

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
APPOINTED BY
THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
BUFFY MARIE LAWRENCE	§	CAUSE NO. 54395
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24052821	§	

FIRST AMENDED PETITION FOR COMPULSORY DISCIPLINE

TO THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:

Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline (hereinafter called "Petitioner"), brings this action against Respondent, Buffy Marie Lawrence, (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing as follows:

1. This action is commenced by Petitioner pursuant to Part VIII of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Petitioner is also providing Respondent a copy of this Board's procedures for handling a compulsory discipline matter by attaching a copy of such procedures to this petition.

2. Respondent, Buffy Marie Lawrence, may be served with a true and correct copy of this First Amended Petition for Compulsory Discipline, its attachments, as well as a notice of hearing, at Buffy Marie Lawrence, #96608-279, FCI Victorville Medium II, 13777 Air Expressway Blvd., Victorville, California 92394.

3. On or about August 10, 2011, Buffy Marie Lawrence was charged by Indictment (Exhibit 1) with Count One – Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349; Counts Two-Five – Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 2; and Count Six –

Conspiracy to Launder Money, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1956(h), in Case No. H-11-575, styled *United States of America v. Walter Ryan Macapaz, Tony David Maldonado, Buffy Marie Lawrence and Lisa Carol Ross*, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.

4. On or about April 19, 2013, a Plea Agreement (Exhibit 2) was entered in Case No. H-11-575, styled *United States of America v. Buffy Marie Lawrence*, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Count One – Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud.

5. On or about April 1, 2014, a Judgment and Sentence (Exhibit 3) was entered in Case No. H-11-575, styled *United States of America v. Buffy Marie Lawrence*, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Holding Session in Houston, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Count One – Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and was committed to the custody of the United State Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of 12 months and 1 day. Respondent was ordered upon release from imprisonment to be on supervised release for 3 years and ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00. The determination of restitution was deferred until on or before June 25, 2014. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes as if the same were copied verbatim herein, are true and correct certified copies of the following documents in the Lawrence criminal case: Indictment (Exhibit 1), Plea Agreement (Exhibit 2) and Judgment and Sentence (Exhibit 3). Petitioner expects to introduce certified copies of Exhibits 1 through 3 at the time of hearing of this cause.

6. Respondent, Buffy Marie Lawrence whose bar card number is 24052821, is the same person as the Buffy Marie Lawrence who is the subject of the Indictment, Plea Agreement

and Judgment described above, true and correct copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 1 through 3.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes as if the same were copied verbatim herein is a true and correct copy of an affidavit of Judith Gres DeBerry, Attorney of Record for Petitioner herein, attesting to the fact that Respondent is the same person as the person who is the subject of the Indictment, Plea Agreement, and Judgment entered in the Lawrence criminal case described above. Petitioner expects to introduce the original of said affidavit at the time of hearing of this cause.

8. The offense for which Respondent was convicted is an intentional crime as defined by Rule 1.06(T), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. It is as well a serious crime as defined by Rule 1.06(Z), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

9. Having pled guilty to an intentional crime, and such judgment being final, Respondent should be disbarred as provided in Rule 8.05, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

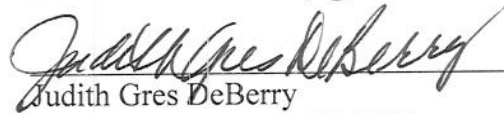
PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that Respondent be given notice of these proceedings as provided by law and, upon hearing of this matter, that the Board enter its order disbaring Respondent and for such other and further relief to which Petitioner may be entitled to receive including costs of court and attorney's fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judith Gres DeBerry", written over a horizontal line.

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ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a trial on the merits of the First Amended Petition for Compulsory Discipline heretofore sent to be filed with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals on this day, will be held in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Tom C. Clark Building, 14th and Colorado Streets, Austin, Texas, at **9:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of October 2014.**



Judith Gres DeBerry

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 29, 2014, I served a copy of the First Amended Petition for Compulsory Discipline on the Respondent listed below by personal service:

Buffy Marie Lawrence, #96608-279
FCI Victorville Medium II
13777 Air Expressway Blvd.
Victorville, California 92394



Judith Gres DeBerry