

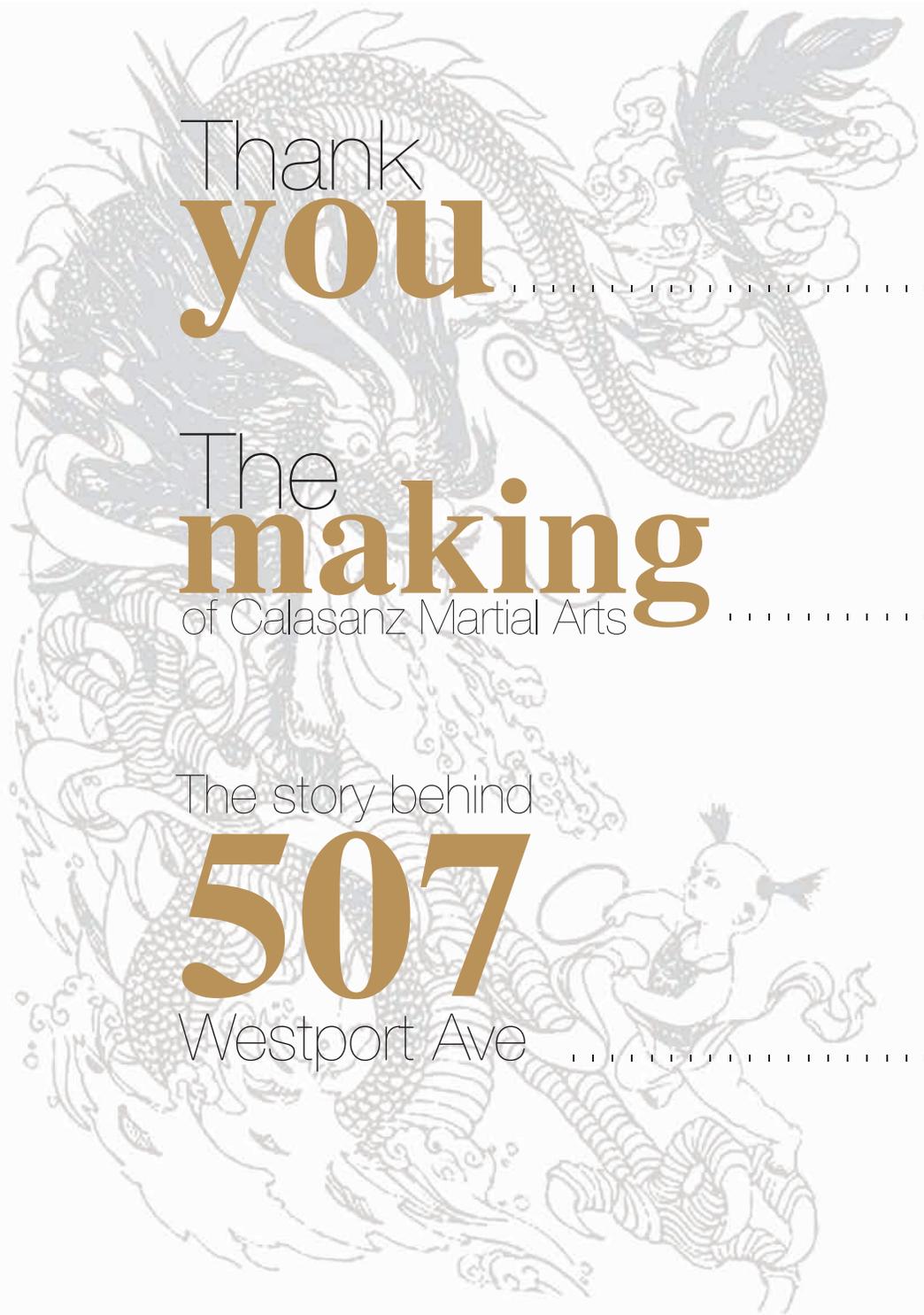


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# Calasanz is Devoted to Helping People

So much is being done when it comes to helping people. “Take Something Home.”

## CHILDREN:

Right now, we are helping all sorts of young children not only to have fun, but to work through disabilities. Children with ADD or who are delayed physically come here to improve their coordination, strength, mental focus, and ultimately their self-image. We give all of our children students the skills to present themselves with self-confidence in the world.

## PROTECTION/SELF DEFENSE:

We train young girls to prepare themselves for safe experiences at school and beyond.

## FAMILIES:

While we do train young athletes alone, we offer the option to train with your child. Rather than only dropping kids off at a class, we train many families together, offering valuable bonding experiences. In addition, the family is given the tools and is encouraged to continue the work at home, reinforcing the learned life-skills. Calasanz is always offering to people to “take something home” with them.

## YOUNG ADULTS:

Pre-teens and teens have a place to come to do something healthy at any time of day. They have the option to come without a parent. The environment is safe, structured and health-enhancing. As they progress, they can help newer young students, giving them teaching skills and self-confidence and

# Thank you

Thank you to all of our friends, followers, current and prior students, student supporters, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, military personnel, public officers, government employees, etc. We appreciate your help and participation in The Calasanz Martial Arts Center as students and as supporters. Also, thanks to Stew and Kim Leonard, Grace Lupino, Cathy Cash Spellman, Evan Lendl, Vincent Penna, Dee Hohn, Adam Vengrow, Sally and Peter Cadoux, Norman Bloom, Alan Sharkaney and many others. Thank you to all those who have advanced far enough to help us pass the learning along: Mario Contacessi, Jon B., Dan Coakley, Jennifer Ann, Charles Shield, Rusty Awllette, etc. With your support, we have been here for almost 28 years.

pride in themselves. Calasanz gives young people responsibility in the dojo so they can take this skill outside the dojo.

## REHABILITATION:

We train stroke and heart disease victims, helping to extend and enrich their lives. We help people who are in chronic pain when doctors and physical therapists have done everything and the person is still in pain.

## INTELLIGENT FITNESS:

We teach everyone who comes to us to be fit, without getting injured. We offer busy working people tremendous flexibility to schedule time for private workouts, even if just for 10 minutes, just to prevent physical decline. These are often hard-work-

ing Moms and Dads. We strive to keep these people healthy for themselves and their families whom they support. Again, Calasanz ensures that the individual can take the exercise home with them to practice at any time.

## MILITARY:

Marines, Army, ROTC personnel train here for free every week. They drive here from all over the tri-state area to utilize this unique space that Calasanz has equipped with such a rich variety of equipment. Calasanz has been open since day one for those risking their lives to protect us. Law enforcement officers, Marines, fire fighters, all military personnel, and those working for public office in the government are only a few of the segments that Calasanz supports. Calasanz invites anyone, including wounded warriors to come for free.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Calasanz personally trains officers in order to provide them strength, skills and enhanced mental focus acquired through the training process.

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## MEMBERSHIP:

Calasanz would like to continue to make his system available to everyone 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. All membership costs are adjusted to the individuals' budget. We try, every day, to make it easier for anybody to access our services, just by paying a monthly draft. Calasanz uses common sense regarding fees and invites everyone to pay a draft according to their financial capacity.

Many clients, primarily women, went very far to afford Calasanz during the 1980's. Many even filed for bankruptcy, probably because they tried at all cost to afford him. To make the story more clear, real and respectful, I do not hesitate to mention a few names: Rebecca Jane Lyon, Dolila Williams, etc. Today, anyone can train with Calasanz, following the tradition of discipline and conduct. The student acquires one technique per week. This is called The Ancient Way. Many students are turned off, because it is hard to understand the process of paying less and still training with Calasanz. However, lately many students have been capable of adjusting to this effective technique.

Additionally, 20%-30 % of Calasanz students travel from far away, just like Jennifer Ann who came to Calasanz from Sag Harbor, NY. She drives 3 or 4 hours each way in order to come and train privately with Calasanz to acquire his unique knowledge and skills. For years, she even did day trips with intense training, up 8 hours per day. Today, she is a trainer

working on her own company together with Calasanz, while simultaneously managing the dojo.

Availability and Access: 507 Wesport Avenue Space. We have a dream that this building can be open 24 hours per day for anybody to come and workout. Soon, The Center will have a stronger side door with a new code, so if you cannot sleep and feel that you would benefit from getting up and coming here to train, you would have that option. We had a dream that we already accomplished, of having an online school where you could study anytime and expand your knowledge of any martial arts form that you want to learn. This is our online [intedojo.com](http://intedojo.com) that is also available to our members.



## IN ORDER TO CONTINUE, WE NEED YOUR HELP:

We have accomplished alot, but now we are in a position where we must make a move and buy this building. Calasanz spent a fortune of dojo profits to enhance the building structure and equipment installations, always with the intention of purchasing this building eventually. Calasanz does not have a choice at this point. You too must also think that you do not have a choice either, other than to help us. If everybody helps, then it makes it easier for everyone and there are many who would fight with us. Calasanz is in a war that he must win in order to keep servicing the community.

I ask all those former students and new supporters to help us to make sure that the building stays with us with no disruption of services. After 28 years of being here at 507 Westport Avenue and after investing and developing the now perfectly equipped Center, we want The Calasanz Martial Arts Center to stay with you. It is not just Calasanz that loses if we ignore the buying of this building, but many of you. We cannot take this unique training facility from our military personnel, or from our law enforcement officers, our fire fighters, nor the community of Norwalk, Fairfield County, and the state of Connecticut.

Calasanz has been here in this building to help you. He is not here to make money, buy a car, a house etc. but rather to give everybody an opportunity to come and train, learn to protect themselves and to lead a longer, healthier life, paying membership according to their financial needs.

Feel free to call Calasanz or Jennifer Ann, the manager at Calasanz, to either sign up or to help. If you want to help teach those new students who have more need of coordination than others, come and talk to Calasanz personally. We will train you to help and you pay just a minimal fee for these skills.

What Calasanz has begun must be finished and organized. It must be finished in order for others to continue. This is a creation, an invention, in which any human being can benefit from.

In order to help or ask questions, sign up for a monthly draft, or to help and donate, etc., just talk to Jennifer Ann, Sally Cadoux or Calasanz.





# The making of Calasaniz Martial Arts

My family in the Dominican Republic is known for helping people. My mother Laura Cruz is like Mother Teresa, My father Eugenio Martinez is also well known for his generosity and for raising 11 of the best kids probably in the Dominican Republic. My sister and I run a donation center in the DR. I send goods directly to her that our students bring to the school which she then passes along to the needy and less fortunate.

I grew up on the farm, being born into an underdeveloped area with few marks of 'civilized' development and even fewer schools. As a kid I was very well known in my town, in my area. Over my childhood my fame would grow. After becoming famous locally on the farm as a kid at age 14 I was sent to the city to study in the higher study program because of my ability and gift. Immediately when got there I devoted myself to getting as many diplomas as I

could because it was the only way that I could get a well paying job at a good company. Four years after getting to the city I won already over 20 diplomas in subjects like Accounting, Computing, Programming and more. I graduated on three of the main languages, English at the Centro Cultural Dominicano American, Alianza Francesa for French, and of course Spanish. I was accepted into La UCMM, the best University in the country, to study Civil Engineering. I also graduated with high marks in the general study of Clerical Business.

My idea was since I could not even speak Spanish so well because of being born on the country side, I thought that by being well prepared, would give me a better opportunity to get a job which is exactly what ended up happening. I landed at a very young age a high caliber job working for one of the biggest banks in the Dominican Republic at the time, Popu-

lar Bank in Santiago. To this day you can call them, more specifically Simon De Castro, and he will tell you that I was the # 1 employee in the entire building.

Immediately I asked them to help me get to America; which they did. They did not have problem with that and had I returned I would have been the youngest employee holding one of the top positions at the bank. They offered me a lot to make sure that I would comeback. They did not know, however, that I had seen "Enter the Dragon" by Bruce Lee and was fully inspired to follow in suit.

Since day one my view was to stay in America because my passion for what I wanted to do for my career had changed and there was no doubt that I was born with a gift for the martial arts. That was why I wanted to produce something that placed me in the limelight, that would showcase my talent and my skill.

Two or three months after I got here I was famous, I was performing in an international show, meeting celebrities and more. They wanted me in Hollywood. For example, Ron Howard called me two times to send me to a company in Hollywood. He



told me, “Calasanz you belong in Hollywood, Calasanz you belong in show business.” To be more clear, I was a child star in the Dominican Republic, I love to perform for people.

A few days after I arrived the University of Bridgeport asked me to do a show for the Freshmen students, which I did, thousands were watching me, but again today I am not one of the biggest star in Hollywood because I am terrified of airplanes. I rarely travel by airplane and will only do so under the most dire of circumstances. I don't even visit my home country.

I did manage visit there in 1990 to do a demonstration performance with a number of my students. Prior I had 79 students ready to go to the Olympic stadium to do one of the biggest demonstrations ever assembled in the Dominican Republic. Unfortunately we had cancel because of the Gulf War. We rescheduled and later many Americans went with me and we performed in the Stadium located in Santiago.

Again, I am terrified of airplanes, Jon Claude Van Damme, when he could not get me to Hollywood he sent Canal Kriza to come out to Connecticut to see me but still they could not get me out there. I ended up producing and making my own movie locally which was a big mistake. I produced “Crossing the Line” which ended up being a mediocre movie played in a theater in my home land. It was also played in some theaters here in America but the director Marcello was too young and committed too many mistakes, however today he is very big in Hollywood.

I was famous in this country one month after I got to America, I am the most well balanced Martial artist not just in America but without a doubt in the world. My career was hurt by no planning and trusting the wrong people as a simple kid from the farm just starting projects without reserve. Loving the martial arts I was focused on training and not

on planning, thats what I was paying people to do for me. I was making a lot of money but never any of the project managers did it right for the video library, crossing the line and then to be deceived leading to my missing the call when hired in Hollywood to be featured in the movie ‘ONLY THE STRONG’.

In 1990 I moved to this building. Up to today 2013 I have spent over \$5 million to be in this building. I can not lose this building and I work just to stay here.



I came to America with a dream and that was to be the next Bruce Lee, to be better than Bruce Lee. It has been hard because nothing has gone completely right or smoothly to the way we all expect them to. The bumps in the road have been excessive and unrelenting. But still I continue forward.

My system was created primarily to help people learn how to defend themselves and to stay in shape. Starting with the business in 1986 I have trained hundreds of Polices Officers, Fire figthers, Marines, Agents, and Bodyguards including one of the coordinators for Henry Kissinger security, John Muscle.

During the mid 80's I became very popular and well known, especially in Fairfield county. I was known in the entire State of Connecticut and beyond on national and international levels.

I have such a respect for Law enforcement and what they do that I often trained them for free out of respect and gratitude for their service, sacrifice and duty. Upon insisting I would have them pay a small fee, 10% or less than others I trained but more often than not I would not charge them out of respect.

I love to train Law enforcement, they they are the ones that need it the most and they do so much to protect us. I created my name primarily among Police Officers and was recognized and highly recommended by local Police Departments. Often captains or chiefs would send new guys to me for only half an hour because he knew that was all they needed in order to leave with an ability to perform their duties to a much higher degree and caliber. That made me very popular among general Law Enforcement, Marines, Fire fighters, Security and Body guards. John Muscle who was a police officer at one point, also the coordinator of body guards for Henry Kissinger, had earned a black belt from me, Calasanz.

Let me mention some names. Robert Shapiro, currently Captain of the Bridgeport Police Department and soon to be Chief of the Police Department studied with me for over 10 years but also helped and still helps the center to stay here.

Angel Rodriguez, also a very recognized name within the Bridgeport Police trained here. Angel and Robert were my #1 & 2 guys studying the Wing Chun style here, which today is very recognized by Calasanz and was studied and known by the late Bruce Lee.

Craig Bowing an agent who lives in New Canaan CT. I trained him for 6 years, at one point he used to tell me, "Calasanz, my life is indebted to you." He was at that time traveling to places like Afghanistan and other dangerous places. Now he trains still but he does also classes with Rod Kattabbi, another agent who has trained under me and now trains beside me in the same building. Jim Tuccioroni is another.

He worked for a long time in Washington, in the government treasury department. He trained with me and has also helped this building tremendously.

Russell Aullette, or "Rusty" Aullette, junior and senior are involved in the Police Department and both help Calasanz a lot. Calasanz doesn't train Russell SR, but his son still trains with Calasanz and soon he will be a police officer himself. Rusty has been with Calasanz since he was 4, he is now 24 and again soon he will be a police officer.

Tom Barcello, Dee Hohn, Vincent Lama, Steve Evenson, Robert Dailey, Roger Mayers, Mike Karanz, Correctional officer. Jack Bar who was at one point and probably still is the chief of the Sheriff Department, and hundreds of others.

Bill Smith the Chief of the Stamford Fire Department, who was even a partner of Calasanz in his business, he helped Calasanz to get this wonderful building.

John Mcguerck who used to be the Fire Marshall of Norwalk and who remains a friend of Calasanz for over 25 years now. Chris Hansens, the current Fire Marshall earned a black belt from Calasanz.

We can go for ever and ever mentioning people connected with Calasanz martial arts and who are working in the government or holding public service / community service positions.

Rod Kathabbi, an agent, is one of the main trainers in the building and has trained with Calasanz for 11 years or more, but now he teaches at the Calasanz Martial Arts and Fitness Center.

If you need phone #'s of these people to confirm these informations let me know, I am sure that they will give you a good testimonial about Calasanz

After saying all of this, I believe and many people who works in law enforcement suggested to me that

if there is somebody that could get a break on taxes probably it would be our school. I finally realized that and we wish to receive a tax exempt status in order to help the system and this building safe here.

Since 1990 we have been in this building, over \$5 million has been put into this building by us and Norwalk has been very good to us, but besides that things have changed a lot lately. Again I used to make a lot of money, now things has changed and it is very hard or rather is being very hard for me to keep this building. We hope to continue to be able to help the community by contributing and training those in office or holding positions of public service as we have in the past. I am confident that a Tax Exempt status would give us the opportunity to do more in and for the community and government.

Two of my students who I call them the two best fighters ever live are Chris Mottola and Kevin Mcantyre, they were Marines, I have taught hundreds of Marines, Navy officers, and Army troops either prior to their service or to augment their training over a long period of time and wish to continue to aide these organizations as time goes on.

This center we want it to be here for ever and ever so we may continue helping the community, it is the only school that anybody can train with us. It does not matter how much or how little money somebody who comes through our doors has. If they come here and walk through our door we want them to learn something from us independent of monetary contribution, and they will. The community loves us. Tax Exemption will give us the opportunity to continue and help even more people.



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In 1990, we found this building. A student and friend of ours, Nick, finally found us this building belonging to Spadone Corp. Nick's family was also studying with Calasanz. He knew Calasanz very well and he told Calasanz: "Someday, I will find you the right building." 507 Westport Avenue was just the perfect place for Calasanz. At the same time, the space was a nightmare back then. The building was half empty but filled with mud and questionable toxic debris from the prior machine-building business. It took us a lot of hardship to convince them to rent the building to Calasanz. Bill Smith was put to all sorts of hell but he finally got it. There is no doubt today that they did not want to rent to Calasanz, but Calasanz continued trying. Nick helped a lot, but the guy who made all the difference was Bill Smith. He now is the chief of the Stamford Fire Department. Bill put himself to probably the biggest test of his entire career.



Bill and Calasanz did not have any help at all in remediating the space. Basically, this toxic, neglected building had to be transformed to a health-promoting space for the community. There was 4 to 10 inches of foul smelling sludge, left behind from the prior tenant, a large machine manufacturing business. Calasanz never could believe the work that Bill Smith did, who now is the Chief of the fire department in Stamford. It is just incredible to even think of the amount of money that he put into this building. But forget about the money. Rather we can talk about the amount of hours, that Bill together

with his wife, his brother and sister, father, who also put in a lot of time. Everyone in Bill's family invested time in this building. Plus, the amount of money he lost trying to get this ready. It took 3 weeks just to clean the rock wall. 507 Westport Avenue was empty for so many years that the smell came out of the building when the door was opened. The ceilings that are 35 feet high had dust coming down at all times. There was not one thing that Spadone Corp. helped us with because Jeff did not want to rent to Calasanz, whose name was more recognized than anyone at that point. Calasanz was a celebrity and still these people did not want anything with to do with him. The nightmare was finally over after so many people were serious about renting and preparing the building, thanks to this man Bill Smith.

When Bill Smith left, I did not have one penny. He got angry at the way that these people were dealing with the building. He lost his money and the loss all was caused by Spadone Corp. There was not money at the end of the building remediation because of the magnitude of the clean-up. Bill could not spend more money out of his pocket and Calasanz could not work for over 4 months just dealing with the building trying to clean it.

Jeff Spadone was the manager at that point, the son of John Spadone. At that point, I could not even talk to John because some of the things that went on were completely outrageous. We have made a fortune for Spadone. We have treated them with respect by caring for the building. Calasanz has paid for everything that broke in the building.

Finally, after a hard and painful work, the building was ready to go. Working on this building to clean it was analogous to building the Burma Road during World War II, the road that was built for the Americans to transport equipment to China in order to expel the Japanese from China. We could have benefitted from the same types of bulldozers used to move the mud that were used to build the Burma Road. It was not something human. That was what I saw Bill Smith building and cleaning here. Up to today, I still have sympathy for him. I



never could have this building without the courageous work of Bill Smith. Again, no help to clean up his prior tenant was provided from Spadone at all. Inside their building, it was burning hot. There were 4 big lights that raised the temperature further. It was a summer, 100 degree outside. With the 4 lights bringing more heat, it was approximately 120 degrees inside. There were problems all over the space for us to repair. Again, we finally finished and start teaching classes just the way it was. Bill lost a lot of money. He got out of it, but he knew that it was a long process for me to succeed here.

Today is 2009 and finally the word of hero will be brought to the students of this building. That person is not Calasanz, but rather Bill Smith together with his family. All Calasanz wants is respect from Jay Spadone. He hangs up the phone on me while I am asking him if I can give him cash for rent. Was the cash recorded there? He does not respond to me on the phone or by email. Again, all I asked: it sounded like you did not record the cash. There are \$2,300 not recorded. (We know Mary the accountant. John Spadone knows they would send me away without an invoice. So, lost that money and we paid extra for the security. I am sure that I have given them over \$40,000 cash. "Were my cash payments recorded?", this is all I asked. Jay continues to hang up the phone on me. I was giving you this much cash and it was not recorded and I could not get a receipt from Jay.

We got in the building then the winter came. There was an industrial garage door that was basically a large open space in the wall. I believe that it took around 4 to 5 years or more before I was able to pay for the garage door to be closed. The cost was almost \$3,000. Spadone Corp. would not do it to provide us with a proper interior space that was not open to the weather. Cathy Cash Spellman, Bill Smith, Stew Leanord, Kim Leanord, Grace Luppino, Dennis Grimaldi, Norman Bloom, Stephen Wilves etc. paid me membership money despite the fact that they were freezing themselves to death. It was

a struggle to rent the building. It was a struggle to clean and get the building ready. It was one financial investment after the next in the Spadone building. Calasanz got into numerous debts, which he paid at that point, but Calasanz liked the building so much that he continued to take it. But remember, the toughest is that we were dealing with people that were not being fair or respectful at all, with the exception two Spadone employees: George and Jimmy. I started telling them the issues and dealing with them. They were the two men that helped me here. I will find Jimmy and George Grace, they will give me a good report.

Everything cost me money: pipes, the plumbing was a mess many times. At one point, the plumbing broke constantly. I paid for anything and everything that broke because I wanted a good relationship with the Spadones. The toughest part to take is that on the ceiling after 7 or 8 years the skylight to come into the building was open. We did not find out for probably 7 or 8 years, meaning that the heat was going out and the cold was getting in. Finally they closed it without telling me that it was open. One day I saw the window was closed. That was when I realized that they just closed it.

I remember one time that Cathy Cash Spellman suggested that I leave the heat on for a month to see if the members could be more comfortable but the heat cost quadrupled. It was insane. I paid for everything. I love this building and I tried to be a great, responsible tenant. After all this to be treated like an animal is extraordinarily disappointing and incomprehensible. There is nothing anymore I can say other than they have some sort of problem towards Calasanz. Still, we cannot say what is the problem, but there is something that is not right.

Everybody for at least 5 or more years almost freeze to death while training. Students went through this extreme discomfort because of Calasanz's skill during those times. His school was the best, like it is today. More martial arts business have since opened and that was why it became tougher and

tougher for Calasanz, but still he was able to be in business.

Thanks to everyone who helped, including Marcus, Dennis, Dave Papa and above all Norman Bloom.

In this letter, I want to make sure that Spadone knows that every single time that we were late on or divide the rental payment, it was because Calasanz had to fix a problem in their building. Calasanz was working on their building to make it better and more usable. The repairs were all justified and necessary for basic function. Another example, during the Great Recession of 2009, we wrote a letter to the Spadones saying that we can pay for the rent but probably we will be late because of what is going on with the economy. I did not ask for a deduction but if the economy were to continue like this, we would be late. So, we were late but we still knew that we would pay. Spadone was told by Calasanz that we were centralizing (closing all satellite dojos), meaning it is going to be hard, but we will be okay. This building had been a nightmare financially and physically to make useable. Finally, lately it has been better, plus during the past 2 to 3 years, Jay Spadone has been willing to be more friendly with Calasanz. However, Jay Spadone has made it completely difficult, forgetting that Calasanz was in perfect communication with them. But the most outrageous act is that Spadone reduced the rent for Bruce at Kid U at their back of the building. Calasanz could not do anything because Bruce would tell Spadone and they come to cause trouble including with the only promotion Calasanz was doing which was that trailer. They caused a problem, but Spadone didn't react when my customer could not find a place to park. This was even a problem at 10am when Calasanz just has a few (3) customers. There was no place for Calasanz clients to park.

There was nothing that Calasanz could do on the building, including putting a sign. They complained even when it was on front of my door. Spadone owns the large multi-business street sign and for

some unknown reason he wouldn't allow my business name to be listed on it for all these years. He blamed it on the City of Norwalk. I acquired a small sign to hang on the fence. Unfortunately, people didn't know my business was here because my signage is so small. The most expensive school in the U.S. was very difficult to find.

Bruce complained about the trailer, for example. Calasanz did not have parking for himself because Bruce used most of the lot. Spadone got him in the building knowing that it was a mass business with a high volume of clients with no parking spaces devoted to them. The City of Norwalk somehow was not aware of the true nature of Kid U business. The space was not appropriate from the fire marshal perspective.

During the past 2 years John Spadone, who really never was nice with us started being decent. Jay was nice with us, at one point when all this happened. However, some cash I paid them was not recorded as received. But there was nothing I could do. When I asked Jay to check it out he would hang up the phone on me and for 3 days he did not answer the phone, respond to my emails or answer the messages I left him on the answer machine.

I understand that there were months that we paid Spadone less money. That was when I paid for more to fix the building.

When Spadone rented the building to Bruce, they knew that Bruce did not belong here. None of our clients could park. I remember a client John B. who paid so much money to train with me. He came, driving a Jaguar and he could not even find a place to park because the lot was packed with Bruce's clients. Still, I was the one that Spadone blamed and tried to criticize when something was not in his favor. Bruce was the one telling Spadone that there is a trailer parked there. Spadone was angry but when we called him, he came and saw that I had 3 customers in my business and they could not park.

The trailer was my in advertisement. We have complained many times about signs and the parking lot and never Spadone has been able to answer.

Spadone reduced the rent for Bruce. I asked Spadone many times that if you do it for them, then could you do it for me. But that never happened. It seemed obvious what was going on here.

I had to paint the front of the building to make it look acceptable. The cost was \$2,500. I told them why we gave them the rent in smaller checks but we gave them an entire amount of the checks signed. We gave them 2 checks during the week so they would not have to come here and get them. They just have to go one trip to the bank. Again, this happened because we were improving the building. The front of my building was a mess. Everyone was complaining. Spadone stopped me from finishing painting the building, which at this point they have not given me the approval to paint it.

Every single time that I had a problem with a check from Spadone, it was based on a problem with the merchant (American Express). The money took longer to arrive in our account. Our clients would pay, then we wanted to make sure that the client credit card payment of \$2,300 was deposited in my account.

Four years have passed and still the security deposit that I paid has not been acknowledged as received by Jay Spadone. The deposit was automatically charged to me, I paid it. There is no question that it was paid, however Spadone insists it was never paid. As a result, if I were to leave, they would not return my security deposit. Mary Spadone was the Spadone Corp. secretary at the time the security money was collected from me by Mary. Mary would come to the building to collect a single penny that she felt we overlooked. This woman would walk back and



forth from the Spadone office to the dojo to collect. I repeat it again, if you knew Mary, do you believe that Mary would let me get away with not paying the security deposit? Absolutely not. Just review the Spadone records where they keep your receipts and you will see the invoice. Just go to the year that we signed the new lease and you will see a bill for the extra security deposit.

Spadone knew that Bruce did not belong in this building but he did it anyway and expect us to sit back and say nothing, today on January Calasanz sent him a letter telling him, I have put my in this building economic is very bad, but I continue paying, but I make it clear if Bruce be deducted rent I will be too.

They have given me problem while Jon B. and many others cannot find a parking spot, this not a lawsuit but this is the beginning of the biggest story of our career.

## THESE WELL-KNOWN STUDENTS LIKE STEW LEONARD, CATHY, BILL, KRISTIN ETC. FIND SPADONE COMPLETELY ABUSIVE BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

- 1. Calasanz spent so much money to build the second and third floor.**
- 2. I never knew that Spadone was charging rent for these platforms built by Calasanz.**
- 3. 23 years without a sign, Why? I want to hear why. Can you do the math or make an estimate of money lost?**

**4. Why was the garage door open for so long. For more than 5 years everybody was frozen to death. Many witnesses, including Kim Leonard, Stew Leonard, Cathy Cash, Ivan Lendl, Bill Smith, John Mcgerk, Steve Wilkes etc etc.**

From here down is related to Bill Smith the Chief of Stamford Fire Department.

The following is an interview of Bill Smith on 8-9-2015, written by Bill Smith.

Jeff will be interviewed, probably Dennis Grimaldi, if possible Richard Kenyan.

First off all, today I want to give you my current opinion about this building. Calasanz just work hard and probably he is not threatening anybody here with any law suit whatsoever, but still I want to state my opinion. I would like to make sure that Calasanz and Jon fight for the contract to say "option to buy". I do not care about the rest. Calasanz is a man who has contributed to many and he has to fight for his own right. It is not up to me. It is up to him. That I support him, yes, 100%. I know my Sensei very well, he is not a good leader. I understand him very well and I can say that, regardless of whether Calasanz gets angry or not. How he can be such a skilled martial artist and can let people go that far with him is difficult to understand.

Here is my current opinion and recollection: In 1990, finally Nick Zambuli found the building of Calasanz's dreams. I am Bill Smith who at that time was a Captain of the Stamford Fire Department. Today I am a retired Chief of the Stamford Fire department.

I was the one who dealt with the entire deal with the building, I never could understand, why Jeff Spadone was having such a personal Issue with Calasanz, who at that time was very outgoing and popular in the community. I was so proud of being one of the main students and friends of Calasanz. I took

over the deal and finally we got the place, but we made it completely clear to Jeff Spadone and John Spadone himself that for us to clean this place, we would require a stipulation that we have the option to buy it. We would not do it without an option to buy, which was agreed over and over, by Jeff and John Spadone. At that time, Jay Spadone was not involved.

Those who were around like Dennis Grimaldi who came to sign while we were working on it, I told Dennis to come back within 3 months. He did return 3 months after and signed with Calasanz. I calculated that out of my own money, I spent an estimate of \$80,000 in cleaning expenses before moving in, putting heating unit and cooling system, removing massive amounts of industrial sludge debris and other extensive and expensive cleaning costs to make the building presentable, safe and ready for our use and purposes. Again, it was agreed that we clean the building but with the option to buy. The first contract was done with that purpose, but as life with family and work became complicated I could not be training for a period of time. At that point, the stipulation was taken off the lease. All I heard is them telling Calasanz verbally that first right of refusal was removed, which for me was not a truth of responsibility and understanding.

Calasanz put his life into developing this building. I knew that he was paying for everything, including repairing plumbing or any expenses that should have been paid by Spadone Corporation but Calasanz wanted to make the landlord happy. That is what he thought. But it has not gone that way. Just understand that Calasanz went through tough times, but still paid the bills. If there was an amount owed, he would pay it. What struck me the most was the amount of money and value that Calasanz later on put into this building, paying so much. Then he goes out of his way, cleans it up and did it with his own money or with friends. Calasanz called me many years after and told me, that they are charging him incremental rent for 2 interior platforms that

Calasanz built for private training. They measured the space that he made accessible to be used, 100 sq.Ft and increased the rent.

Later when Sensei Calasanz called me again, Calasanz said "Bill, I am not fighting this case, I do not have time. Besides, Calasanz was making decent money. During the recession of 2008 when things became tougher for Calasanz, you can understand that in winter, this building was costing Calasanz almost \$20,000 per month, on just the main expenses (Rent, Electric and Gas).

I am Bill Smith, I am back to train with Calasanz. I am hoping that today those in charge understand the facts. My impression is that the money paid for the 1000sq.Ft. should be given back to Calasanz. It is up to them if they want to fight it, again I leave it up to them. I did a lot. I spent a lot. But all was done as love for my Sensei and for the memory of this building. The rest is left, again up to Calasanz and Jon. Still, I believe that it has not been fair what I have heard from sources just as I went back to Calasanz. This building, when I went inside, bring me a sad and nice memory at the same time. All is based on the remembrance of what we went thru to get this building ready.

During the cold winter, what I never could understand is why so many students like, Kim Leonard, Stew Leonard, Grace Luppino, Cathy Cash, Ivan Lendl, Bill Smith, John Mcgerk, Steve Wilkes, Jennifer Li and many more all suffered the consequences of the cold and still they would pay a substantial membership fee to train with Calasanz, that I do not understand still today, why they did that..

