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SUSAN LEA VS STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA, ET AL.

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Daniel M. Crowley

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PRACTICE AREA

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MATTER TYPE

Intentional Torts

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On July 30, 2025 a civil rights/discrimination (general jurisdiction) case was filed by [Lea Susan](#), against [Moawas Steven](#), [Stallings Brandon](#), [State Bar Of California](#), and [Wilson Leah](#), in the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County. Judge Daniel M. Crowley presiding.

Case Details

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Overview

Cause(s) of Action:

- Violations of California Constitution, Article I, Sections 1, 7, 9--DUE PROCESS
- Breach of Mandatory Duties (Govt. Code Sections 815.2 et. seq., 820, 820(a), 822.2)
- NEGLIGENCE AND NEGLIGENCE PER SE (Penal Code Sections 368 etc.)

Case Complaint Summary

The complaint was filed by Plaintiff Susan Lea, a formerly licensed California attorney, against Defendants including the State Bar of California, Brandon Stallings (Chair of the Board of Trustees), Steven Moawad (Special Regulator), Leah Wilson, and Doe defendants 1 through 50. Plaintiff alleges wrongful administrative revocation of her attorney license effective July 1, 2025, following her timely renewal and payment on January 22, 2025, as confirmed by the State Bar's website. Plaintiff contends that Defendants manipulated the State Bar's website and licensing process to falsely claim that she had failed to complete a minor licensing question, resulting in the unjust removal of her license without due process. Plaintiff further alleges Defendants engaged in extortion by demanding payment to restore her license, and that Defendant Moawad abused his authority by hacking and reprogramming the website to harm her.

Plaintiff asserts that Defendants' actions violated her constitutional rights under the California Constitution, including due process and equal protection guarantees (Article I, Sections 1, 7, and 9). She alleges that Defendants unlawfully enacted new fines, penalties, and administrative disbarment powers in late 2024 without proper legal authority or notice, constituting ex post facto laws. Plaintiff also claims breach of mandatory statutory duties under various Government Code provisions, negligence and negligence per se,

and civil rights violations including hate crimes motivated by bias against her age, disability, race, and gender. Plaintiff maintains that Defendants acted with malice, fraud, and discrimination, causing irreparable harm to her professional status, clients, and livelihood.

The complaint details that Plaintiff was the only licensed attorney to sue the State Bar over its 2017 restructuring, which she claims removed attorneys' rights and reduced standards, and that Defendants retaliated against her because of this and other personal biases. Plaintiff alleges Defendant Moawad exercised tyrannical control over the Bar's IT systems and licensing website, enabling him to alter her license status arbitrarily. Plaintiff sought to correct the licensing profile multiple times in April 2025, but was repeatedly blocked and ultimately had her license revoked without due process or opportunity to be heard. She also reports filing a statutory claim and an FBI report concerning cybercrimes committed by Defendants.

Plaintiff seeks injunctive, equitable, and declaratory relief to restore her license and protect other attorneys from similar harms. She requests compensatory damages for financial losses and emotional distress, punitive damages to punish Defendants' malicious conduct, special statutory damages under the Unruh and Ralph Acts for civil rights violations, reimbursement of attorney fees and costs, and a judicial declaration that the State Bar's unlawful policies and expenditures violate constitutional rights. Plaintiff also requests that the Court order cessation of illegal practices and require Defendants to comply with their constitutional and statutory duties.

Parties

Plaintiffs

[Lea Susan](#)

Defendants

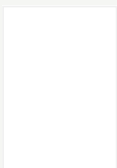
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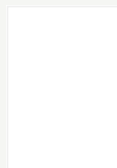
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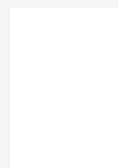
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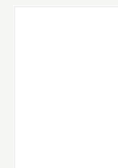
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July 30, 2025	Docket Event	Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court); Signed and Filed by: Clerk; As to: Susan Lea (Plaintiff)	
July 30, 2025	Docket Event	Alternative Dispute Resolution Packet; Filed by: Clerk	
July 30, 2025	Docket Event	Civil Case Cover Sheet; Filed by: Susan Lea (Plaintiff)	

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Docket Event

Complaint; Filed by: Susan Lea (Plaintiff); As to: State Bar of California (Defendant); Brandon Stallings (Defendant); Steven Moawas (Defendant) et al.

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