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U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Hon. Dick Durbin, Chair  
Hon. Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Chair  
Hon. Jim Jordan, Ranking Member  
U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary  
2138 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Protected, lawful disclosure regarding the  
Honorable John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States

To Mr. Amundson, the Department of Justice, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Grassley, the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Jordan, and the House Judiciary Committee:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Kendal B. Price, Esq., whom I represent, and provided protected, lawful disclosures alleging possible legal and ethics violations committed by the Honorable John G. Roberts, the Chief Justice of the United States – in particular violations of 28 U.S.C. §455 (regarding judicial recusal) and 5 U.S.C. §104 (regarding judicial financial disclosure requirements).

Mr. Price's disclosure is supported by the following documents attached hereto:

- (1) a sworn affidavit from Mr. Price (Exhibit 1);

- (2) a transcript of sworn testimony by Ms. Jane Sullivan Roberts in 2015 (Exhibit 2) in an arbitration proceeding relating to her work as a legal recruiter;
- (3) an itemized list of Ms. Roberts' law firm commission payments for services rendered as a legal recruiter from 2007 through 2014 (Exhibit 3);
- (4) a legal ethics memorandum from Bennett L. Gershman, Distinguished Professor of Law, Pace University Elisabeth Haub School of Law (Exhibit 4);
- (5) a list of Supreme Court cases from 2012-2022 related to the WilmerHale law firm (Exhibit 5); and
- (6) excerpts from Chief Justice Roberts's publicly available annual financial disclosures from 2007 through 2021 (Exhibit 6).

It is respectfully requested that the Department of Justice and the Congress initiate investigations into the conduct outlined and corroborated in the attached Exhibits. It is also respectfully requested that the Judiciary Committees share this disclosure with every Member of each Judiciary Committee, and both majority and minority committee staffs.

Mr. Price was fired from Major, Lindsey & Africa ("MLA") in July 2013, several months after raising protected, lawful whistleblower concerns within the firm. Since then, MLA has sought in various ways to gag Mr. Price and/or limit his ability to speak publicly on matters of public concern. In particular, two important pieces of documentary evidence included here (Exhibits 2 and 3) were obtained directly from MLA, which has already sought to restrict public access to them.

Also, MLA is a subsidiary Allegis Group. Upon information and belief, MLA and/or Allegis Group have for years received U.S. government contracts, including from the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Federal Acquisition Service.<sup>1</sup> As a result, current and former employees such as Mr. Price are protected by 41 U.S.C. §4712 from retaliation for lawful disclosures to U.S. government recipients. *See also* Fed. Acquisition Reg. Part 3, *Improper Business Practices*, especially §3.907-7 (requiring federal contractors to permit whistleblower disclosures to U.S. government recipients).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *See, e.g.*, <https://www.highergov.com/awardee/allegis-group-inc-10032100/#vehicles>.

<sup>2</sup> *See also* §1553 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, SEC. 1553, Protecting State and Local Government and Contractor Whistleblowers. Moreover, §743(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, 129 Stat. 2484-5, P.L. 114-113-Dec.

Any attempt by MLA to intimidate Mr. Price or restrict your ability to review these documents would violate U.S. law and judicially-recognized public policy. Nevertheless, your support would be appreciated with respect to ensuring Mr. Price does not face litigation (however frivolous), intimidation or any other form of retaliation for providing you with these materials. In that context, Mr. Price's disclosure has been carefully limited to those internal corporate documents relevant and "reasonably necessary" to demonstrate violations of law.<sup>3</sup> Nor are any of the materials provided subject to any legitimate claim of privilege.<sup>4</sup> Although Mr. Price is a lawyer, MLA has never been his client.

Thank you in advance for your review of these materials that reflect directly on important

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18, 2015, directs that:

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act may be available for a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with an entity that requires employees or contractors of such entity seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. *Cafasso v. General Dynamics C4 Systems, Inc.*, 637 F.3d 1047, 1062 (9th Cir. 2011) (*dicta* suggesting that relators under a different whistleblower statute [the False Claims Act] should limit disclosure of confidential corporate documents to those documents "reasonably necessary" to make the whistleblower claim).


<sup>4</sup> None of the materials are marked "Attorney-Client Privileged" or similarly designated. None of the materials relate to the provision of legal advice or legal matters ordinarily covered by the privilege. Therefore there is no reason to conclude that any of the materials presented in this disclosure are in any way privileged.

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matters related to the integrity of the judicial branch at its highest level. Of course, should you have any questions, seek more information, or wish to contact Mr. Price, please do not hesitate contact me as his counsel.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua L. Dratel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Joshua L. Dratel

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