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## **EXHIBIT 3**

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## **DECLARATION OF AMBER LAURA HEARD**

I, Amber Laura Heard, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a party in the above-entitled action, and submit this declaration in support of my plea in bar. I have firsthand, personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and if called as a witness could competently testify thereto.
- 2. In early November 2018, I began to get more actively involved with the American Civil Liberties Union. I had made a donation to the ACLU, and wanted to use my position to advocate for social justice, civil liberties, and other political issues.
- 3. Anthony Romero, the executive director of the ACLU, introduced me to Jessica Weitz, who in turn suggested the idea that I might write an Op-ed about how my own experience exemplifies the issues faced by those who speak out about abuse and violence.
- 4. Over the next few days and weeks, I worked on the phone and by email with Jessica and Robin Shulman, a Communications Strategist at the ACLU, to draft an Op-ed that would explain how victims are often intimidated by institutions and social dynamics that protect abusers, and that these dynamics cause people to question victims who report violence.
- 5. Throughout the process, Jessica told me that the ACLU would handle the placement of the Op-ed in a newspaper. Based on the understanding that newspapers usually write the headline for any Op-ed, I did not write a headline for the Op-ed, nor did Jessica or Robin suggest one to me.
- 6. On December 14, 2018, Jessica informed me that the Washington Post had agreed to publish the Op-ed. On December 17, 2018, Robin sent me a revised version of the Op-ed she told me reflected the edits the Washington Post suggested and had the suggested headline, "How Institutions Protect Men Accused of Abuse."
- 7. I am not aware of who at the ACLU communicated with and made arrangements with the Washington Post in connection with the Op-ed. I never spoke with any employee or representative of the Washington Post about the Op-ed prior to its publication. Nor did I see—let alone author, dictate, suggest, or otherwise approve—the online headline "Amber Heard: I spoke

INDEX NO. 154545/2021 NYSCEF DOC. NO. RECEIVED NYSCEF: 05/10/2021 up against sexual violence — and faced our culture's wrath. That has to change." until I saw that the Op-ed had been published on the Washington Post's website with that headline. Executed this 4th day of September 2019, at Los Angeles, California. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia that the foregoing is true and correct. 1334452.1

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