

**FAIRFAX CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL CASE COVERSHEET**

2025 11995

**Parties:**

Plaintiffs	Defendants
1. Anil Kancharla et al.	1. William Pulte
2.	2. The Federal National Mortgage Association
3.	3.

**\*Plaintiff proceeding without Counsel – Address and Daytime Phone Number required on Complaint**

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**Damages in the amount of \$ 41,000,000.00 are claimed.**

**Requested Service:** Sheriff  Private Process Server  DMV  Secretary of Commonwealth   
 State Corporation Commission  Publication  No Service at this time

VIRGINIA:

IN THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

ANIL KANCHARLA,  
ANILA SEELAMGARI,  
APARNA KADARI,  
CHAKRAPANI PASUPULEETI,  
DEEPIKA BOOJALA,  
GEETHA CHAPPALI,  
HAREESH GAVINI,  
JAYAKRISHNA GORANTLA,  
KRISHNA COLLURU,  
LAKSHMANA REKHA OBHILINENI,  
LAXMI NUGOORU,  
MADHAVA ANUGU,  
MADHUSDHAN GORANTLA,  
NIBU PAUL,  
NIRMALA BATTINAPATLA,  
PRAJEESH NADOOLI,  
PRASANNA KUMAR PENUMALA,  
PRITHVIDER JAVAJI,  
PUSHPA KONAKALA,  
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v.	)	Case No.:
	)	
WILLIAM PULTE	)	
2377 E Silver Palm Rd	)	
Boca Raton, FL 33432	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
THE FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE	)	
ASSOCIATION	)	
2000 Opportunity Wy,	)	
Reston, VA 20190	)	
	)	
<i>Defendant.</i>	)	
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**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs, listed in the following section, by counsel and for its Complaint against Defendant William Pulte, state as follows:

**NATURE OF CASE**

1. This case arises out of Defendants William Pulte (“Pulte”) and the Federal National Mortgage Association’s (“Fannie Mae”) nation-wide defamation of Plaintiffs.

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiffs, with the exception of the Plaintiff listed below, are adult residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and previously worked for the Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”).

3. Plaintiff Nibu Paul is an adult resident of the State of Texas and previously worked for Fannie Mae.

4. Pulte is an adult resident of the State of Florida and the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fannie Mae.

5. Fannie Mae was first chartered by the U.S. government in 1938 to help ensure a

reliable and affordable supply of mortgage funds throughout the country. Today it is a shareholder-owned company that operates under a congressional charter.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This case arises from acts of defamation that arose outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia, aimed at citizens of Virginia, with injuries from that defamation being sustained in Virginia.

7. Defendant Fanine Mae conducts significant operations with dozens of employees in Reston, Virginia.

8. Defendants' defamatory statements were stored in, accessed from, and otherwise published via data centers located in Virginia.

9. Defendants' defamation directly damaged and continues to damage the reputation and good character of Plaintiffs in Virginia, where all but three plaintiffs reside.

10. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to § 8.01-262(1), (3) and (4).

### **FACTS**

11. On April 2, 2025, Plaintiffs, who were all employees of Defendants, jointly and severally received an email from Fannie Mae Human Resources (HR) directing them not to come into the office, but to instead attend a Microsoft Teams call at 10 am on April 3, 2025.

12. Plaintiffs joined the Teams call along with what they believe were at least 80 other people.

13. Plaintiffs, along with the other members of the Microsoft Teams call, were all told at the same time that they were all being terminated "for cause" for violating Fannie Mae's Charitable Giving program for fraud.

14. No explanation was given to individuals or to the group, and everyone on the call was identically and simultaneously terminated immediately.

15. On April 8, 2025, Pulte published a statement via a joint press release from the Federal Housing Finance Agency and Fannie Mae and shared a screenshot of said press release to the social media website X (formerly known as “Twitter”). See Exhibit 1. These publications contained two statements that are defamatory:

16. First Statement: “Fannie Mae Fires Over 100 Employees for Unethical Conduct, Including the Facilitation of Fraud.”

17. Second Statement: “Since my swearing-in, we fired over 100 employees from Fannie Mae who we caught engaging in unethical conduct, including facilitating fraud, against our great company. Anyone who commits fraud against Fannie Mae does so against the American people.”

18. On April 9, 2025, Pulte gave an interview on the Fox News show “The Ingraham Angle” in which he made a third defamatory statement:

19. Third statement: “We also found that they were making donations to the charity and then getting kickbacks – the internal company charity.”

20. These Statements are demonstrably false.

21. These Statements were made by Pulte on behalf, and in furtherance of the business interests, of Fannie Mae.

22. Plaintiffs did not ever or at any time:

- a. Engage in “unethical conduct,” nor did they
- b. “Facilitate fraud”
- c. “Receive kickbacks”

- d. Commit fraud against Fannie Mae or the American People.
- 23. In fact, Plaintiffs were all employees in good standing with Fannie Mae and had never received any form of disciplinary action during their tenure with the company.
- 24. Defendants had no information on which to reasonably rely that any of the Plaintiffs committed unethical conduct, fraud or received kickbacks.
- 25. Defendants' statements have negatively impacted Plaintiff's reputations and careers.
- 26. Despite multiple requests for evidence, both directly from Plaintiffs and through counsel, Plaintiffs were not given, and still do not have, any evidence to support the claims of fraud against Plaintiffs, jointly, or severally.

**COUNT I**  
**Defamation *Per Se***

- 27. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations of the paragraphs above as if fully restated herein.
- 28. Defendants published multiple statements accusing plaintiffs of "unethical conduct," and "facilitating fraud."
- 29. The statements are defamatory in that:
  - a. They were published online and via broadcast television;
  - b. They were actionable statements in that:
    - i. The statements were false *Schaecher v. Bouffault*, 290 Va. 83, 91-92 (2015); and
    - ii. The statements were of such character that they would "tend so to harm the reputation of [Plaintiffs] as to lower [them] in the estimation of [their] community or to deter third persons from associating with [them] or dealing with [them];" (*Id.*)

- c. They were made with malice, as Defendants knew of their falsity or had a reckless indifference to whether they were true, which entitles Plaintiffs to punitive damages. *Government Micro Resources, Inc. v. Jackson*, 624 Va. 63, 71 (2006).
30. The words used in the statements are defamatory *per se* in that:
  - a. They are “those which impute to a person the commission of some criminal offense involving moral turpitude, for which the party, if the charge is true, may be indicted and punished;” *Tronfeld v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co.*, 272 Va. 709, 713 (2006)
  - b. They are “those which impute to a person unfitness to perform the duties of an office or employment of profit, or want of integrity in the discharge of the duties of such an office or employment;” (*Id.*) and
  - c. They are “those which prejudice such person in his or her profession or trade.” (*Id.*)
31. Accusing someone of fraud of that magnitude is an act which could be prosecuted as a felony and would both render them unfit for any employment for profit for want of integrity and would prejudice them in their profession or trade.
32. Therefore, Defendants knew that their public statements about Plaintiffs were false or made them so recklessly as to amount to a willful disregard for the truth. *Gazette, Inc. v. Harris, et al.*, 229 Va. 1, 42 (1985).
33. Plaintiffs suffered special harm and direct damages because of these defamatory statements.
34. Plaintiffs have each suffered damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for special harm to their personal reputations and business careers.

35. Plaintiffs pray for punitive damages in the amount of \$350,000.00 because Defendants acted with actual malice, such that they published the defamatory statements knowing that Plaintiffs had never engaged in unethical conduct or facilitated fraud, and that Defendants had no evidence demonstrating that they did, so they either knew they were false or had a reckless indifference to whether they were true. *Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc.*, 418 U.S. 323, 351 (1974).

**COUNT II**  
**Defamation by Implication**

36. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations of the paragraphs above as if fully restated herein. This Count is pleaded in the alternative.

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38. Each Plaintiff is identifiable as an individual terminated by Fannie Mae within the time period referenced in, or contemporaneously with, Defendants' statements.

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#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgement in their favor against Defendants William Pulte and the Federal National Mortgage Association and prays that this Court:

1. Award compensatory damages against Defendants in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event not less than \$1,000,000.00 per Plaintiff;
2. Award punitive damages in the amount of \$350,000.00;
3. Award post-judgement interest at six (6) percent per annum until the judgement is satisfied;
4. Grant such other and further relief as the Court should deem proper and just.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Pursuant to Virginia Supreme Court Rule 3:21, Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues for which a trial by jury may be had.

Respectfully submitted,  
Plaintiffs

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**News Release**

# Fannie Mae Fires Over 100 Employees for Unethical Conduct, Including the Facilitation of Fraud

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

04/08/2025

**Washington, D.C.** — Today, the U.S. Federal Housing Finance Agency (U.S. Federal Housing FHFA) and Fannie Mae issued the following statement:

"In President Trump's housing market, there is no room for fraud, mortgage fraud, or any other deceitful act that can jeopardize the safety and soundness of the housing industry," said William J. Pulte, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fannie Mae. "Since my swearing-in, we fired over 100 employees from Fannie Mae who we caught engaging in unethical conduct, including facilitating fraud, against our great company. Anyone who commits fraud against Fannie Mae does so against the American people."

"I would like to thank Director Pulte for his empowering of Fannie Mae to root out unethical conduct, including anyone facilitating fraud. We hold our employees to the highest standards, and we will continue to do so," said Priscilla Almodovar, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fannie Mae.

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The U.S. Federal Housing FHFA regulates Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the 11 Federal Home Loan Banks. These government-sponsored enterprises provide more than \$8.5 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions. Additional information is available at [www.FHFA.gov](http://www.FHFA.gov), on X [@FHFA](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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