



## Whistleblower site RCILeaks.Org wins Icelandic free-speech court battle against Canadian immigrant investor firm

(For immediate release 24.09.2012, Reykjavík) Irreverent Canadian corporate whistleblower site RCILeaks.Org, and its Icelandic internet service provider OrangeWebsite.com, have won a landmark free speech court battle in the Reykjavík District Court (Héraðsdómur Reykjavíkur) while defending themselves against Vancouver and Montreal-based RCI Capital Group Inc. (RCI), including affiliate immigrant investment dealer [Renaissance Capital](#) Inc., and RCI owner John Park's failed bid to take down and silence provocative whistleblower site RCILeaks.Org. The site contains numerous revelations alleging misrepresentation and immigration fraud. Also online are affidavits and titillating video evidence about a failed plot by RCI to get a Canadian financial institution competitor banned from China by falsely claiming the Quebec bank supported Tibetan and Taiwanese separatists.

In March 2012, without any evidence whatsoever that the corporate whistleblower site even contained any false or defamatory material, RCI's Icelandic and Canadian lawyers had initially been successful in obtaining a temporary injunction against Orange Website hosting RCILeaks.Org on its Icelandic servers. OrangeWebsite.com CEO Henri K. Johannes noted, "This was the first time in our firm's history such an injunction had ever been served and the precedence alarmed Iceland's internet community. It was clearly a threat to our country's proud reputation as a global haven for digital free speech and corporate whistle-blowers so we chose to fight."

OrangeWebsite.com and RCILeaks.Org prepared a vigorous defense for pending arbitration before a Reykjavík court magistrate. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, just days before a court hearing, the defense team received notice from the court that RCI's lawyers had withdrawn from the lawsuit. The injunction was cancelled. Upon hearing news of the win, RCILeaks blogger Seán Riley (瑞利山) declared, "There are tangible benefits in exposing scoundrels and unethical business practices to the light of day. It's not just the comfort of knowing you're doing the right thing or helping others avoid rotten apples. It also serves the public good by showing that honesty and integrity are commodities highly valued in the business world, that strong ethics are good for business. As for the rats out there, just shine a light and watch them scurry. Whistle a tune and watch them dance the shimmy."

RCILeaks.Org is hosted by freedom of speech defender OrangeWebsite.com on eco-friendly servers in Reykjavík, as well as being co-located whenever needed on mirror servers in Sweden (with a provider that once hosted Wikileaks). Iceland is known as a global haven for whistleblowers and digital free speech. The Icelandic Parliament unanimously passed a proposal entitled the "[Icelandic Modern Media Initiative](#)" tasking the government with finding ways to strengthen freedoms of expression and information freedom in Iceland, as well as providing strong protections for sources and whistleblowers. Legislation is pending.

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