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RE: Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaint - File No. 07-27

Margaret Bridewell
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Dear Mr. Aitkins:

Brian J. Dano
Moses Lake

The Practice of Law Board was created by order of the Washington State Supreme Court, General Rule (GR) 25. The Board is charged with the investigation of allegations of unauthorized practice of law in Washington. Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 2.48.180 states that a nonlawyer practicing law or holding himself out as entitled to practice law constitutes the unauthorized practice of law. Court rule GR 24 defines the practice of law. The unauthorized practice of law is a crime in Washington.

Jeanne J. Dawes
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As you are aware, J ██████████ W ██████████ filed a complaint against you and your business, Jacob Group Trustee Service, alleging that you engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by giving legal advice and by selecting and preparing estate planning documents for H ██████████ W. S ██████████. Mr. W ██████████ is an attorney who represents the interests of H ██████████ W. S ██████████'s nieces, B ██████████ L ██████████ and T ██████████ B ██████████. According to the response you sent to the Board, you drafted trust documents for H ██████████ W. S ██████████ through your trust service company, which is based in Washington.

Cheryl D. Kringle
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You are not a lawyer. RCW 2.48.180(2)(a) states that a non-lawyer practicing law or holding himself out as entitled to do so constitutes the unauthorized practice of law. Drafting or completing legal documents which affect the legal rights of others is included in the GR 24 definition of the practice of law. By drafting trust documents for H ██████████ W. S ██████████, you were engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

Hon. Jane M. Smith
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Administrator
Julie Shankland

At this time, pursuant to GR 25(f)(4)(B), we request that you enter into a written agreement with this Board, to refrain from the following conduct:

Investigative Attorney
Sandra Schilling

- Holding yourself out as authorized to select, draft or complete legal documents or pleadings for others.
- Any activity which is defined as the practice of law in GR 24

We further ask you to stipulate that in the event that you violate this agreement, you agree that this stipulation, evidence of your further violation, the investigative report to the Board of your past violations, the original complaint, your response, and all other evidence of such violations shall be turned over to the appropriate County Prosecutor's Office with a request from the Board that that office institute a criminal proceeding against you.

In the event you do not return this stipulation as signed and agreed to within 15 days of the mailing of this letter, the Board will consider turning over its investigation along with a request for prosecution to the County Prosecutor's Office.

We are hopeful that we will be able to resolve these matters by stipulation. If you are willing to so stipulate, please sign and date your signature and have your signature witnessed by a person over the age of eighteen, who will also sign as the witness. The signed letter should be returned to the Board within 15 days. The Board posts UPL findings on its website. This letter, agreements to refrain and referrals for prosecution may be posted on the Board's website.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very Truly Yours,



Steve Crossland, Chair
Practice of Law Board

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cc: J [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]