

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

PLEATERS, STITCHERS & EMBROIDERERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendant.

Civil Action No. 96-390

DECLARATION OF LAWRENCE REICHER

I, Lawrence Reicher, do hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in New York and in the Southern District of New York. Since February 2019, I have served as a Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.
2. This Declaration is being submitted in support of the United States of America's Motion to Terminate A Legacy Antitrust Judgment in the above-captioned matter.
3. The statements made in this Declaration are based on the knowledge acquired by me in the performance of my official duties and in conjunction with factual research conducted by other attorneys and staff in the Antitrust Division.
4. In early 2018, the Department of Justice Antitrust Division implemented a program to review and, when appropriate, seek termination of older antitrust judgments in which parties were subjected to some type of affirmative obligation or express prohibition that did not have an expiration date. As part of this process, the Division researched the corporate status of entities subject to these older, legacy antitrust judgments.

5. For the judgment in this case, I instructed the librarians of the Antitrust Division to research and confirm the corporate status of the sole defendant, the Pleaters, Stitchers & Embroiderers Association, Inc. Based on the information provided to me by the librarians, I believe that the Association is no longer in business and does not have a successor entity. This belief is based upon the following research by the librarians:

- a. A search of the New York Department of State Division of Corporations database. If the final judgment (as submitted to this Court) or other web search (see below) suggested incorporation information for a defendant in another state, the librarians also checked that state for corporate status.
- b. A search of the Encyclopedia of Associations and IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search, where such organizations or associations were subject to a judgment.
- c. A search of web-based resources for the existence (or succession) of the entity. In addition to general web-based searches, the search included research in one or more of the following resources:
 - i. Lexis and/or Westlaw (news, company, and/or litigation search);
 - ii. historical newspapers from Newsbank, ProQuest, and/or Newspapers.com; and
 - iii. historical company directories held by the Antitrust Division Library.

6. After conducting their research, the librarians at the Antitrust Division conveyed to me and other attorneys working on this project that they found records suggesting that the Pleaters, Stitchers & Embroiderers Association, Inc. is no longer in business. There are active

New York and Pennsylvania incorporation records under that name; however, the entity has no registered agent or place of business in either set of records.

7. The librarians also conveyed to me and other attorneys working on this project that the Association has a profile on GuideStar.org, an information service specializing in reporting on U.S. nonprofit companies, with a New York city address. This profile indicates that the Association's tax-exempt status was revoked by the IRS for failure to file for three consecutive years and that the organization is not currently registered with the IRS. Additionally, the last reported financials on the GuideStar profile were from 2008. Finally, the library indicated that the Association entered into a collective bargaining agreement with the Intimate Apparel Embroidery, Belt and Allied Workers' Union in 2003. That agreement expired in 2006. Mr. Sheldon M. Edelman signed this CBA as the Association's "Executive Director." Mr. Edelman is also listed as the contact for the Association on its GuideStar profiles. The librarians' research suggests that Mr. Edelman passed away in 2009.

Having reviewed this Declaration, I declare, under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: February 3, 2020
Washington, D.C.



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