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Craig S. Sorenson

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Coeur d'Alene, ID ██████████

RE: File No. 07-34 Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaint

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

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, F ██████████ and C ██████████ W ██████████ filed a complaint against you alleging that you are engaging in the unauthorized practice of law by holding yourself out as entitled to practice law. On July 25, 2007, Mr. and Mrs. W ██████████ received a letter from you stating that you represent the legal interests of S ██████████ L ██████████. The letter requested written, notarized information regarding whether Mr. W ██████████ had compensated R ██████████ L ██████████, S ██████████ L ██████████'s husband, for work performed on his property and threatened that a subpoena would be issued for non-compliance of the request. M ██████████ and C ██████████ L ██████████, who live next door to the W ██████████s, also received a similar letter from you stating that you represent Ms. L ██████████, requesting information, and threatening a subpoena for non-compliance of the request.

You are not a lawyer. 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. The GR 24 definition of the practice of law includes giving legal advice or counsel; selecting or drafting legal documents, representing another in court, and the negotiation of legal rights or responsibilities on behalf of another. By stating in the letters sent to the W ██████████s and L ██████████s that you "represent the legal interests of S ██████████ L ██████████" and threatening that a subpoena would be issued for non-compliance of your requests, you are misrepresenting yourself as entitled to practice law and, therefore, engaging 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:

- ◆ Holding yourself out as entitled to practice law.

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

cc: F [REDACTED] and C [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]

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