

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of	ý	
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McWANE, INC.,) [OCKET NO. 9351
Respondent)	
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MOTION TO QUASH SUBPEONA OR FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW Tommy E. Brakefield, and moves the Court for the entry of a protective order or an order quashing Subpoenas *Ad Testificandums* served on him in this matter. Movant respectfully shows:

- 1. Tommy Brakefield is a retired former employee of SIGMA Corporation, who was also given the title of President of DIFRA during the efforts to organize that association.
- 2. DIFRA functioned only briefly and ineffectually, and, while it has not been formally dissolved, it is completely inactive, and has been so since 2008. Mr. Brakefield held the title of President, but had no executive function.
- 3. On May 4, 2012, Mr. Brakefield was called as a witness by complainant to give a deposition covering both his knowledge of DIFRA, and his job at SIGMA. During that all-day deposition, Mr. Brakefield fully answered all questions posed by FTC counsel and by McWane's counsel. He identified and

authenticated all documents shown to him. Mr. Brakefield had to engage counsel, review documents and attend, at considerable imposition of time and cost to him.

- 4. Since that time, Mr. Brakefield has further given a declaration at the request of complainant, and one at the request of defendant on the authenticity of documents which those parties apparently seek to use at trial.
- 5. Mr. Brakefield resides in Birmingham, Alabama, but has now received subpoenas to appear in Washington sometime during the trial of this matter, with the date of such attendance being uncertain. The subpoena states that it is for September 4, the opening day of the trial, but Mr. Brakefield has been informed that he will not actually be called as a witness that day. No fixed day has been made known.
- 6. It is both burdensome to Mr. Brakefield and unnecessary to the trial for Mr. Brakefield to be required to be available for multiple days, and to travel to Washington, apparently on short notice from counsel, when his testimony is fully known and is available to counsel and the Court.
- 7. Mr. Brakefield's counsel has sought to obtain the consent of complainant to withdraw the subpoena, but such request has been refused. It is neither fair nor reasonable for a private citizen to be compelled to appear when he has already fully cooperated and fully testified.

WHEREFORE, movant Tommy E. Brakefield respectfully prays that the Court will enter an order that the subpoenas for his attendance at trial be quashed, and for such other relief as may be appropriate in the premises.

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