on COVID and therefore suffered "reverse religious discrimination".

296. Defendant operated as a religious cult, Plaintiff did not adhere to some of Dave Ramsey's religious directives which placed his family at risk of death and as a result he was terminated.

297. As a result, Plaintiff has suffered damages.

### **COUNT III – FRAUD**

298. Plaintiff hereby re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

299. Defendant knowingly made false statements that Ramsey Solutions including:

- a) Plaintiff would edit features and help create their new film department;
- b) Defendant was not "cult like" in the way they operated;
- c) Defendant operated a "drama free" workplace;
- d) Defendant had been voted "best place to work" for over 10 years in a row by their own employees without interference from management;
- e) Defendant was family friendly and would allow Plaintiff to spend time with his family without interference from Defendant.

300. When Defendant made each of these statements they were false.

301. Plaintiff reasonably relied on these representations in accepting the position with Defendant.

302. Further, Defendant knowingly made false statements about Plaintiff's ability to work from home without adverse employment action.

303. When Defendant made this statement it was false.

304. Plaintiff reasonably relied on this representation when deciding to work from home.

305. Plaintiff would not have chosen to work from home if this statement had not been made.

306. Defendant made each of these false statements knowingly, without belief in their truth, or recklessly.

307. Each of these statements were in regard to material facts.

308. Plaintiff has suffered injury as a result of the reliance on these statements.

#### **COUNT IV – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

309. Plaintiff hereby re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

310. Defendant made negligent misrepresentations to Plaintiff as identified in Count III.

311. Defendant was acting in the course of his business, profession, employment, or in a transaction in which Defendant held a pecuniary interest.

312. Defendant supplied the information identified in Count III to guide Plaintiff in his decision to accept employment with Defendant.

313. When defendant made these representations they were false.

314. The Defendant did not exercise reasonable care in obtaining or communicating the information.

315. Plaintiff justifiably relied on Defendant's negligent misrepresentations in accepting the position with Defendant.

316. Plaintiff would not have accepted the position with Defendant if these statements had not been made.

317. Plaintiff exchanged significant financial and personal resources in pursuit of this representation.

318. As a result, Plaintiff suffered damages.

#### **COUNT IV – PROMISORRY ESTOPPEL**

319. Plaintiff hereby re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

320. Defendant made promises to plaintiff regarding the conditions of his future employment including limited interference with Plaintiff's family time and a strict 40-hour work week.

321. Defendant made these promises clearly and unambiguously to Plaintiff.

322. As a result of Plaintiff's reliance on these promises, Plaintiff suffered substantial economic loss.

323. The economic loss that Plaintiff suffered as a result of relying on these promises was reasonably foreseeable by Defendant.

324. Plaintiff acted reasonably in justifiable reliance on these promises as they were made.

#### **COUNT V – DECEPTIVE REPRESENTATIONS AND FALSE PRETENSES**

##### **(T.C.A. § 50-1-102)**

325. Plaintiff hereby re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

326. Defendant induced Plaintiff to move from California to Tennessee to work for Ramsey.

327. Defendant made deceptive representations about the character of the work to be done.

328. Defendant made deceptive representations about the quantity of work to be done.

329. At the time these deceptive representations were made by Defendant, Defendant reasonably understood them to be false.

330. At the time these deceptive representations were made by Defendant, Defendant had no intention on providing these representations was advertised.

331. Plaintiff was reasonably persuaded to justifiably rely on these representations as advertised by Defendant.

332. Plaintiff exchanged significant financial and personal resources in pursuit of this representation.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff requests this court enter judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against Defendant, for:

- (1) full amounts of wages Plaintiff would have received but for Defendant's willful violation of his rights, front pay (or reinstatement), liquidated damages, and all other relief allowed by the Tennessee Public Protection Act;
- (2) compensatory damages pursuant to the Tennessee Public Protection Act;
- (3) all reasonable costs and attorney's fees pursuant to the Tennessee Public Protection Act;
- (4) prejudgment and post judgment interest;

- (5) any such other legal relief as may be appropriate or to which Plaintiff may be entitled under state law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**

## FIND COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

### COMMITMENT TO ACCESSIBILITY

# Gov. Bill Lee Issues Guidance for Mass Gatherings, Schools, State Employees, and the State Capitol Building

Friday, March 13, 2020 | 05:45pm

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee issued further guidance regarding mass gatherings, schools, state employees and the State Capitol Building as more confirmed cases of COVID-19 surface in Tennessee.

"COVID-19 is an evolving situation but we urge vulnerable populations, including those over age 60 and with chronic medical conditions to limit participation in mass gatherings and to take extra precautions for personal well-being like increased hand-washing," said Governor Lee. "With 26 confirmed cases in our state, we have issued further guidance to help communities mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

### **Mass Gatherings**

Heading into the weekend, many Tennesseans will be making decisions regarding faith gatherings and church attendance. Congregations and groups are urged to consider alternatives to traditional services by utilizing live streams, pre-recorded messages and other electronic means.

While at this time, mass gatherings such as conferences or other large social events remain at the discretion of the organizer, we strongly discourage events of 250 people or more as an important step in limiting exposure to COVID-19.

### **Schools**

At this time, school districts have been advised to exercise discretion when canceling school for K-12 students. The state will provide further support for districts pursuing this action but urge districts to consider the prevalence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in their area. In partnership with districts, students who depend on school-provided meals will still receive this support, regardless of school closure.

### **State Employees, Business Travel**

Effective immediately, state employees who have been trained and certified to work from home within the state's Alternative Workplace Solutions (AWS) program will work from home through March 31, 2020. Approximately 11,000 state employees are certified AWS employees and can begin work from home with no disruption to state business.

Effective immediately, state employees have been instructed to cease all non-essential business travel through March 31, 2020.

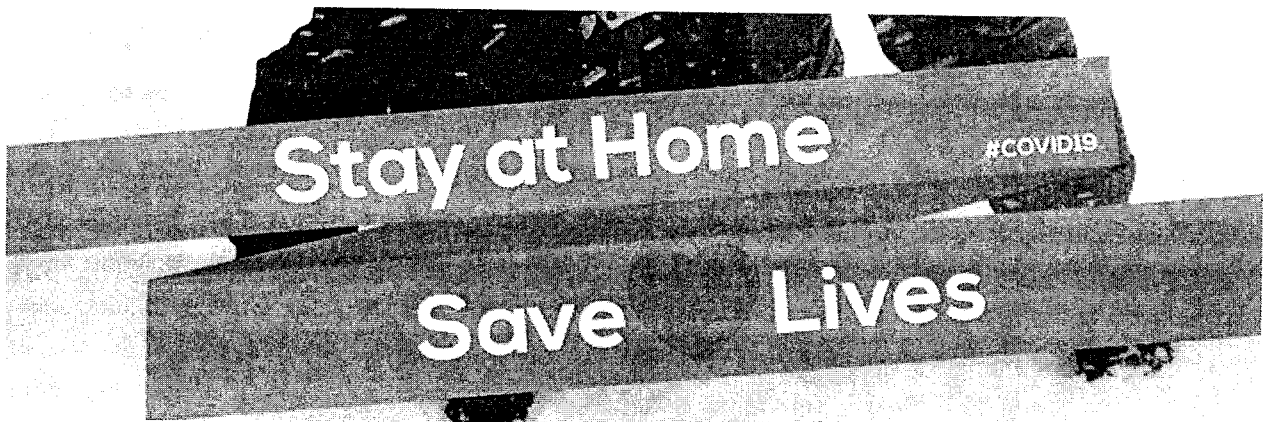
### **Tennessee State Capitol Closed to Visitors**

The Tennessee State Capitol is closed to tours and visitors through March 31, 2020. Members of the media will continue to have access to the State Capitol building.

Updated confirmed case numbers of COVID-19 in Tennessee are available [here](#). Updated guidance for COVID-19 is available [here](#).



## **EXHIBIT B**



Melissa Amos is 😡 feeling angry.

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When those on the front lines are begging, and the governor still won't shut it down.



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1,500+ TN physicians urge governor to order shelter-in-place

## **EXHIBIT C**



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

### How to Protect Yourself



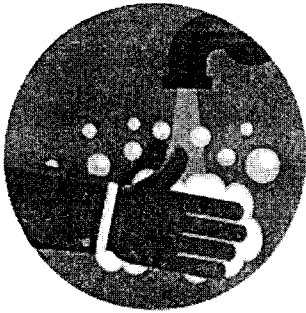
**Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions** like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. More information on [Are you at higher risk for serious illness?](#)

### Know How it Spreads



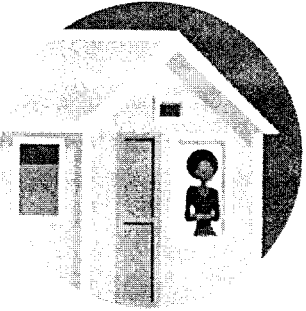
- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
  - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
  - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

### Take steps to protect yourself



## Clean your hands often

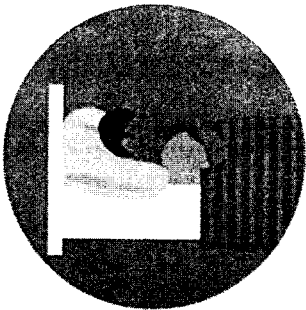
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



## Avoid close contact

- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

## Take steps to protect others



## Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.



## Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.





## Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring

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## Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

### To disinfect:

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.

### Options include:

- **Diluting your household bleach.**

To make a bleach solution, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
- OR
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water



Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation.

Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

- **Alcohol solutions.**

Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.

- **Other common EPA-registered household disinfectants.**

Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens  [7 pages]  claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

[More handwashing tips](#)

[Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings](#)

## More information

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## **EXHIBIT D**

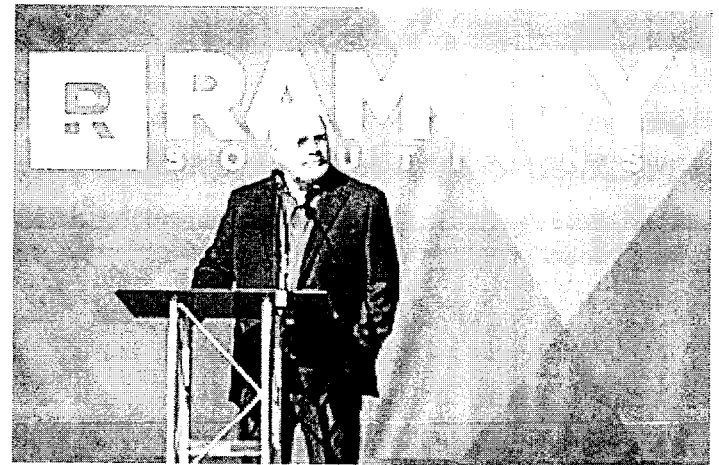


# Get a Load of This Unhinged Email From Dave Ramsey and Co.

Another investigation of Ramsey from Religion News Service prompted a characteristically reasonable response

BY STEVEN HALE — JAN 15, 2021 2 PM

Conservative evangelical financial personality Dave Ramsey is famously not fond of being questioned. Start poking around a bit about him and his business, and one will quickly become acquainted with the uglier side of his on-air persona of a tough-talking financial guru who just hates debt and won't spare the rod.



**Dave Ramsey at Ramsey Solutions headquarters' ribbon cutting in 2019**

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In 2014, The Daily Beast reported on Ramsey's furious search for the people behind anonymous Twitter accounts that were mocking him. That story included the now-infamous anecdote about Ramsey pulling out a loaded gun during a staff meeting about the danger of gossip — an anecdote that was confirmed by a longtime Ramsey employee in a 2019 deposition. In the past year, the *Scene* has published several stories about Ramsey's defiance of public health guidelines during the coronavirus pandemic. The company kept its offices open,

with staff working in-person, after employees started testing positive for COVID-19; hosted a large business conference in Franklin as case counts in the area spiked; and threw a massive, maskless Christmas party as the pandemic surged again last month. Ramsey and Co. have largely refused to comment for stories like this, opting instead to stew internally about the stories via emails that are then leaked to us. He seems to regard reporting that raises questions about his personal judgment as a business leader as attacks on all of Christianity. Ramsey recently went on a Twitter-blocking spree, blocking several *Scene* writers for reasons that remain unclear.

Which brings us to today's thorough investigation of Ramsey Solutions from Religion News Service. You should read the whole story from veteran reporter Bob Smietana. Among the details he reports: When an employee who was not married told Ramsey Solutions she was pregnant, the company fired her for having premarital sex in violation of its moral code. A leader who had an affair, however, was not subject to the same policy.

For our purposes, we'd like to draw your attention to the absolutely bonkers email Ramsey Solutions sent Smietana when he asked for comment on the story. To be clear, this was their response to questions sent before the story was published. This is how they reacted to an opportunity to have their side of the story included in Smietana's article. RNS has made the full statement available here. We'll quote two portions in particular, below.

The email begins like this:

Thanks for reaching out. We want to confirm for you that you are right, we are horrible evil people. We exist to simply bring harm to our team, take advantage of our customers, and spread COVID. And YOU figured it all out, wow. Who would have guessed that an unemployed guy, oh I am sorry, a “freelance reporter” would be the one to show us how horrible we are so we can change and to let the world know of our evil intent, secrets, and complete disregard for decency.....but YOU did it, you with all your top notch investigative skills have been able to weave together a series of half-truths to expose our evil ways. You are truly amazing.

That's ... wild. But the final paragraph is where Ramsey and company's penchant for lashing out and retaliating against perceived enemies really comes through. After noting that several area pastors and business leaders had been blind-copied on the email, the statement concludes:

If you are on this email we would ask a favor for Ramsey...would you help us? Bob's phone number and email are here, and we would ask that you contact him TODAY and tell him all the evil horrible stories you know about us. Also, he lives in Spring Hill so if you see him out and about, be sure to congratulate him on his virtue. He needs to sell this story to pay his rent and the dirtier your story on us the more we can help him. When you call please do not be mean, Bob already has a lot of anxiety and we don't want to add to that. If his phone is overwhelmed or he doesn't want to hear your story, you should contact Religion News Service and tell them of Bob's amazing grasp on virtue and truth. You can also tell them of all the people that have been helped by his pursuit of truth throughout the years as we all have followed his “career.” It is time the world knows about Bob and the blessing he has been to so many.

It does prove, at least, that Ramsey's commitment to freeing people of debt is sincere. He's apparently allowing several reporters to live in his head rent-free.



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Posted by centenary

Jan 18 2021 13:56

"Christians" like Dave Ramsey and Michael Del Giorno are part of the reason true Christians are leaving organized religion in droves, disgusted by the hypocrisy epitomized by guys like them.



Posted by christopher.waldrop

Jan 18 2021 12:13

David Longfellow can't defend Ramsey so he makes a pointless, meaningless attack like the cowardly snowflake and he is. Being tied to a treasonous loser like Trump must be difficult.



Posted by davidlongfellow

Jan 18 2021 08:02

This comment has been reported.

Ramsey has obviously committed the most flagrant of offenses as far as the media is concerned: he is NOT a raving progressive lunatic.





Posted by davidsblackwell

Jan 17 2021 04:16

Why would anyone right such an article? I felt it total waste of time to read. Credit card debt is a total illusion. Covid the greatest hoax in medical history. Our entire debt based economy is a total illusion that simply enslaves folks in skinny jeans.



Posted by Williamson Willie

Jan 16 2021 11:30

Walking away from debt with bankruptcy and then claiming you're a big expert on debt and business, Ramsey was Donald Trump before Donald Trump was cool.



Posted by Big Fauci

Jan 15 2021 18:16

"It does prove, at least, that Ramsey's commitment to freeing people of debt is sincere. He's apparently allowing several reporters to live in his head rent-free." Dave, who's this Hale guy think he is? He's really cooking you here and you can't let this slide. I look forward to your next diss. Please be prompt.



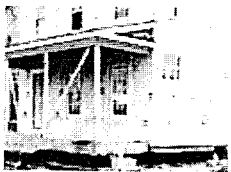
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I'd have run with the "We are horrible, evil people" quote and invited Ramsey's team to deny saying it.

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