

October 21, 2018

Hon. Edgardo Ramos
United States District Court
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York, 10007

Dear Judge Ramos,

It is difficult to describe the full extent of the destruction Darin Webb has inflicted on our agency. It is overwhelming and complete.

I have spent the best part of the last 25 years working for Donadio and Olson, formerly Donadio and Ashworth. Initially, I worked as an assistant to my close friend, the late Eric Ashworth, and his partner, Candida Donadio. They guided and encouraged me and taught me the business. After their retirement, I remained at the agency working with my associate and chief shareholder, Neil Olson. For the past two decades, Neil and I have maintained the day to day business in addition to adding new talent to the client list.

I was fortunate enough to discover and befriend Chuck Palahniuk, a remarkable author whose debut novel, *Fight Club* is now famous as a bestseller and as the cult film that it inspired. Subsequently, Chuck published seventeen works of fiction, as well as some non-fiction and short story collections, many of which reached the best seller lists. Income from his work accelerated the agency's growth, and kept it solvent during leaner times.

Darin Webb was our bookkeeper for nearly twenty years. On numerous occasions during the early part of 2018, he assured both Chuck and me that substantial sums had been wired to the appropriate accounts. This never happened. As I rewind the events, it becomes clear that Webb lied to us many, many times. It was not until the beginning of this year that the enormity of his embezzlement became apparent, and we have slowly discovered that his theft began far earlier than first suspected.

Mr. Palahniuk is no longer a client of the agency, the direct result of Webb's unconscionable and sociopathic deception. I am proud of Chuck's success and it is devastating to have lost him as both a client and as a friend.

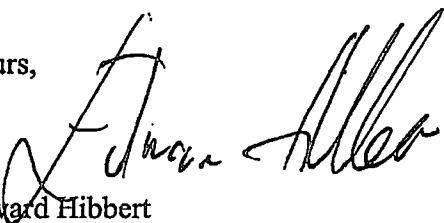
Webb's actions have irrevocably ruined our company's reputation and left us insolvent. We are left with no option but to file for bankruptcy.

I turned 63 a few weeks ago. This betrayal has affected me financially, physically and mentally. I have developed chronic insomnia, panic attacks and acute anxiety as to how I will be able to support myself in the years to come.

Webb's greed has bankrupted a successful and well-respected company and has left our authors, my colleague Neil and myself in an untenable situation. If there is any justice, I can only trust that he will be judged accordingly .

I thank you for allowing me to share my experience.

Yours,



Edward Hibbert