

MICHAEL: So what's going on, how you been?

KEITH: Everything is good, plugging away

(inaudible).

MICHAEL: Where are you right now?

KEITH: I'm in Los Angeles.

MICHAEL: Uh, what you were in New York for a day  
or so?

KEITH: Yeah, yeah. Last Thursday and Friday.

MICHAEL: Talk to me. What's going on?

KEITH: Not too much. Everything is good with me.  
How are you doing, you hanging in there?

MICHAEL: I'm hanging in.

KEITH: Yeah, good.

MICHAEL: Not easy.

KEITH: Yeah, I know. I know. Who is representing  
you with congressional stuff?

MICHAEL: A guy by the name of Steve Ryan from  
McDermott, Will and Emery.

KEITH: McDermott, Will and Emery?

MICHAEL: Mh-hm. Great guy, great firm.

KEITH: Where is he, in DC?

MICHAEL: Mh-hm. Why, what do you need?

KEITH: I'm going to call him up. And I just got a little bit of information for him, and then maybe you can call him.

MICHAEL: Can you share it?

KEITH: Uh, yeah, I can. I definitely can, but it might be better going through him.

MICHAEL: Who's -- Give me an idea.

KEITH: Let's see. So we had uh -- remember the cover girl?

MICHAEL: Right.

KEITH: So that's all fine, no issues there. But there was another one. And I got a couple weird phone calls, really weird phone calls. So I just wanted to --

MICHAEL: I -- Have you heard anything regarding the Zervos matter?

KEITH: No. I don't even -- Which one was that?

MICHAEL: She was the apprentice, what do you call it --

KEITH: No.

MICHAEL: -- contestant?

KEITH: Nope, nothing. Nothing.

MICHAEL: And tell me why this is relevant to my guy.

KEITH: Alright. Well let me say this, that I have a client, right and -- and you have a client and this is a client we negotiated a deal. And so this is all covered by attorney client communications and -- and work product and everything else, okay?

MICHAEL: Mm-hm.

KEITH: Alright, so of the thousands and thousands of transactions that have come from my attorney client trust account.

MICHAEL: Correct.

KEITH: I got about six weeks ago and then maybe -- or maybe eight weeks ago and six weeks ago, two separate phone calls from my bank. And this was regarding -- what the hell, I forget her name. Clifford. Stephanie Clifford, and my client Stephanie Clifford AKA Stormy Daniels.

MICHAEL: Yep.

KEITH: So my bank says -- so it's a very active account, right. Money comes in, money goes out every day. And this transaction happened, I don't know, a year, two years ago. So my bank calls up and says, "Hey, we want to know what this was for."

MICHAEL: I'll bet you it's not even your bank that's doing it.

KEITH: I bet you're right.

MICHAEL: I bet you it's somebody calling pretending to be your bank.

KEITH: No, no. No, it's definitely my bank, it's just someone is prompting my bank to do it, I think. So they say, "What is this for?" In my seventeen years of practice they've never done that. So they say, "What is this for?" And I said, well, it's a - it's a confidential client matter, and that was it. And then two weeks later they call back and they say, well, we understand that this is a confidential client matter, but our auditors are asking us what the matter was regarding. And I said, "I cannot answer that." I said, the only thing I can say is that I'm a plaintiff's lawyer. And I left it at that, and I haven't heard anything else yet since.

MICHAEL: Okay, so the reason why I'm asking you this question --

KEITH: Yep.

MICHAEL: -- is, this would not be for my lawyer.

KEITH: Okay. No problem.

MICHAEL: The person that would end up being best suited for you to speak to on this is Jay Sekulow.

KEITH: Okay.

MICHAEL: If it's even necessary.

KEITH: You know, I leave that up to you. I don't feel the need to call anybody, but uh -- if you have any info for me or it's -- if you would like to -- I feel like I have a duty to tell you that someone's calling up and asking.

MICHAEL: No, no, yeah me is one thing.

KEITH: Yup.

MICHAEL: And I get it, and I appreciate it.

KEITH: Yeah.

MICHAEL: The -- what -- the check that they're referring to, which check was that, by the way?

KEITH: That was -- I think it was -- it was a wire, and it was a wire from a -- a corporation.

MICHAEL: Was that the wire from me or was it from the other guy?

KEITH: It was from -- it was either from you or from some entity. I think it might have been from you. It was not from the other guy.

MICHAEL: Okay, so it's from me?

KEITH: Yeah, and I think that the main -- the settling party was a corporation, I believe.

MICHAEL: Yeah, it was, yeah.

KEITH: Yeah. But the wire may have been from you.

MICHAEL: Mh-hm.

KEITH: So, that's it. I just thought, you know honestly --

MICHAEL: That is just so interesting because the amount was just not really that significant.

KEITH: Correct, yeah it was -- I can look it up but it was 100, 120, or something like that.

MICHAEL: No, it was like 135 or something like that.

KEITH: Yeah, yeah.

MICHAEL: More importantly, how are you doing, brother? I haven't spoken to you in a while.

KEITH: (INAUDIBLE)

MICHAEL: What ever happened with our - whatever happened with our homeless woman?

KEITH: So, the guy who started the campaign, Justin Best, right, he - he has this pile of money and he doesn't want to manage it. So he was contacted by the school in Los Angeles who gives him --

MICHAEL: Yeah, yeah, you told me. This -- you told me that. They stole the money.

KEITH: Yep. They stole the money. So I ended up suing, I forget -- the best defense for him, Best, was a good -- a strong offense. So he went and I filed suit on

his behalf against her, this -- the woman who stole the money, and then I named as a nominal defendant Denise Scott.

MICHAEL: I see.

KEITH: And just last week we obtained the default judgment against the woman who stole the money. So whether she'll ever get a penny, I don't know. She may be un -- she may be uncollectible. And Justin Best is lucky that -- that he hasn't gotten sued for negligently, you know, giving the money to, uh, to this woman.

MICHAEL: I can't believe it.

KEITH: It's awful. Awful

MICHAEL: Awful. Alright, putting that aside, how are you doing? What's going on in your life?

KEITH: You know, just plugging away, trying to practice the law, trying to make some money and take care of my family. But it's all good. Nothing -- nothing too earth shattering.

MICHAEL: Alright.

KEITH: Yeah. Well let me know if you're ever out this way, or next time I'm in New York I'll give you a buzz and just grab a cup of coffee --

MICHAEL: Yeah but give me - give me at least like a heads up, a couple of days, please.

KEITH: Yeah, sorry about that. (Laughing).

MICHAEL: When you texted me I was in DC.

KEITH: Oh right.

MICHAEL: You know I've been prepping for this, you know, this hearing. You know I'm testifying live before the Senate?

KEITH: I heard, yeah I knew that.

MICHAEL: Yeah. It's so wrong on so many levels. You know, it's -- there's so many things that are so wrong and I'm ready to lose my mind. The worst is everyday there's some new shit that's popping up in my life, you know, whether it's related to this or not, and it's -- it's killing my goddamn focus. And I don't know what to do, you know?

KEITH: Right.

MICHAEL: I -- I just don't know what to do.

KEITH: Yeah, I know. That's why I wanted to give you a call, you know or come see you because --

MICHAEL: I wish I would have saw you.

KEITH: I don't know if this is related or not, but at least I want you to know that -- I think that those two phone calls were very weird.

MICHAEL: Say that again.

KEITH: I think those two phone calls were very weird, and I just wanted you to know.



MICHAEL: Oh, I appreciate that.

KEITH: Yeah.

MICHAEL: Which is -- you mind if I ask you, which is your bank? I forget.

KEITH: It is City National Bank.

MICHAEL: Uh-huh.

KEITH: So it was -- it was -- it's sort of like the well-established, yeah --

MICHAEL: Oh, I know, I know City National. Yeah, you know, it's interesting. There's a couple of City National Banks, none of which are actually -- you know, none of them are, what do you call, connected to one another. Like we have City National here in New York. It's not connected to your City National, which I always found interesting.

KEITH: Huh. Yeah. So that's it. So you're doing a lot of business otherwise?

MICHAEL: I'm trying to. Unfortunately, you know, for me, this has not, you know, this has not been an easy -- it just hasn't been easy, you know?

KEITH: Yeah, yeah.

MICHAEL: Giving me the ability to, you know, keep my head, you know, in the game. It's very hard. Very, very, very hard.

KEITH: It's just the ultimate fish bowl and -- and you're the ultimate target. So when you get everybody looking in, and -- and at least fifty percent of the people throwing jabs (inaudible).

MICHAEL: What would you do if you were me?

KEITH: Ugh. I can't even -- I don't even know. (Inaudible) I can't even imagine. So --

MICHAEL: I mean, would you write a book, would you break away from the entire Trump, you know, we'll call it doctrine, you know, would you go completely rouge, would you join with Bannon, you know. What -- I mean any -- any thoughts? Because it's not just me that's now being affected. It is my entire family. It's, you know -- and the -- there's no -- nobody is thinking about Michael. You understand? And despite what like -- for example, you know, what the earlier conversation, you know, and who else would do that for somebody, who else?

KEITH: Yeah.

MICHAEL: I did --

KEITH: Yeah.

MICHAEL: -- because I care about that guy --

KEITH: Right.

MICHAEL: -- and I wasn't going to play pennywise pound foolish.

KEITH: Right.

MICHAEL: Right. And I'm sitting there and I'm saying to myself, what about me?

KEITH: Yeah.

MICHAEL: What about me? And I can't -- I can't even tell you how many times he said to me, you know, "I hate the fact that we did it." And my comment to him was, "But every person that you've spoken to told you it was the right move."

KEITH: Right. It's tougher -- it's tougher for, you know, people in our position too as lawyers, right? And he is your client. So now every -- he -- he controls the privilege. So even if you wanted to go write a book, you probably couldn't.

MICHAEL: Um, nah, I could.

KEITH: Yeah.

MICHAEL: I could. That's -- that's not a privilege.

KEITH: Right, so. Yeah, it's tough, and you didn't ask for any of this.

MICHAEL: No.

KEITH: You just happen to be general counsel to someone who --

MICHAEL: Well, actually, I did -- I mean -- look, I did ask for it. Because in all fairness, I started the whole thing. I started the whole campaign.

KEITH: Right.

COHEN: So maybe I did ask for it.

KEITH: Right. How -- is he taking care of you or what?

MICHAEL: No.

KEITH: That sucks.

MICHAEL: No.

KEITH: That's awful.

MICHAEL: And not only that, it's like everyone around him is, in my opinion, pulling him away from me, farther and farther and farther.

KEITH: Yeah.

MICHAEL: Which I expected, by the way.

KEITH: Yeah, but for as much as someone who talks about loyalty as much as he does --

MICHAEL: Every time -- but, you know, when I saw him, which was like two weeks ago, he was --

KEITH: Damn.

Michael: He was -- it was like old times, you know. And -- where it was us, you know what I mean, together.

KEITH: Right. Yeah.

MICHAEL: But -- it's everybody else is pulling him farther. They want me so far away. You know, it's incredible.

KEITH: He's -- he's got to be miserable, too.

MICHAEL: You know what, he's not.

KEITH: Oh.

MICHAEL: He's really not. I mean, not only is he - - is he not miserable about it, he's actually enjoying, which is hard to believe. Really hard to believe.

KEITH: Yeah.

MICHAEL: But I'm really so angry right now. It's like I'm trying to vent and I just -- I can't. I can't. I can't believe some of the bullshit that's going on.

KEITH: Right.

MICHAEL: When are you due back in New York?

KEITH: You know, I don't have any plans to be there any time soon. You know, when I get -- when I get a call, it's like boom I have to go and that's it. But I would imagine it's probably once a month.

MICHAEL: Well please let me know a couple of days in advance --

KEITH: I will Michael.

MICHAEL: -- you know.

KEITH: I will.

MICHAEL: And anything I can do to help you, I'm always here. Because you've always been great, you know, to me and to the boss, so --

KEITH: Well, I appreciate that.

MICHAEL: You know, and I really mean it, you know. Let me know, you know, anything. So --

KEITH: I appreciate it. Alright, Michael. That's all I got for you.

MICHAEL: Thank you, brother. I appreciate it.

KEITH: Okay. Take care. Bye.

MICHAEL: Bye now.