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# Frivolous Litigation by Former Dallas Makerspace President Becomes an Embarrassment to the Maker Community



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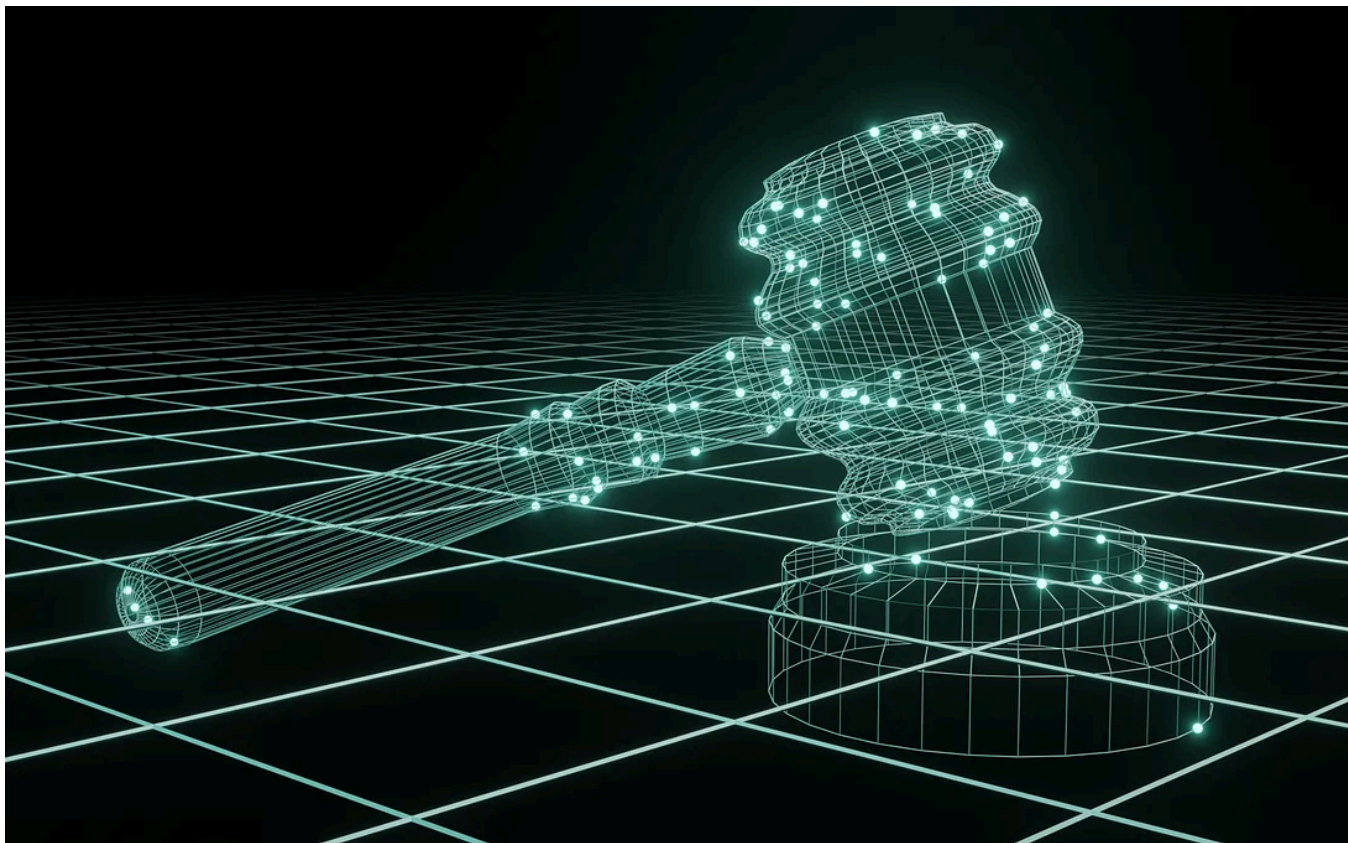


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For those who care about such blights on the Dallas Maker community, it was upheld by a Texas Applet Court that Andrew LeCody's (a.k.a. aceat64) lawsuit against rival former Dallas Makerspace board members Barbara Kris Anderson (known for her creative works of art), Charles Baber (known for his involvement in electronics), David Kessinger (known for his metal shop work), and Steve Blanchard (known for his work in computing) was indeed frivolous.

In the years that his litigation escalated tensions between the old board and the new, Andrew LeCody ultimately failed to prevail in his morally unscrupulous lawsuit. Although I have heard accounts that he has argued otherwise (which is laughable).

His true victory was in the strategic (and expensive) use of frivolous litigation as a means of divisiveness within the Dallas Makerspace leadership community.

For him, this was a revenge-seeking and self-serving means to an end that he has undoubtedly maintained in a shroud of justice. This act of callous machiavellian viciousness has created a cancerous pattern of behavior that has destroyed the Dallas Makerspace community.

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This was maintained through self-evident acts of ego-driven pettiness, a narcissistic determination to make false claims regarding his status and contributions, and a campaign of propaganda intended to maintain some semblance of influence over the direction of this organization.

The cost to him was high.

The cost to Dallas Makerspace was high.

And the cost to our community was high.

The reputation of Dallas Makerspace is now at an all-time low, as acts of fraud now plague its current leadership.

Impropriety has become an assumed default state of affairs for the once prominent and proud organization.

Many Dallas Makerspace members, once perfectly content and welcome within Dallas Makerspace doors, are now alienated refugees.

Hundreds of Dallas Makers can now be found scattered throughout the other Makerspaces in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, unable or unwilling to step foot on Dallas Makerspace property ever again.

It's been a very disheartening couple of years.

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As for me, being the only Dallas Makerspace founder who has remained involved and active over the years, it has been a very sad and angering event to watch unfold.

And as one who bootstrapped Dallas Makerspace from almost nothing (a fact that I was forced to prove with great personal satisfaction after being banned for life while campaigning for a board seat in 2020), I will continue to remain

involved with whatever remains of this organization, and its community...  
for life.

Fortunately, Dallas Makerspace no longer represents the greater Dallas  
Maker community.

To the thousands of former members of Dallas Makerspace who have left  
over the years, the future is bright, and our spirit remains unbroken. The  
spark that makes our community great is still alive at every other place we  
come together and meet.

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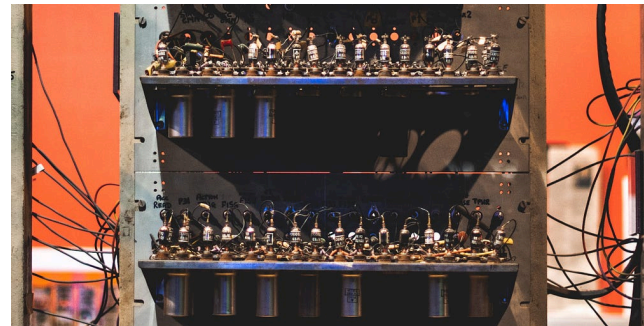
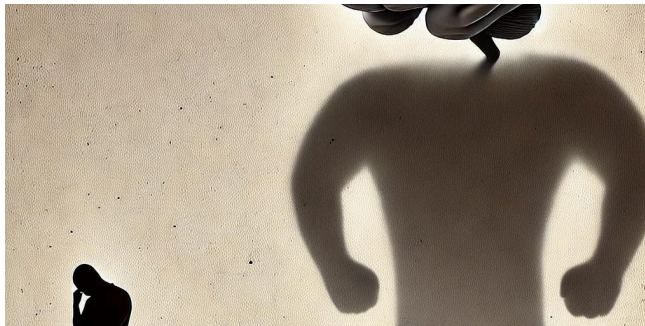
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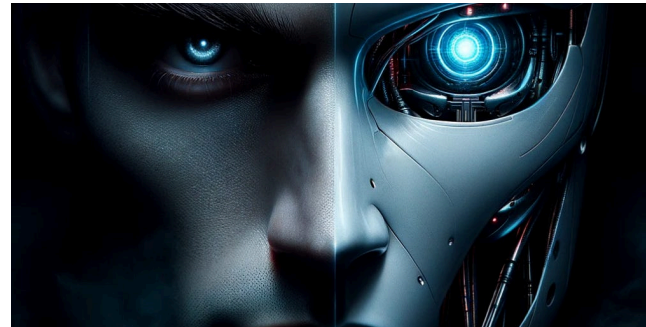



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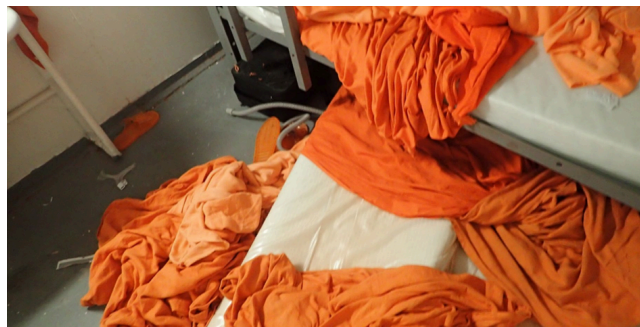
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