McGowan, Hood & Felder, LLC

Chad A. McGowan (SC,GA,NC)
S. Randall Hood
John G. Felder, Jr.
W. Jones Andrews, Jr.
Russell T. Burke
Jordan C. Calloway
Susan F. Campbell
Deborah Casey (NC)*
Ashley White Creech
Shawn B. Deery
Chance M. Farr (SC,NC)
Eve S. Goodstein



Whitney B. Harrison
Richard A. "Trey" Jones III
Patrick M. Killen
Anna S. Magann
Robert V. Phillips
Ranee Saunders
James L. Ward, Jr. (SC,NC)
James Stephen Welch (SC,OK)*
Jay F. Wright
Joseph G. Wright, III*
*Of Counsel

Writer's Email: swelch@mcgowanhood.com

December 5, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

John R. Devlin Devlin & Parkinson, PA P. O. Box 10387 Greenville, SC 29603

Re:

30-Day Notice of Termination of Non-Residential Lease

To Relentless Church Dated November 27, 2019

Dear John:

I am in receipt of your letter referenced above which was delivered to Pastor John Gray of Relentless Church. Our firm has been retained by Pastor Gray and Relentless.

As you may be aware, Redemption Church and Ron Carpenter could not follow through with all the terms of the original transition agreement related to property when Relentless moved in. Subsequently, two leases were negotiated to allow Relentless to lease the properties (which you list in your letter) until Relentless exercised its option under those leases to obtain the properties. Based on those lease terms, Relentless has paid and is current on both leases, and possibly has overpaid based on rent increases dictated by Ron Carpenter and Redemption.

In addition, we are in possession of a Direct Message on Facebook that Hope Carpenter recently sent to members of the Relentless congregation. Copies are enclosed for you review. We ask that you immediately cease and desist with Direct Messages and other correspondence with the Relentless members. As you can see from the message, Hope makes very serious defamatory statements. She calls Pastor Gray a "shady man" and "dishonest." She goes on to state that Pastor Gray and Relentless "are 3 to 4 months behind on all the bills" and that "[w]e (Hope and Ron) will be taking our church back..." She then says, "We are very excited to have our campus back but we are very sad John Gray has not lived up to his end of the bargain." The exact opposite is true. Pastor Gray and Relentless have gone above and beyond the original transfer terms to make this

work. It is Ron Carpenter and Redemption Church who could not comply with the transfer agreement.

We are also having a hard time understanding how any entity, much less a Christian ministry, can expect a church the size of Relentless to move in 30 days, especially when the rent is current. Could it be that the threat of eviction on a 30-day notice is really so the Carpenters can do exactly what Hope has outlined in her Facebook DM? I sincerely hope not.

We are all hopeful both sides can take a breath and sit down soon to resolve this issue reasonably. If that is not possible, then Pastor Gray and Relentless Church will have no choice but to protect their reputation. They cannot sit back while such defamatory and untrue statements are being purposely spread. Your 30-day letter was leaked to a religious gossip website, and last night a 90-minute YouTube show was broadcast, titled "John Gray and The Relentless Church RUINED!!!," that has already received over 40,000 views. In it, Larry Reid states that the Relentless Church has been evicted for not paying the rent and is behind on its bills. How your letter was leaked to Larry Reid I do not know, but we are investigating.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please give me a call on my cell.

Sincerely,

McGowan, Hood & Felder, LLC

J. Stephen Welch

Enclosures

cc: Pastor John Gray, Relentless Church

eviction notice to Relentless... We are asking them to vacate our building because everything is still in our name and they are 3 to 4 months behind on all the bills that are in Redemption's name. We have tried so hard to make it work with them but he is a shady man. Very dishonest! We will be taking our church back and we will make it a campus we will be live one Sunday a month and the rest we will strea: 🕨 Ne are

so hard to make it work with them but he is a shady man. Very dishonest! We will be taking our church back and we will make it a campus we will be live one Sunday a month and the rest we will stream!!! We are very excited to have our campus back but we are very sad that John Gray has not lived up to his end of the agreement. Please don't say anything we will make a public announce" יnt soon

