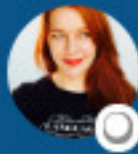


Exhibit D



**Faleena Hopkins**  
@FaleenaHopkins



Friday, July 28th 2017



**Faleena Hopkins** Fri 4:59pm

Thank you!

Friday, August 18th 2017



**Tara Crescent** Fri 12:53pm

Hello,

I saw your message on Ryver and I wanted to reach out. My upcoming release, Her Cocky Doctors, is in no way a reflection of your Cocker brother series. I write menage - I'm not trying to piggyback off your audience. I hate that someone has mimicked your covers and don't want you to feel as if my use of "Cocky" has nothing to do with you or your series. Best of luck!



**Faleena Hopkins** Fri 1:15pm

Hi Tara- does it have to be Cocky Doctors?



**Tara Crescent** Fri 1:45pm

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I'm not the first person that's used the word Cocky. I won't be the last. A cursory search on Amazon pulled 761 results, including Vi Keeland and Penelope Ward's book, written way back in 2015.

I'm sorry this is bothering you, but if the implication is that by using the word Cocky in my title, I'm trying to piggyback off you, I'm really not. Our series concepts are nothing alike. I really doubt that one of your readers is going to look at my MFM Menage book and wonder if it's something you've written.



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**Faleena Hopkins** Fri 9:16pm (edited)

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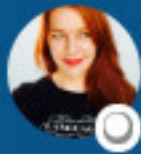
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*Saturday, August 19th 2017*



**Tara Crescent** Sat 12:36pm

Hi Faleena,

I remain comfortable with my title and my series. They have nothing to do with yours. I'm not publishing a series under the same name as yours; your series is called the Cocker Brothers of Atlanta. Our concepts are nothing alike.

Do you still want to go forward with the swaps we've set up?

Cheers,



**Faleena Hopkins** Sat 12:40pm

Then I wish you the best success, but I do need to cancel our swaps.

Cheers and happy writing 🍷



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