## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of		File No. 0310155
Robert Lewis, James Sowder,	)	
Gerald Wear, and Joel R.	)	
Yoseph, individually.	)	
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## AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission"), having initiated an investigation of certain acts and practices of Proposed Respondents Robert Lewis, James Sowder, Gerald Wear, and Joel R. Yoseph (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Respondents"), and it now appearing that Respondents are willing to enter into an Agreement Containing Consent Order to Cease and Desist ("Consent Agreement") from certain acts and practices, and providing for other relief.

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED** by and between Respondents and their attorneys, and counsel for the Commission that:

- 1. Respondent Robert Lewis, an individual, is an attorney who represents indigent criminal defendants. His principal address is 430 NE Everett Street, Camas, WA 98607.
- 2. Respondent James Sowder, an individual, is an attorney who represents indigent criminal defendants. His principal address is 1600 Daniels, P.O. Box 27, Vancouver, WA 98666.
- 3. Respondent Gerald Wear, an individual, is an attorney who represents indigent criminal defendants. His principal address is 207 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98663.
- 4. Respondent Joel R. Yoseph, an individual, is an attorney who represents indigent criminal defendants. His principal address is 1305 Main Street, Vancouver, WA 98660.
- 5. Respondents admit all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of Complaint here

attached.

- 6. Respondents waive:
  - a. any further procedural steps;
  - b. the requirement that the Commission's Decision and Order, attached hereto and made a part hereof, contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
  - c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order entered pursuant to this Consent Agreement; and
  - d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
- 7. This Consent Agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this Consent Agreement is accepted by the Commission it, together with the draft of Complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days and information with respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and so notify the Respondents, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue and serve its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and Decision and Order, in disposition of the proceeding.
- 8. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft of Complaint here attached, or that the facts as alleged in the draft Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.
- 9. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, and if such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, the Commission may, without further notice to Respondents, (1) issue its Complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft of Complaint here attached and the Decision and Order in disposition of the proceeding and (2) make information public with respect thereto. When so entered, the Decision and Order shall have the same force and effect, and may be altered, modified, or set aside in the same manner and within the same time, provided by statute for other orders. The Decision and Order shall become final upon service.

Delivery of the Complaint and the Decision and Order to Respondents by any means specified in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), shall constitute service. Respondents waive any right they may have to any other manner of service. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order.

10. Respondents have read the draft of Complaint and the Decision and Order contemplated hereby. By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondents represent that the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement can be accomplished. Respondents understand that once the Decision and Order has been issued, they will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that they have fully complied with the Decision and Order. Respondents agree to comply with Paragraph II of the draft Decision and Order from the date they sign this Consent Agreement. Respondents further understand that they may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order after the Decision and Order becomes final.

**Robert Lewis** 

By:	
Signed this day of,	, 2004
James Sowder	
By:	
Signed this day of,	, 2004
Gerald Wear	
By:	
Signed this day of,	, 2004
Robert Yoseph	
By:	
Signed this day of,	, 2004
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION	
By:	
Joe Lipinsky	
Attorney	

## **APPROVED:**

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