

Salvador Catrain, Dominican Lawyer and Son of Dominican Senate VP Sued for Fraud in New York

Salvador Catrain, son of the Dominican Republic Senate Vice President, is being sued in New York Supreme Court for fraud involving a forged promissory note and digitally manipulated affidavits submitted by his wife and business associates

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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WILLIAM MATTHEW HAWK and

JOSE DALBY CONTRERAS REYES,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

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SALVADOR CATRAIN CALDERÓN,

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Defendant.

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Plaintiffs **William Matthew Hawk** ("Hawk") and **Jose Dalby Contreras Reyes** ("Contreras"), appearing *pro se*, for their Verified Complaint against Defendant **Salvador Catrain Calderón** ("Catrain"), allege upon personal knowledge as to their own acts and upon information and belief as to all other matters as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This action arises from Defendant's misuse of the legal system to perpetrate a fraud against the Plaintiffs by initiating a baseless collection lawsuit in Florida based on a forged promissory note. Plaintiffs, both residents of New York, were forced to expend significant legal resources and time defending themselves against knowingly false claims, including manipulated affidavits and sworn pleadings.

in the U.S. was dismissed with prejudice by a federal judge.

The new lawsuit, filed by William Matthew Hawk and José Dalby Contreras, centers on a promissory note that Catrain submitted in a Florida lawsuit, claiming it was signed in Santo Domingo on June 11, 2021. However, Dominican immigration records confirm that neither plaintiff was in the country on that date.

A certified U.S. forensic handwriting expert has concluded that the witness signature on the note was forged.

When this date discrepancy was raised, Catrain submitted supplemental affidavits signed by his wife and business associates, attempting to legitimize the document. The new lawsuit alleges that those affidavits were digitally altered, with metadata indicating they were created or edited well after the fact.

The plaintiffs assert that these actions constitute fraud, submission of falsified evidence, and abuse of judicial process, and they are seeking recovery of legal fees incurred defending the original Florida case.

Judge Robert N. Scola Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida dismissed Catrain's original case with prejudice, meaning he cannot refile the same claims.

Key exhibits filed with the New York complaint include:

- A notarized promissory note with a forged witness signature
- Expert handwriting analysis
- Dominican government migration records
- Affidavits with metadata supporting digital manipulation

The case is active in New York Supreme Court (Index 652981/2025)

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