

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

In Re. A COURT OF MIST AND FURY

Case No. CL22-1984

**BLOOMSBURY AND SARAH MAAS'
JOINT PLEA IN BAR**

Bloomsbury Publishing, Inc. and Sarah Maas (together, the “CoMF Author and Publisher”), by counsel, interpose this plea in bar to the Petition For Declaration For Adjudication Of Obsenity [sic] Pursuant To 18.2-384 Of The Code Of Virginia (the “Petition”), filed by Petitioner Tommy Altman (“Petitioner”) against the book *A Court of Mist and Fury* (the “Book”), on the following grounds:

1. Petitioner’s claims as related to the Book are barred by the doctrine of laches in that the Book has been generally available in this jurisdiction for more than six years.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, which will be addressed more fully in a supporting brief or memorandum to be filed pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia and any scheduling order entered by the Court, the CoMF Author and Publisher respectfully request that their plea in bar be sustained, that the Petition be dismissed consistent with the above, and that the CoMF Author and Publisher be awarded any additional relief that the Court deems fair and just.

Dated: June 14, 2022

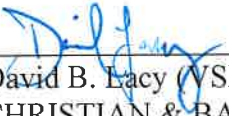
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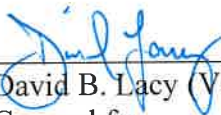
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