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Request for comment on EY Judge - Steve Papermaster

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Hi Mark,

Thank you for your caution and inquiry. We have quietly distanced and dissolved our relationship with Steve and kindly advise you to do the same. Additionally, our global PR and social media team will not promote or allow us to be connected in any way.

Copying in Ryan Burke for comment and coaching.

Thank you, Stasia

From: Mark Smith <mark@markjsmith.com> Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:46 PM To: Stasia M Mitchell <Stasia.M.Mitchell@ey.com>; Subject: Request for comment on EY Judge - Steve Papermaster

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Good morning EY professionals,

I would appreciate any comments or insights you may have on Steve Papermaster, his character and whether he remains a suitable candidate as a judge and on stage personality at EY's Entrepreneur of the Year?

In particular, is Mr. Papermaster still viewed as a person embodying all the ethos', values and business acumen (considering how many collapsed firms Mr. Papermaster has presided over) which EY represent ... is Papermaster still a good fit to promote as a leader in Entrepreneurship around the world? I also attach a redacted email I received recently from one of the largest and most prestigious funds managers in the world, critical of EY and a DD package it prepared. Do you believe EY's work for Mr Papermaster has always been at arms length and thoroughly objective? If yes, why do

you think this world renowned funds manager was so critical of your DD report? May I have a copy of that DD report? If the DD has always been so objectively prepared, why have so many Papermaster companies failed and is EY to blame for poor advice to Papermaster?

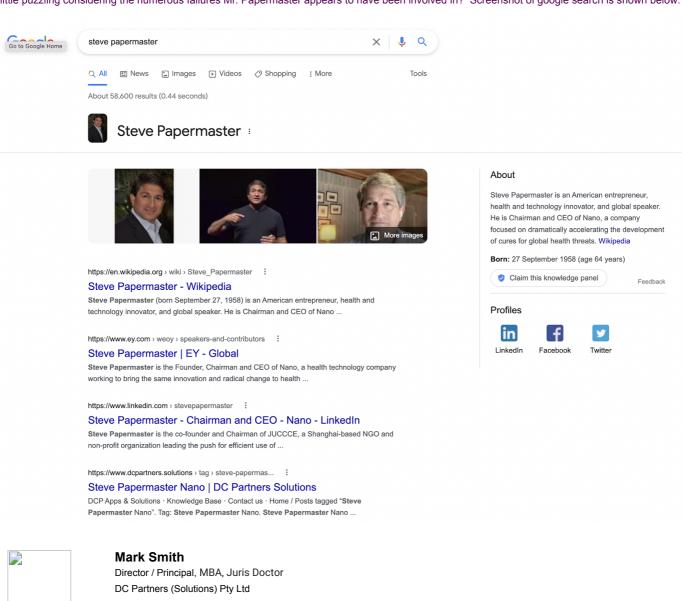
I assume Ernst & Young is aware of the black spots on Mr. Papermaster's CV and query will EY continue to use Mr. Papermaster in future promotions including on its website *?

I am writing seeking comment as I am a specialist blogger who has blogged for a little while about Mr. Papermaster and having met several disgruntled investors. I myself have not lost millions (or anything) to Papermaster but I've good knowledge of large numbers of people who have. I would appreciate your reply by mid next week for inclusion in my next podcast. If you are interested in my writings on this topic you might find some reading on the topic at: https://www.dcpartners.solutions/tag/steve-papermaster-nano/

Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards, Mark Smith.

* a Google search for the term "Steve Papermaster" shows the 2nd highest ranking website for this search term is your EY.com website which I find a little puzzling considering the numerous failures Mr. Papermaster appears to have been involved in? Screenshot of google search is shown below:



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