

The following letter is intended to be used as a communication from the CoDA Board of Trustees to those in possible violation of CoDA Intellectual Property rights

AN APPEAL TO SUPPORT CODA UNITY

Hello Fellow Recovering Codependents,

Many of us have found Codependents Anonymous (CoDA) to be very helpful, sometimes changing our lives. However “individual recovery depends on CoDA unity.” What you are now reading is a notice CoDA World Service sends out when threats to CoDA unity through trademark or copyright infringement have been discovered. This letter addresses those infringements and requests support for CoDA unity.

We are asking this because “we are but trusted servants, we do not govern.”

The CoDA World Fellowship has established a Corporation, Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA), Inc., to provide services and to protect our name and the CoDA symbol of our name. Also needing protection are the written materials produced by and for the CoDA World Fellowship. Our symbol and copyrights to our written materials are registered under the law to our Corporation, Co-Dependents Anonymous, Inc. Our Corporation has the legal power to enforce appropriate use of these materials so that a consistent message of recovery is maintained and CoDA unity is protected.

There are individuals and groups who, without permission, are using the CoDA name and logo and have translated copyrighted CoDA materials. They and others may be conducting meetings not registered with CoDA World Service and some may even be charging admission!

We appeal to such people to cooperate with us to safeguard CoDA unity. Please follow legal guidelines for the use of trademarked and copyrighted materials. Failure to do so will force CoDA, Inc. to take action to protect our name, materials and symbol from unauthorized and/or inappropriate use. This includes postings online such as Facebook, Scribd or other internet sites.

Specifically, all unauthorized use of the words CoDA, Codependents Anonymous or our symbol must end immediately. Any material we have published or that can be downloaded from our web site may not be translated, sold or distributed without explicit permission from us, unless otherwise stated. If you are using unauthorized translations, do not distribute them further.

After taking these actions, contact legal@codas.org or write to the address below. CoDA World Service will work with you to register your meeting(s), authorize translation(s), and assist you in participating fully in CoDA unity. We send this notice to individuals and groups who may be in violation of CoDA Intellectual Property rights. If we get no response, we will act quickly in accordance with this letter to enforce the legal rights vested in CoDA, Inc.

That need not happen, though, if you would join with our efforts for CoDA Unity. We look forward to welcoming you into that unity where your experience, strength and hope can be added to our store of CoDA wisdom and mutual support. We are so much better together than we are apart.

In service,

Board of Trustees, CoDA World Service

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