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| BALDWIN COUNTY |) | - • | | | | | | - | |

You are hereby commanded to summon J. WADE, ROBERTSDALE SERVICE CENTER, HWY 59, ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA, to appear within thirty days after the service of this summons in the Circuit Court to be held for said County, then and there to demur or plead to the complaint of Dr. D. K. Cooper.

Witness my hand this /// day of /Ole..., 1971.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DR. D. KEITH COOPER.)

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA Plaintiff)

AT LAW ٧s.)

NO. 10/56 J. WADE.

Defendant

COMPLAINT

COUNT ONE

The Plaintiff, Dr. D. Keith Cooper, claims of the Defendant, J. Wade, Seven thousand Five hundred and no/100ths Dollars (\$7,500), damages for falsely and maliciously publishing of and concerning him on a sign placed in the window of Defendant's place of business, to-wit: Robertsdale Service Center, HWY 59, at Robertsdale, Alabama,, the following matter, with intent to defame the Plaintiff, viz:

NOTICE:

DR. OR MRS. K. COOPER

WILL NOT PAY THEIR

HONEST BILLS.

from, on or about, to-wit: July 1, 1971, to, on or about, to-wit: September 7, 1971, for which defamation Plaintiff was injured in the amount of \$7,500.00.

COUNT TWO

The Plaintiff, Dr. D. Keith Cooper, claims of the Defendant,
J. Wade, Five thousand and no/100ths Dollars (\$5,000), for that on
or about, to-wit: July 1, 1971, Defendant caused a notice to be
placed on a show window of his business, Robertsdale Service Center,
on Alabama Highway 59, in Robertsdale, Alabama, fronting on the
principal street of the City of Robertsdale, the city in which both
the Defendant and the Plaintiff reside, which notice reads as follows:

NOTICE

DR. OR MRS. K. COOPER
WILL NOT PAY THEIR
HONEST BILLS.

This sign covered a space of 8 inches by 11 inches and was conspicuous to all persons passing on the street. This sign was unlawfully and maliciously placed on the show window by the Defendant or his agent or employee, without right or legal authority and remained there until September 7, 1971. The publication of the notice or sign has caused Plaintiff great mental pain and humiliation, and has tended to expose him to public contempt and ridicule, and has caused an unfavorable opinion of him in the minds of trademen and the public generally, all to his damage in the sum of \$5,000.00.

COUNT THREE

The Plaintiff, Dr. D. Keith Cooper, claims of the Defendant, J. Wade, Ten thousand and no/100ths Dollars (\$10,000.00), for that on or about, to-wit: July 1, 1971, Defendant caused a notice to be placed on a show window of his business, Robertsdale Service Center, on Alabama Highway 59, in Robertsdale, Alabama, fronting on the principal street of the city of Robertsdale, the city in which both the Defendant and the Plaintiff reside, which notice reads as follows:

NOTICE

DR. OR MRS. K. COOPER

WILL NOT PAY THEIR

HONEST BILLS.

This sign covered a space of one foot by two feet and was conspicuous to all persons passing on the street. This sign was unlawfully and maliciously placed on the show window by the Defendant or his agent or employee, without right or legal authority, and remained there until September 7, 1971. This unlawful publication of a disputed debt by the Defendant has invaded the privacy of the Plaintiff, and has subjected his private affairs to the knowledge of the public, and has tended to expose him to public contempt and ridicule and has caused an unfavorable opinion of him in the minds of tradesmen and the public generally, all to his damage in the sum of \$10,000.00.

Daniel E. Robison
Plaintiff's Attorney

For the trial of this cause a jury is demanded by the Plaintiff.

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IRBY AND POGGI ATTORNEYS AT LAW 305 NORTH SECTION STREET FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA 36532

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February 1, 1973

Eunice B. Blackmon P. O. Box 239 Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

Dear Eunice:

As you know, Dan Robison is no longer practicing law in this area. Please place Irby and Poggi as attorneys of record on the following cases that were turned over to us by Dan.

| Dr. D. K. Cooper -vs- J. Wade | Case No. 10,156 |
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| Farmers & Merchants Bank -vs- Clifford McLain & Louise McLain | Case No. 10,366 |
| Donald Gaar, d/b/a/ Foley Auto Parts -vs- Jaye Truck Lines, Inc. | Case No. 10,346 |
| Jerry Hance, d/b/a/ Magnolia Springs Garage -vs- Laura Williams | Case No. 10,348 |
| Kenneth Totsch, d/b/a/ Totsch Boat Works -vs- Donald Forsyth | Case No. 10,132 |
| Jerry Hance, d/b/a/ Magnolia Springs Garage -vs- Ralph Dubuison | Case. No. 10,349 |
| Baptist Hospital -vs- Fannie Mae Walden | Case No. 10,373 |
| La Rue Flying Service, Incvs- John R. Childress | Case No. 9,469 |
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| Jerry Hance, d/b/a/ Magnolia Springs Garage -vs- Rodney Carver | Case No. | 10,346 |
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| George W. Markham, Sr. and Randall Markham, d/b/a/ George Markham & Sons Signs -vs- H. Rowland Clifton | Case No. | 10,458 |
| Foley Tractor Co., Inc -vs- Paul L. Bonnell | Case No. | 9,215~ |
| La Rue Flying Service -vs- Henry King | Case No. | 9,615 |
| Eddie Sweat -vs- John A. McDuffie | Case No. | .9,455 |

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly,

For the Firm

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FOLEY, ALABAMA 36535

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January 18, 1972

Mrs. Eunice Blackmon Clerk of the Circuit Court Bay Minette, Alabama

RE: Cooper v. Wade

10,156

Dear Mrs. Blackmon:

Mr. Daniel Benton, of the firm Rickaby & Benton, Fairhope, Alabama, will be associated with me on this case in behalf of the Plaintiff.

Please note this on the docket sheet.

Daniel E. Robison

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| DR. D. KEI | TH COOPER |) | IN | THE | CIRCUIT | COURT | OF |
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| VS. | Plaintiff |) | BAL | DWIN | COUNTY, | ALAB | AMA |
| J. WADE | |) | | | AT LAW | | |
| O. WAIDE | Defendant |) | Cas | e No | 10,156 | ; | |

Comes the defendant in the above styled cause and demurs to the bill of complaint and each count thereof separately and severally and assigns the following grounds of demurrers separately and severally:

- 1. No facts are alleged to show the plaintiff sustained any damage or injury from the alleged defamation.
- 2. No facts are alleged to show that the plaintiff Dr. D. Keith Cooper and Dr. of Mrs. K. Cooper are the one and same person.
- 3. No facts are alleged that Mrs. K. Cooper will pay her honest bills.
- 4. For aught that appears from the Count the matter alleged to be printed on the sign is the truth.
- 5. There is no allegations in the count that the plaintiff pays his honest bills.

Attorney for the Defendant

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