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March 25, 2025

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Executive Assistant

Board of Disciplinary Appeals

Supreme Court of Texas

P. O. Box 12426

Austin, Texas 78711

Re: In the Matter of Kenneth M Plaisance State Bar Card 24045166

Motion for Summary Judgment with Uncontested Fact and exhibits

Dear Ms. Truitt:

Enclosed please find my motion for summary judgment with uncontested facts and exhibits. Please hand stamp and file the pleading into the record and send me a courtesy stamped copy.

Thanks

Kenneth M. Plaisance 504 905 1888

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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IN THE MATTER OF		CAUSE NO. 69894
KENNETH MICHAEL PLAISANCE	*	CAUSE NO. 03034
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24045166	*	
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MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT TO DISMISS THE ORIGINAL FIRST AND SECOND AMENDED PETITION FOR RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

NOW COMES made Respondent in the above-captioned matter, on suggesting to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for the State of Texas, that Respondent is entitled to summary judgment in his favor, on the grounds that the pleadings, affivavits and evidence herein, together with the uncontested facts shows that there are in genuine issues of matter fact and is entitled to judgment in his favor as a matter of law. Respondent files this Motion for summary judgment to Dismiss All Petitions and Amended Petitions for Reciprocal Discipline filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline and the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel State Bar of Texas..

Respectfully Submitte

2202 Touro Street

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Summary Judgment pleading has been served upon opposing counsel by first class mail, facsimile, electronically or hand delivery on this 2 day of Mack 2025.

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herein, show cause on the		
, M. why Respondent summary judg	gment should 1	not be rendered in favor of Kenneth
Plaisance.		
This day of March, 2025 Austin	ı Texas	
J U D G E/HEARING OFFICER		
Please serve:		
Amanda M. Kates		
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel/Petiti	oner	
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P. O. Box 12487		
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UNCONTESTED FACTS AND UNDISPUTED STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS TO WHICH THERE ARE NO GENUINE ISSUES OF LAW TO BE TRIED

Respondent in support thereof respectfully states as follows:

- 1. that he is an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.
- 2. that he has been practicing law in Texas since 2004.
- that on February 27, 2025, Respondent received notice of a second amended petition for reciprocal discipline filed against him by Texas Discipline Counsel regarding disciplinary action taken in the state of Louisiana.

BACKGROUND FACTS

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- 20. that under each respective insurance contracts, Progressive had a duty to represent or obtain legal representation to both Mr. Taylor and Travis James (driver and owner of the 18-wheeler vehicle)

- 21. that Mr. Taylor was legally represented by Progressive Insurance company's legal counsel--Attorney Pat Derougn.
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- 32. that Respondent filed a suit in State Court in order to have Mr. Taylor, Jr.'s. traffic court case dismissed.
- that Respondent, with due diligence, met with Attorney Valteau and Mr. Taylor Jr. Mr. Taylor then signed an agreement agreeing that Attorney Valteau would represent Mr. Taylor, and Respondent would represent the minor Lawan.

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- 59. that the Louisiana Criminal statute R.S. 14:47 Defamation was repealed.
- 60. that the Louisiana Supreme Court affirmed the LADB recommendations and published its decision to suspend affiant for one year and a day (constructive disbarment)

PROCEDURAL FACT REGARDING RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

- 61. that on March 19, 2025, Respondent was served with the State of Texas Disciplinary Counsel a Second Amended Petition for Reciprocal Disciples.
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- 63. that Respondent filed two Motion to dismiss.
- 64. that on or about March 20, 2025, Respondent states that while he conducting legal research on the internet, Respondent discovered and learned that on August 13, 2024, the petitioner filed a Petition for Reciprocal Discipline against Respondent and place it on the internet and social media.
- 65. that Respondent was not served with the Original Petition for Reciprocal.
- 66. that Petitioner was allowed and submitted the Original Petition for Reciprocal Discipline with hearsay and highly prejudicial evidence without proper foundation and authentication on to the internet and social media, in doing so defame the Respondent.

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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, since there are no genuine issues as to materal fact,

Respondent is entitled to judgment in his favor dismissing all Petitions for

Reciprocal Discipline as a matter of law

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth Michael Plaisance

ATTORNEY AT LAW

2202 Touro Street New Orleans Louisiana 70119

504-905-1888

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

KENNETH M. PLAISANCE

Exhibit # 4 Affadit

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

AFFIDAVIT

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CONCLUSION

89. Based on the foregoing, affiant respectfully request that the petitions for reciprocal discipline be dismissed and that no further disciplinary action be taken against affiant in the state of Texas.

Cause No. 69894

90. Affiant declares that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of affiant's knowledge, memory and belief.

Signed this 25th day of March 20

Kenneth Michael Plaisance

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 25th day of March 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICIAL SEAL

VANDRA M.F. VANDERSON

NOTARY ID # 154652

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

My Commission is for Life

Exhibit #2
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STATE OF LOUISIANA UNIFORM MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

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IF NECESSARY, INDICATE DAMAGE TO PUBLIC OF PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS AT THE END OF THE NARRATIVE

REFER TO EACH BY VEHICLE NUMBER

UPON ARRIVAL TO THE SCENE, DRIVER AND PASSENGER IN VEHICLE 1 HAD BEEN TAKEN TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOR MODERATE INJURIES. VEHICLE 1 HAD COME TO A REST IN THE RIGHT LANE, EAST ON ALMONASTER AVE IN FRONT CRESCENT CROWN. VEHICLE 2 HAD PULLED TO THE RIGHT SHOULDER ON ALMONASTER AVE(WEST).DRIVER 2, WHO DID NOT GIVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, STATED HE WAS DRIVING EAST ON ALMONASTER AVE IN THE RIGHT LANE WHEN HE WAS STUCK BY VEHICLE 1. DRIVER 2 STATED HE WAS DRIVING AT A LOW RATE OF SPEED BECAUSE HE WAS LOST. DRIVER 2 WENT ON TO SAY HIS EMERGENCY LIGHTS WERE ACTIVATED TO ALERT MOTORIST OF HIS SLOW MOVEMENT. AS DRIVER 2 REACHED A TURN AROUND LOCATED IN FRONT 6600 ALMONASTER AVE, DRIVER 2 ACTIVATED HIS LEFT SIGNAL. AS DRIVER 2 SLOWED TO MAKE THE LEFT TURN, DRIVER 2 WAS STRUCK IN THE REAR BY VEHICLE 1.OFFICER SPRIGGINS RELOCATED TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND SPOKE WITH DRIVER 1, LARRY TAYLOR JR. DRIVER 1, WHO WAS UNABLE TO GIVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, STATED HE WAS DRIVING EAST ON ALMONASTER AVE WHEN HE STRUCK THE REAR OF VEHICLE 2. DRIVER 1, WHO WAS DRIVING IN THE RIGHT LANE, STATED DRIVER 2 WAS DRIVING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROADWAY AS THOUGH HE WAS LOST. DRIVER 1 STATED ALL OF A SUDDEN, DRIVER 2 CAME TO A SUDDEN STOP. DRIVER 1 TRIED TO AVOID DRIVER 2 BY CHANGING TO THE LEFT LANE, BUT STRUCK VEHICLE 2 ON ITS LEFT REAR WHEEL AND LADDER DRIVER 1 SUSTAIN AN INJURY TO HIS LEG AND PASSENGER IN VEHICLE 1 SUSTAINED A SEVERE LACERATION TO HIS FOREHEAD.NO WITNESSES CAME FORWARD.DRIVER 1 AT FAULT, CITED**FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE(154-401)**

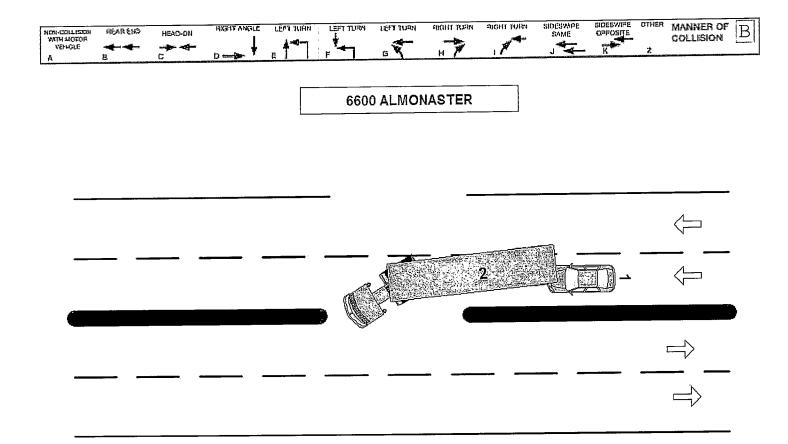


Exhibit #3 Recture of Acon



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Complaint I filed against Mr. Ecuyer with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel

1 message

Kenneth Plaisance <kplaws88@gmail.com> To: Kimberly Sibley <ksibley@ladb.org>

Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 9:57 AM

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Although I sent my complaint against Mr. Ecuyer to you, a lady handled my complaint against Mr. Ecuyer. She said that ODC said that since this is a fee dispute (including his claim against me) this was to be handled in another venue (federal or state court)--not the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

So, I forgot about his complaint against me because it was a fee dispute. Can you consolidate my complaint against Mr. Ecuyer with Complaint # 38024, and offer, file and introduce my letter to you dated December 27, 2019 as evidence.

Kenneth M. Plaisance 504 905-1888

KENNETH PLAISANCE COMPLAINT AGAINST MICHAEL ECUYER 122919.pdf 1803K

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December 27, 2019

VIA: FACSIMILE -225-293-3300

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Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board
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RE: Ethical Conduct Complaint
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2800 Energy Centre
1100 Poydras
New Orleans, Louisiana 70163

Derryberry Zips Wade PLLC 100 E. Ferguson Street Suite 1212 Tyler, Texas 75702 903 526-2767 Fax: 903 526 2714

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I submit the following ethical conduct complaint concerning Michael Ecuyer and Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David Meunier & Washauer LLC and Derryberry, Zips, Wade, PLLC a Texas Law firm (pro hac vice) under the reporting requirements of Rule 8.3 of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct.

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I am concern that these law firms, in the case of *Melvia Hodges obo the minor Lawan Rousell Civil Action No 18 cv 05889* failed to be diligent in requesting attorneys' fees for issues of bad faith under La. R. S. 22:1892 and La. R. S. 22:1973. It would have been appropriate to pursue and obtain attorneys fee separate from the amount that was settled for. Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC undertook legal services for plaintiff in connection with an 18 wheeler automobile accident case in which plaintiff sustained serious multiple injuries and it component issues.

At all times, Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC defendants held themselves out as competent in the area of law and trail court experience dealing with the legal matters (including bad faith litigation) for which plaintiff retained the legal services of

(1) All insurers issuing any type of contract, shall pay the amount of any claim due to any insured within thirty days (30) after receipt of satisfactory proof of loss from the insured or any party in interest.

R.S. 22:1892 permits 50 percent penalties and attorney's fees against insurance companies for failure to pay claim within 30 days of receipt of satisfactory proof of loss.

It is well settled that a "Satisfactory Proof of Loss" is only that which is "sufficient to fully apprise the insurer of the insured's claim." *McDill*, 475 So. 2d at 1089. See also *Hart v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 437 So. 2d 823, 828 (La. 1983). In addition, with regard to the form of a proof of loss, the court has stated that proof of loss is a flexible requirement to advise an insurer of the facts of the claim," and that "it need not be in any formal style," *Sevier v. U. S. Fid. & Guar. Co.*, 497 So. 2d 1380 (La. 1986).

LSA R.S. 22:1973 imposes an affirmative duty to fairly and promptly settle claims. If an insurer fails to promptly settle claims, the claimant shall be awarded penalties assessed against the insurer in an amount not to exceed two times the damages sustained or five thousand, which ever is greater.

LSA R.S. 22:1973 provides that:

- A. an insurer including but not limited to a foreign line and surplus line insurer owes to its insured a duty of good faith and fair dealing. The insurer has an affirmative duty to adjust claims fairly and promptly and to make reasonable efforts to settle claims with the insured or the claimant, or both.

 Any insurer who breaches these duties shall be liable for any damages sustained as a result of the breach
- B. Any one of the following acts, if knowingly committed or performed by an insurer, constitutes a breach of the insurer's duties imposed in Subsection A:
- (1) Misrepresenting pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions relating to any coverage at issue
- C. In addition to any general or special damages to which a claimant or insured is entitled for breach of the imposed duty, the claimant may be awarded penalties assessed against insured in an amount not to exceed two times the damages sustained or five thousand dollars, whichever is greater.

LA-R.S. 22:1892 provides that: (In pertinent part)

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Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC. Plaintiff and Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC acted under an attorney/client relationship in which Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips Wade PLLC undertook the litigation and trial aspect of Mr. Rousell case in federal court.

Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry, Zips, and Wade PLLC were required to exercise the due diligence in determining and implementing a legal strategy in trial court to be followed to achieve the plaintiff's legal goals. As a fiduciary to plaintiff, Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC were obligated to treat all information relating to plaintiff's representation as essential, and to zealously represent the plaintiff's interest, including but not limited to, pursuing bad faith issues under Louisiana R. S. 22:1892 and R.S. 22:1973 b (1) Misrepresenting pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions relating to any coverage at issue, in order, to obtain attorneys' fees against the insurance company. Instead of taking the attorneys' fees from the client, Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC should have requested attorneys' fees and penalties from the insurance company separate and addition from the general and special damages owed.

Before Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry, Zips, and Wade PLLC were involved, plaintiff(s) requested Progressive Insurance Company to at least pay the medical bills to the insured(s). But the insurance company failed or refused to pay Lawan's medical bills within 60-days of adequate proof of loss. Plaintiff requested Travis James' (defendant) insurance policy information regarded coverage from Progressive on several occasions, but Progressive failed to present a certified true copy of Mr. James' policy and explanation the coverage. According to Kelly v. State Farm Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, 169 So. 3d 328(La 2015), the Louisiana Supreme Court held that an insurer can be found liable for bad faith failure to settle under La. R. S. 22:1973, and held that an insurer can be found liable under La. R. S. 22:1973(B)(1), misrepresenting pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions related to any coverage at issues. Misrepresentation is when an insurer either makes untrue statements to an insured concerning pertinent facts or fails to divulge pertinent fact relating to any coverage. Here, Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips, Wade PLLC failed to be diligent to address those issues. Plaintiff was entitled to attorneys' fees and penalties.

In the course of handling the legal matter(s) for the plaintiff, Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC negligently failed to act with a degree of competence generally possessed by attorneys in the State of Louisiana who hand legal matters similar to plaintiff's case.

Here, even without expert testimony, a legal duty is breached when the attorney failed to recognized such an obvious encroachment upon plaintiff to recover **all** that client can from the case and to properly advised plaintiff to that regard.

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Here, Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC did not adequately and properly advise clients as to client's legal rights regarding attorneys' fees and penalties under S. 22:1892 and R. S. 22:1973 and thus, grave error and omission on Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips Wade PLLC's part in which a reasonable prude member of the profession acting under accepted standards of that profession in this locality would have known. Therefore, the Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC wasn't diligent in their acts and omissions toward the client.

As legal counsel for client, Michael J. Ecuyer and Derryberry Zips and Wade PLLC owed to Lawan duties of professional care, **diligence** and skill.

COLLECTING UNREASONABLE FEES

My other concern is that the above mention law firms charge an unreasonable fee Rule 1.5 fees of the Rules of Professional Conduct provides that;

- a) A lawyer shall not make an agreement for, charge, or collect an **unreasonable fee** or an unreasonable amount for expenses.
- A fee may be contingent on the outcome of the matter for which the service is rendered. . . A contingent fee agreement shall be in a writing signed by the client. A copy or duplicate original of the executed agreement shall be given to the client at the time of execution of the agreement. The contingency fee agreement shall state the method by which the fee is to be determined, including the percentage or percentages that shall accrue to the lawyer in the event of settlement, trail or appeal; the litigation and other expenses that are to be deducted before or after the contingent fee is calculated.

Contingent fee contracts involve mandate or agency. Louque v. Dejan, 56 So. 427 (1911), stands for the proposition that the relationship between the client and attorney is not merely a contract, but is a fiduciary relationship of a personal nature. Disciplinary Rule 2-110 (B)(4) The attorney has no right to retain fees not earned, DR 2-110(A)(3).

The lawyer, of course, is nevertheless entitled to be compensated for the value of his services actually performed. . . *Oil Purchasers, Inc. v. W. J Kuehling*, 334 So. 2d 420 (La. 1976).

Here, complainant did a lot of work, if not most of the work on behave of Lawan. Complainant also negotiated a settlement for \$ 325,000.00 before Mr. Ecuyer was involved..

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Complainant is concern that respondents took the case and settled the case for the same amount that complainant negotiated the case for. Complainant states that the amount that respondants settled for was far less than advisable. You see, according to *Gordon v. Levet*, 96-600 (La. App. 5 Cir. 1/15/97; 688 So. 2d 57, the court of appeals affirmed the lower courts award of \$ 3,000,000.00 for general damages plus future medical bills of \$ 633,589.00 for multiple injuries for a serious accident. Again, Lawan was entitled to more than \$ 3,500,000.00 plus TWO TIME THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL DAMAGES PLUS ATTORNEYS FEES under La. R. S. 22:1892 and La. R. S. 22:1973.

Moreover, this was a double insured case. Progressive Insurance Company insured both Mr. Taylor and Mr. James (defendant). Lawan was an insured as well under the umbrella policies of Progressive. Progressive treated Mr. Lawan's claims under the insurance contract differently than the claims for coverage under Mr. James's policy. This was discrimination.²

Finally, the question was "who was the real party to the suit with respect to Lawan Rousell?" It was stated that the grandfather (Reverend Rousell) and/or the grandmother were the true guardian of Lawan Rousell. The biological parents gave there parental rights to Lawan to Reverent Rousell. Should anything further be required, please feel free to contact me.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Kenneth M. Plaisance

2 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE INSURED

LA-R.S. 22:1963 provides that:

"No person shall engage in this state in any trade practice which is defined in this Part to be an unfair method of competition or an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the conduct of the business of insurance."

LA-R.S. 22:1964 subsection 14 provides that:

"The following are declared to be unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance:

7 c. Violating the provision of R. S. 22:34

La-R. S. 22:34 Discrimination prohibited

No insurer shall make or permit any unfair discrimination in favor of particular individuals or persons or between insureds . . . or expense elements, in terms or conditions of any insurance contract, or in the rate or

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January 18, 2022

(Via U.S. Mail)

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(Via E-File)

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RE: KENNETH M. PLAISANCE DOCKET NO. 21-DB-066

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed is the Notice of Scheduling Conference and Committee Hearing with the Proposed Scheduling Order, showing that this matter has been scheduled before Hearing Committee #08. Please follow the instructions given on the notice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,

Mildred B. Williams

Docket Clerk

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cc: Hearing Committee #09

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Re:

In Re: Kenneth Plaisance Louisiana Bar Roll no. 19738

Disciplinary Board docket no. 21 DB 0066

INVESTIGATION INTO DISCRIMINATION COLLUSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

Dear Chief Justice:

I am requesting that the Louisiana Supreme Court investigates into a possible cover up and favoritism regarding the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board and Disciplinary Counsel. I receive a letter dated January 18, 2022, from the Louisiana Disciplinary Board stating the Attorney Michael Ecuyer is the chairman on the board. (Exhibit number 1) Well Mr. Ecuyer brought and submitted a complaint against me regarding a case in 2018-- Melvia Hodges et al. v. Travis James et al. I asked for my attorneys fees from Mr. Ecuyer. However, Mr. Ecuyer accused me of having a conflict of interest and non-waivable conflict of interest. I submitted a complaint against Mr. Ecuyer and asserted that he did not represent the plaintiff diligently, and did not request attorney fees for bad faith. The Disciplinary Counsel denied my complaint against Mr. Ecuyer and closed it

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out, but went forward with Mr. Ecuyer's complaint against me. I answered the complaint and a deposition was taken. On December 13, 2021, the Disciplinary Counsel present a formal charge against me. (Exhibit number 2) On or about January 4, 2022, I went to Baton Rouge where the Disciplinary Counsel is located (Sherwood Blvd) and attempted to submit my answer(s) to the formal charges. Ms. Kimberly at the Office of Disciplinary Counsel refused to accept my answer to the formal charges and refused to clock in my copy of my answer(s) to the formal charge. I was told to file my answers to the formal charges at the Louisiana Disciplinary Board on Veterans Blvd Metairie Louisiana. I hand delivered my answers to the Disciplinary Board and the receptionist/clerk clocked my answers in. (See: exhibit 3) The clerk said Ms. Kimberly at the Disciplinary Counsel's Office should have allowed me to submit my answers and clock in my copy. Nevertheless, on January 18, 2022, I went to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board's Office in Metairie to clock in my affidavit. I was told that I could not have my affidavit entered or clocked into the record, and was told to go to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to submit my affidavit.(See Affidivit exhibit Number 4) I told the clerk that the Disciplinary Counsel will not allow me to introduce my affidavit, because they did not allow me to submit my answer on January 4, 2022. On January 18, 2022, I received a letter from the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board giving the date and scheduling order. Ironically, at the bottom of the documents -- the letter copied the letter and scheduling order to the chair of the board Michael Ecuyer-the very person that submitted the complaint and failed to pay me attorney fees. I was instrumental in referring the above mentioned case to him.

There is some discrimination, bad faith, violation of due process, chicanery, and collusion that is taken place at the Louisiana Attorney Disciplary Board and Louisiana Disciplinary Counsel.

I would like a full blown investigation exploring discrimination favoritism, nepotism, retaliation, and cover ups with not only my case, but with several minority attorneys that were disciplined as compared to majority not being disciplined.

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Nevertheless, can you see if you can expedite this investigation and order the Disciplinary Board to discontinue the hearing and/or dismiss the complaint against me.

Sincerely

Kenneh M. Pallance