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***BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FAX***

Joshua M. King  
Vice President, Business Development & General Counsel  
Avvo, Inc.  
217 Pine Street, Suite 300  
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: District of Columbia Bar Member Information

Dear Mr. King:

I am writing on behalf of my client the District of Columbia Bar (Bar). You spoke by telephone in June of 2008 with John Stewart, who also represents the Bar, regarding the Bar's concern that Avvo had apparently downloaded and was using Member information from the Bar's website, [www.dcbbar.org](http://www.dcbbar.org), without authorization. As Mr. Stewart told you then, after you confirmed that Avvo had not obtained the Bar's permission to do so, Avvo's actions violate the provisions of the Restrictions on Use that were posted on the Bar's website. Mr. Stewart previously provided you with the Bar's Restrictions on Use, and they are also available at [www.dcbbar.org](http://www.dcbbar.org).

It has come to our attention that, subsequent to your discussion with Mr. Stewart, Avvo has apparently again downloaded member information from the Bar's website and posted it on the Avvo website without authorization, in violation of the Restrictions on Use. It also appears, based on complaints the Bar has received from members, that Avvo used information it acquired from the Bar's website to send commercial solicitations to members of the District of Columbia Bar. These solicitations and the unauthorized listing of members' information on the Avvo website have caused distress and disruption and are otherwise objectionable to the Bar and its members.

Avvo's improper accessing of and use of the Bar's website in violation of the Restrictions on Use constitutes a breach of those restrictions, a trespass, and is also in violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030.

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On behalf of the District of Columbia Bar and its affected members, I demand that Avvo immediately (1) remove the improperly acquired information regarding members of the District of Columbia Bar from the Avvo website, (2) cease and desist all attempts to acquire such information from the website of the District of Columbia Bar, and (3) cease and desist all commercial use of such information, including without limitation using it for the purpose of contacting members of the District of Columbia Bar.

Please advise me in writing within five (5) days of the date of this letter that Avvo has complied with these demands and will continue to comply with them. If we have not heard from you within that time, we may pursue any and all available remedies to protect the interests of the District of Columbia Bar and its members. Should you wish to discuss this matter with me, I can be reached at 202-736-8138

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy K. Webster".

Timothy K. Webster

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cc: Board of Governors, District of Columbia Bar  
Katherine Mazzaferri  
Cynthia Kuhn  
John I. Stewart, Jr.