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RE: File No. 06-19 UPL Complaint against Grosvenor Anshell

**Margaret Bridewell**  
Walla Walla

Dear Mr. Anshell:

**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**  
Spokane

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Seattle

As you are aware, R. H. filed a complaint against you alleging that you engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by selecting and preparing a dissolution petition for her and by advising her as to her dissolution status. Ms. H. is an immigrant from Iran. In or around early 2002, Ms. H. met you at your Bellevue office. You did not tell Ms. H. that you were no longer a licensed lawyer<sup>1</sup>. Ms. H. paid you \$250. You chose the appropriate legal form, drafted a petition, selected the appropriate boxes, and advised Ms. H. how to complete the form. Ms. H. signed the form *pro se*, and it was filed with the King County Superior Court on November 14, 2002, as Cause No. . Ms. H. later told you that she did not want to proceed any further with the dissolution. The case was subsequently dismissed for failure to comply with the court's order.

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In or around early 2004, Ms. H. contacted you again in order to proceed with the divorce. Again, you did not inform Ms. H. that you were not licensed to practice law in Washington. Ms. H. paid you \$800, which you recorded on a Immigration Services "Contract for Services." You again chose the correct legal form and completed the form for Ms. H. The Petition was filed with the Lincoln County Superior Court as Cause No. . The case was subsequently dismissed for want of prosecution. When Ms. H. asked whether her dissolution was completed, you confirmed that she was divorced.

**Hon. Jane M. Smith**  
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**Administrator**  
Julie Shankland

**Investigative Attorney**  
Sandra Schilling

<sup>1</sup> On October 30, 2000, your license to practice law in Washington State was suspended. On May 29, 2003, you were disbarred.

You are not licensed to practice law in Washington. The Washington State Bar Association suspended your license for two years on October 30, 2000. The Bar Association suspended your license pending discipline on January 24, 2003 and disbarred you from the practice of law on May 29, 2003. 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. Giving advice or counsel to others as to their legal rights and selecting, drafting or completing legal documents which affect the legal rights of others are both included in the GR 24 definition of the practice of law. By failing to inform Ms. H [REDACTED] that you are no longer a licensed lawyer, by selecting and completing divorce documents for Ms. H [REDACTED], and by advising Ms. H [REDACTED] of her dissolution status, you engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.

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:

- ◆ Giving advice or counsel to others as to their legal rights or the legal rights or responsibilities of others for fees or other consideration;
- ◆ Selecting, drafting or completing legal documents or agreements which affect the legal rights of an entity or person(s);
- ◆ Any activity which is defined as the practice of law in GR 24.

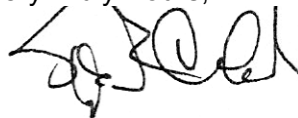
In May 2006, the Practice of Law Board sent to you a letter requesting that you cease and desist from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. This is your second offense. We are enclosing a copy of that earlier letter and a stipulation that refers back to both the May 11, 2006 letter and the instant letter. We ask that you stipulate that in the event you violate this agreement, the 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 the 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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Enclosures

cc: R [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] (w/out enclosures)

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May 11, 2006

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Grosvenor Anshell  
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Bellevue WA ██████████

**Hon. Paul A. Bastine  
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Re: #05-37 -- Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaint

**Rita L. Bender  
Seattle**

Dear Mr. Anshell:

**Jennie Bigley  
Seattle**

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 individuals in Washington allegedly engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 2.48.180 defines conduct constituting the unauthorized practice of law. Court rule GR 24 defines the practice of law. The unauthorized practice of law is a crime in Washington.

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As you are aware, Y██████ Y██████ filed a complaint alleging that you engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by giving him legal advice and drafting pleadings and briefs in an immigration matter. You indicated that you work part-time for ███████ Immigration Services.<sup>1</sup> ███████ Immigration Services appears to be a corporation operated by S██████ B██████ with assistance from you. You and Mr. B██████ are Immigration Assistants, registered under RCW 19.154.040. Immigration Assistants are authorized to provide nonlegal assistance to customers in immigration matters. (RCW 19.154.020). Immigration Assistants are required to provide contracts to all customers. (RCW 19.154.070). The contract must state that the Immigration Assistant is not a lawyer and may not perform legal services. Your license to practice law in Washington was suspended on

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**Administrator  
Julie Shankland**

<sup>1</sup> ███████ Immigration Services is currently incorporated as ███████ Immigration Services. ███████ Immigration Services is located in the same building in which you operated your law offices prior to your disbarment.

January 24, 2003. On May, 29, 2003, you were disbarred by the Washington State Supreme Court.

In early March 2003, M■■■■ A■■■■ contacted Mr. B■■■■ at ■■■■ Immigration Services for assistance in reopening his brother-in-law, Y■■■■'s deportation case. Mr. A■■■■ provided information over the phone and Mr. B■■■■ said he had a "good Jewish attorney" who could handle the matter. Within a week, Mr. B■■■■ delivered a Contract for Services and a nine-step list of events and Mr. A■■■■ paid \$1500.00. The Contract does not include the required statement that you and Mr. B■■■■ are not lawyers and cannot provide legal advice. The nine-step list of events is evidence of your legal advice to and selecting legal documents for Mr. Y■■■■. Shortly after this, you notified Mr. A■■■■ that you had prepared the papers and pleadings. Mr. A■■■■ and Mr. Y■■■■ met you at your Bellevue office. You prepared a Motion to Reopen that Mr. Y■■■■ contends did not contain sufficient evidence that his marriage was bona fide. When the motion to reopen was denied, you prepared a Notice of Appeal and a supporting brief. The brief contains legal arguments, citations to legal authority and standards of review that neither Mr. A■■■■ nor Ms. Y■■■■ could prepare. These pleadings are evidence of your drafting legal documents which affect Mr. Y■■■■'s legal rights. When the appeal was denied, you prepared a Petition for Review to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the supporting briefs. You admitted drafting these pleadings. You stated that this was an isolated incident. Nothing in the immigration assistant statutes authorizes you to draft legal briefs and make legal arguments for clients.

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:

- Giving advice or counsel to others as to their legal rights or the legal rights of responsibilities of others. By advising Mr. Y■■■■ to get married, file a relative petition and motion to reopen, you advised him about his legal rights and responsibilities.
- Selection, drafting, or completion of legal documents or agreements which affect the legal rights of an entity of person(s). By drafting pleadings and legal briefs for Mr. Y■■■■, you selected, drafted and completed forms beyond the scope of that allowed under RCW 19.154.020<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> (1) "Immigration assistant" means every person who, for compensation or the expectation of compensation, gives nonlegal assistance on an immigration matter. That assistance is limited to:

(a) Transcribing responses to a government agency form selected by the customer which is related to an immigration matter, but does not include advising a person as to his or her answers on those forms;

(b) Translating a person's answer to questions posed on those forms;

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In the event you do not return the signed agreement within 15 days of the mailing of this letter, GR 25(h)(1) requires the Board to consider referring this matter to the County Prosecutor's Office for prosecution. GR 25(h)(2) requires the Board to send the following documents with the prosecution request: original complaint, response, evidence or other proof, investigative report, and transcript of informal conference, if any. You will be notified in writing of the Board's referral.

We are hopeful that we will be able to resolve these matters by stipulation. If you are willing to agree, please sign and date the agreement. You must 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 of receipt by you.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Stephen Crossland, Chairman  
Practice of Law Board

cc: [REDACTED]

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(c) Securing for a person supporting documents currently in existence, such as birth and marriage certificates, which may be needed to submit with those forms;

(d) Making referrals to attorneys who could undertake legal representation for a person in an immigration matter. RCW 19.154.020