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April 1, 2008

Peter S. Reinthaler

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Leavenworth, WA ██████████

RE: File No. 07-31 Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaint against Peter Reinthaler

Dear Mr. Reinthaler:

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.

As you are aware, P██████ B██████ filed a complaint against you alleging that you engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by sending a letter to him that appeared to represent that you are an attorney. You met D██████ P██████ at an auto show. Although you are not currently admitted to practice law in any state, you agreed to help him obtain information about a trust his grandmother set up to pay for his college costs. D██████ P██████ believed he should have had money to go to school, but had not received any and could not get any information from the trustees, B██████ and S██████ B██████. On April 4, 2007, you sent to Mr. B██████ a letter on letterhead identifying you are Peter S. Reinthaler, J.D. and providing a Washington address. Your letter stated that you were "endeavouring to assist" D██████ P██████ on a "pro-bono basis" in getting information pertaining to a legacy left to him by his grandmother. Your letter stated that you were not licensed in Pennsylvania "at present" and that you trust it would not be necessary for you to file for a special appearance. Your statement that you are not licensed in Pennsylvania, along with the mention of a special appearance, clearly gives the impression that you are licensed to practice law in a state other than Pennsylvania. By including the letters J.D. after your name and providing only a Washington address, your letter conveys the impression that you are admitted to practice law in Washington.

You are not admitted to practice law in Washington, or in any other jurisdiction. The Revised Code of Washington (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. At this time, pursuant to Washington's GR 25(f)(4)(B), we request that you enter into a written agreement with this Board, to refrain from the following conduct:

- ◆ Holding yourself out as entitled to practice law;
- ◆ Any activity which is defined as the practice of law in GR 24.

We further ask you to stipulate that in the event 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 issue its report and 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.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very Truly Yours,



Steve Crossland, Chair
Practice of Law Board

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Enclosure

cc: S [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] (w/out Enclosure)