

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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JENNIFER PAIGE FISHER,  
PHILLIP BRYAN FISHER,  
RICHARD SCOTT PACE,  
RICK DON ANGEL,  
RONALD CRAIG SMITH

**Plaintiffs,**

v.

Case No. 58CV-22-\_\_\_\_\_

STEEL, WRIGHT, GRAY, PLLC; CAPITOL  
LAW GROUP, LLC; NATE STEEL,  
and ALEX GRAY,

**Defendants.**

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**COMPLAINT**

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COMES NOW the Plaintiffs, Jennifer Paige Fisher, Phillip Bryan Fisher, Richard Scott Pace, Rick Don Angel, Ronald Craig Smith (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), and hereby allege for their Complaint against the Defendants Steel, Wright, Gray, PLLC, Capitol Law Group, LLC, Nate Steel, and Alex Gray as follows:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This Court has subject matter over these state law civil claims, and personal jurisdiction over each Defendant as citizens of Arkansas subject to service of process in this County.

2. Venue is proper here as Plaintiffs, Jennifer Paige Fisher and Phillip Bryan Fisher are both found within Pope County, and many of the representations at issue in this case were directed at and/or occurred within this County.

### PARTIES

3. Plaintiffs Jennifer Paige Fisher (“Paige”) and Phillip Bryan Fisher (“Fisher”) and are citizens of Arkansas and residents of Pope County.

4. Plaintiff Richard Scott Pace (“Pace”) is a citizen of the State of Arkansas.

5. Plaintiff Rick Don Angel (“Angel”) is a citizen of the State of Arkansas.

6. Plaintiff Ronald Craig Smith (“Smith”) is a citizen of the State of Arkansas.

7. Defendant Steel, Wright, Gray, PLLC (“SWG”) is a citizen of Arkansas and operates as a law firm with a principal place of business in Forrest City, St. Francis County, Arkansas, according to documents currently on file with the Arkansas Secretary of State. Its Registered Agent is Nate Steel at P.O. Box 588, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72336. SWG predecessor firms were known as Steel, Wright & Collier, and Steel, Wright, Gray & Hutchinson. Collectively, SWG and its predecessors are collectively referred herein as “SWG.”

8. Defendant Capitol Law Group, LLC (“Capitol”) is a citizen of Arkansas with a principal place of business located at 400 W. Capitol Ave., Suite 2910, Little Rock, 72201. It is also organized under Arkansas law as a limited liability company as of December 4, 2018 and based upon information and belief its members at least include Defendant Nate Steel and Defendant Alex Gray. Its Registered Agent is Alex Gray located at the same address as its principal place of business.

9. Defendant Nate Steel (“Steel”) is an attorney and an owner/member in both Steel, Wright, Gray, PLLC, and Capitol Law Group. He is a citizen of Arkansas and resides in Pulaski County.

10. Defendant Alex Gray (“Gray”) is an attorney and an owner/member in both Steel, Wright, Gray, PLLC, and Capitol Law Group. He is a citizen of Arkansas and resides in Pulaski County.

### FACTS

11. In 2017, SWG, and attorneys Steel and Gray solicited Plaintiffs as their clients to serve as individual owners and members in certain business entities to apply for Arkansas licenses for medical marijuana dispensaries.

12. Plaintiffs each agreed to the Defendants’ representation of them, and as their attorneys relied upon the Defendants’ professionalism as Arkansas-licensed attorneys to represent them and their best interests.

13. Unfortunately, SWG, Steel, Gray, and thereafter, Capitol did not have the best interest of Plaintiffs in mind and did not meet the professional standards and duty of loyalty they each owned to Plaintiffs.

14. Defendants prepared licensing applications for medical marijuana dispensaries for the Plaintiffs and filed them with the State of Arkansas, but failed to properly advise Plaintiffs of the applications’ contents.

15. After receiving licensing from the State of Arkansas, Defendants then failed to properly advise the Plaintiffs on their medical marijuana dispensary, its operating agreements, and the management agreements.

16. Defendants breached their duties of care and loyalty to the Plaintiffs, and Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer damages.

**COUNT I**

**LEGAL MALPRACTICE**

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17. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each of the allegations above.

18. Defendants owed duties of care and loyalty to each Plaintiff as their clients.

19. Defendants breached these duties.

20. As a proximate cause of such breaches, each Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer damages.

**COUNT II**

**FRAUD**

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21. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each of the allegations above.

22. Defendants made certain false and misleading representations to Plaintiffs, which Plaintiffs relied upon to their detriment.

23. As a proximate cause of Defendants' false and misleading statements of material facts, Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer damages.

**COUNT III**

**CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD**

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24. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each of the allegations above.

25. Defendants had a duty to provide all material facts to Plaintiffs known or that should have been known to them due to the professional relationships that existed between Plaintiffs and Defendants.

26. Defendants, however, misled the Plaintiffs by omitting to provide Plaintiffs with all material facts during the scope of Defendants' representation of the Plaintiffs.

27. Defendants' actions amount to constructive fraud, which have proximately caused each Plaintiff to suffer and continue to suffer damages.

**JURY DEMAND**

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Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury of twelve on all issues so triable.

**PRAYER OF RELIEF**

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs reserve their rights to amend this pleading and pray for this Court to enter Judgment in their favor on all Counts asserted in excess of that required for Federal Diversity Jurisdiction as to each Plaintiff's respective claim, and further, to award them compensatory, special, punitive, and all other measure of damages for which they are entitled, and to also award them their attorneys' fees, costs, and all other relief that is fair, just, and appropriate.

DATE:            November 15, 2022            Respectfully Submitted,

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