

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 1537 Disciplinary Docket No. 3  
Petitioner :  
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v. : No. 93 DB 2009  
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STEPHEN W. SIMPSON, : Attorney Registration No. 13570  
Respondent : (Philadelphia)

ORDER

**PER CURIAM:**

AND NOW, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009, there having been filed with this Court by Stephen W Simpson his verified Statement of Resignation dated September 16, 2009, stating that he desires to resign from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in accordance with the provisions of Rule 215, Pa.R.D.E., it is

ORDERED that the resignation of Stephen W. Simpson is accepted; he is disbarred on consent from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and he shall comply with the provisions of Rule 217, Pa.R.D.E. Respondent shall pay costs, if any, to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Rule 208(g), Pa.R.D.E.

A True Copy Patricia Nicola  
As of November 23, 2009  
Attorney  
Chief Clerk *Patricia Nicola*  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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Petitioner	:	
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v.	:	Attorney Registration No. 13570
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STEPHEN W. SIMPSON	:	
Respondent	:	(Philadelphia)

**RESIGNATION BY RESPONDENT**

Pursuant to Rule 215  
of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement

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: Atty. Regis. No. 13570  
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RESIGNATION  
UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 215

Stephen W. Simpson hereby tenders his unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Pa.R.D.E. 215 ("Enforcement Rules") and further states as follows:

1. He is an attorney admitted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been admitted to the bar on or about November 19, 1969. His attorney registration number is 13570. By Supreme Court Order dated July 22, 2005, effective August 21, 2005, Respondent was suspended from the practice of law for two years.

2. He desires to submit his resignation as a member of said bar.

3. His resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress; and he is fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.

4. He is aware that there is presently pending a formal disciplinary proceeding, the nature of which charges have been made known to him by service of a Petition for Discipline docketed at No. 93 DB 2009, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked "Exhibit A."

5. He acknowledges that the material facts upon which the allegations of the Petition contained in Exhibit "A" are based are true.

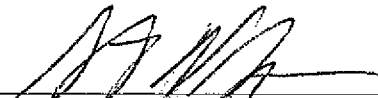
6. He submits the within resignation because he knows that he could not successfully defend himself against the charges of professional misconduct set forth in the attached exhibit.

7. He is fully aware that the submission of this Resignation Statement is irrevocable and that he can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to the provisions of Enforcement Rule 218(b).

8. He acknowledges that he is fully aware of his right to consult and employ counsel to represent him in the instant proceeding. He ~~has~~/has not consulted with and acted upon the advice of counsel in connection with his decision to execute the within resignation.

It is understood that the statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S., Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
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Stephen W. Simpson

WITNESS: 

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PETITION FOR DISCIPLINE


Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Paul J. Killion, Esquire, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and by Harriet R. Brumberg, Esquire, Disciplinary Counsel, files the within Petition for Discipline and charges Respondent, Stephen W. Simpson, with professional misconduct in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") and Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement ("Pa.R.D.E.") as follows:

1. Petitioner, whose principal office is located at Suite 1400, 200 North Third Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is invested, pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 207, with the power and duty to investigate all matters involving alleged misconduct of an attorney admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to prosecute all disciplinary

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Office of the Secretary  
The Disciplinary Board of the  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

  
— Exhibit "A"

proceedings brought in accordance with the various provisions of said Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

2. Respondent, Stephen W. Simpson, was admitted to the practice of law on November 19, 1969.

3. By Supreme Court Order dated July 22, 2005, effective August 21, 2005, Respondent was suspended from the practice of law for two years.

4. Respondent's former attorney registration address is 1600 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

5. Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 201(a)(3), Respondent is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

**CHARGE I: LUCILLE TURNER MATTER**

6. After Respondent was suspended from the practice of law, Respondent held himself out to Mr. Kenneth Jackson, an agent with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, as being an attorney licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania.

7. Mr. Jackson referred his life insurance client, Ms. Lucille Turner, to Respondent for the handling of her legal matters.

8. In March 2006, Respondent and Respondent's colleague, Itzhak Kornfeld, Esquire, met with Ms. Turner at Respondent's office located at 8793 Duveen Drive, Wyndmoor, PA 19038, regarding Respondent's legal representation of Ms.

Turner in two probate matters.

- a. Respondent held himself out to Ms. Turner as an attorney licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania;
- b. Respondent failed to inform Ms. Turner that Respondent was suspended from the practice of law and unable to handle her legal matters; and
- c. Respondent failed to comply with Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(5), in that Respondent did not file a Notice of Engagement with the Disciplinary Board identifying Mr. Kornfield as Respondent's supervising attorney and certifying that Respondent's activities would be monitored for compliance with Pa.R.D.E. 217(j).

9. By letter dated March 15, 2006, from Respondent to Ms. Turner, Respondent wrote:

- a. thanking Ms. Turner for meeting with Respondent and Mr. Kornfeld;
- b. stating that "we are pleased to represent" Ms. Turner and her son in the estate matters;
- c. explaining the legal tasks Respondent would undertake;

- d. setting forth Respondent's legal fee, including Respondent's retainer and hourly rate; and
- e. agreeing to commence Respondent's legal work upon receipt of the initial retainer.

10. Respondent's March 15, 2006 letter to Ms. Turner was written on stationery with letterhead that stated "STEVEN W. SIMPSON, ESQUIRE, 8793 Duveen Drive, Wyndmoor, PA 19038."

- a. Respondent's letterhead was a false and misleading communication about Respondent's eligibility to provide legal services in that Respondent was suspended from the practice of law in Pennsylvania.
- b. Respondent improperly maintained an office for the practice of law after Respondent was no longer admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania.

11. Respondent received a total of \$9,500 from Ms. Turner, including the following legal fees:

- a. On or about March 20, 2006, Respondent received a \$3,000 check, made payable to "Stephen W. Simpson, Esq."
- 1. On or about March 23, 2006, Respondent cashed Ms. Turner's check at Commerce

Bank;

- b. On or about May 29, 2006, Respondent received a \$3,000 check made payable to "Stephen W. Simpson, Esq."
  1. On or about June 1, 2006, Respondent cashed Ms. Turner's check at Commerce Bank;
- c. On or about August 7, 2006, Respondent received a \$2,000 check from Ms. Turner made payable to "Stephen W. Simpson, Esq.";
- d. On or about August 17, 2006, Respondent received a \$1,000 postal money order from Ms. Turner; and
- e. Respondent received a \$500 Western Union Money Transfer.

12. On or about June 7, 2006, Mr. Kornfeld filed a Petition for the Appointment of Trustee with the Tensas Parish Court Clerk in the matter captioned *Succession of Dr. Jessie J. Turner, Probate No. 215551*.

13. On August 14, 2006, Mr. Kornfeld filed Jesse Derrick Turner's Petition to Remove Ann Turner as Administratrix of the Succession of Dr. Jesse James Turner, Deceased, with the Tensas Parish Court Clerk.

14. Thereafter, no further action was taken on Ms. Turner's legal matters.

15. From time to time, Ms. Turner would contact Respondent requesting information regarding the status of her legal matters.

- a. Respondent and Respondent's agent failed to respond to Ms. Turner and provide her with the requested information.

16. From time to time, Ms. Turner would request an accounting of Respondent's time and the legal fee.

- a. Respondent failed to provide Ms. Turner with an accounting for charges in excess of \$3,000.

17. On September 24, 2008, following the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security's review of a claim filed by Ms. Turner against Respondent, the Fund awarded \$9,500 to Ms. Turner.

18. By his conduct as alleged in paragraphs 6 through 17 above, Respondent violated the following Rules:

- a. RPC 1.4(a)(3), which states that a lawyer shall keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter;
- b. RPC 1.4(a)(4), which states that a lawyer shall promptly comply with reasonable requests for information;

- c. RPC 1.15(b) (former), which states that upon request by the client or third person, a lawyer shall promptly render a full accounting regarding property of the client or third person in connection with a client-lawyer relationship;
- d. RPC 1.16(d), which states that upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred. The lawyer may retain papers relating to the client to the extent permitted by other law;
- e. RPC 5.5(a), which states that a lawyer shall not practice law in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction, or assist another in doing so;

- f. RPC 7.1, which states that a lawyer shall not make a false or misleading communication about the lawyer or the lawyer's services. A communication is false or misleading if it contains a material misrepresentation of fact or law, or omits a fact necessary to make the statement considered as a whole not materially misleading;
- g. RPC 7.5(a), which states that a lawyer shall not use a firm name, letterhead or other professional designation that violates Rule 7.1. A trade name may be used by a lawyer in private practice if it does not imply a connection with a government, government agency or with a public or charitable legal services organization and is not otherwise in violation of Rule 7.1. If otherwise lawful a firm may use as, or continue to include in, its name, the name or names of one or more deceased or retired members of the firm or of a predecessor firm in a continuing line of succession;
- h. RPC 8.4(c), which states that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage

in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;

i. RPC 8.4(d), which states that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice;

j. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3), which states that it is grounds for discipline for a lawyer to willfully violate any other provision of the Enforcement Rules, via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(c)(2), which states that a formerly admitted attorney shall promptly notify, or cause to be notified, of the... suspension, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, all other persons with whom the formerly admitted attorney may at any time expect to have professional contacts under circumstances where there is a reasonable probability that they may infer that he or she continues as an attorney in good standing;

k. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(d), which states... that the formerly admitted attorney, after entry of the.... suspension Order, shall not accept any new

retainer or engage as attorney for another in any new case or legal matter of any nature;

- l. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(1), which states that a formerly admitted attorney may not engage in any form of law-related activities in this Commonwealth except in accordance with the following requirements: All law-related activities of the formerly admitted attorney shall be conducted under the direct supervision of a member in good standing of the Bar of this Commonwealth who shall be responsible for ensuring that the formerly admitted attorney complies with the requirements of this subdivision (j). If the formerly admitted attorney is employed by a law firm, an attorney of the firm shall be designated by the firm as the supervising attorney for purposes of this subdivision;
- m. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(2), which states that for purposes of this subdivision (j), the only law-related activities that may be conducted by a formerly admitted attorney are the following: (i) legal

work of a preparatory nature, such as legal research, assembly of data and other necessary information, and drafting of transactional documents, pleadings, briefs, and other similar documents; (ii) direct communication with the client or third parties to the extent permitted by paragraph (3); and (iii) accompanying a member in good standing of the Bar of this Commonwealth to a deposition or other discovery matter or to a meeting regarding a matter that is not currently in litigation, for the limited purpose of providing clerical assistance to the member in good standing who appears as the representative of the client;

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admitted attorney works only if the communication is limited to ministerial matters such as scheduling, billing, updates, confirmation of receipt or sending of correspondence and messages. The formerly admitted attorney shall clearly indicate in any such communication that he or she is a legal assistant and identify the supervising attorney;

- o. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(4), which states that without limiting the other restrictions in this subdivision (j), a formerly admitted attorney is specifically prohibited from engaging in any of the following activities: (iv) representing himself or herself as a lawyer or person of similar status; (v) having any contact with clients either in person, by telephone, or in writing, except as provided in paragraph (3); (vi) rendering legal consultation or advice to a client; and (vii) appearing on behalf of a client in any hearing or proceeding or before any judicial officer, arbitrator, mediator, court, public agency, referee, magistrate,

hearing officer or any other adjudicative person or body; and

- p. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(5), which states that the supervising attorney and the formerly admitted attorney shall file with the Disciplinary Board a notice of employment, identifying the supervising attorney, certifying that the formerly admitted attorney has been employed and that the formerly admitted attorney's activities will be monitored for compliance with this subdivision (j). The supervising attorney and the formerly admitted attorney shall file a notice with the Disciplinary Board immediately upon the termination of the employment of the formerly admitted attorney.

**CHARGE II: THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW**

19. After Respondent was suspended from the practice of law, Respondent failed to file a verified statement of compliance with the Disciplinary Board as required by Pa.R.D.E. 217(e).

20. From August 8, 2005, until December 3, 2007, Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in the following legal matters:

- a. Marilyn G. Slick;
- b. James B. Moran;
- c. Karen S. and Charles A. Kishpaugh;
- d. Barbara Baily Mandes;
- e. Phyllis Mastrangelo;
- f. Aspen House Foundation, Inc.;
- g. James E. and Mildred Hunt;
- h. Ronald J. Horvath;
- i. Arthur Morton;
- j. Ann Biddle and Charles M. Hepburn;
- k. The Abstract Company;
- l. James Joseph Conaghan;
- m. William and Elizabeth Tarrant;
- n. Donna H. Deasey t/a Deasey Architect Associates;
- o. Chestnut Dental Arts;
- p. New Earth Bio-Fuel, Inc.;
- q. Lillian M. McCuen;
- r. Joseph P. Halligan;
- s. John L. and Maryann Foley;
- t. Foley Consulting, LLC;
- u. George Clark and John J. Deasey, III; and
- v. Emma M. Arrojo.

21. Respondent received legal fees, totaling \$52,810, for handling the legal matters listed in paragraph 20, *supra*.

- a. Respondent deposited Respondent's legal fees into Respondent's Interest on Lawyer Trust Account with Commerce Bank, account number 365495167.

22. From September 12, 2005 through November 21, 2007, Respondent held himself out as being an attorney licensed to practice law to the following persons and legal entities:

- a. Comquip, Inc.;
- b. Suburban Philadelphia Abstract, Inc.;
- c. The Association for Independent Growth;
- d. Franklin E. and Jane S. Jones;
- e. James H. MacBride, LLC;
- f. Joseph P. Halligan;
- g. TJKFCC dba Flourtown C.C.;
- h. Frances M. Kaiser;
- i. Hepburn, Willcox, Hamilton & Putnam, LLP; and
- j. JAE Enterprises, Inc.

23. Respondent received funds, totaling \$40,595, from the persons and legal entities listed into paragraph 22, *supra*.

- a. Respondent deposited the funds into Respondent's Interest on Lawyer Trust Account

with Commerce Bank, account number 365495167.

24. By his conduct as alleged in paragraphs 19 through 23 above, Respondent violated the following Rules:

- a. RPC 5.5(a), which states that a lawyer shall not practice law in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction, or assist another in doing so;
- b. RPC 8.4(c), which states that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;
- c. RPC 8.4(d), which states that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice;
- d. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3), which states that it is grounds for discipline for a lawyer to willfully violate any other provision of the Enforcement Rules, via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(c)(1), which states that a formerly admitted attorney shall promptly notify, or cause to be notified... of the suspension . . . , by registered or certified mail, return

receipt requested, all persons or their agents or guardians to whom a fiduciary duty is or may be owed at any time after the transfer to inactive status;

- e. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(c)(2), which states that a formerly admitted attorney shall promptly notify, or cause to be notified, of the... suspension, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, all other persons with whom the formerly admitted attorney may at any time expect to have professional contacts under circumstances where there is a reasonable probability that they may infer that he or she continues as an attorney in good standing;
- f. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(d), which states... that the formerly admitted attorney, after entry of... the suspension order, shall not accept any new retainer or engage as attorney for another in any new case or legal matter of any nature....;
- g. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(e), which states that within ten days after the effective date of the... transfer to

inactive status order, the formerly admitted attorney shall file with the Board a verified statement showing: (1) that the provisions of the order and these rules have been fully complied with; and (2) all other state and federal and administrative jurisdictions to which such person is admitted to practice. Such statement shall also set forth the residence and other address of the formerly admitted attorney where communications to such person may thereafter be directed;

- h. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via former Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(1), which states that a formerly admitted attorney may not engage in any form of law-related activities in this Commonwealth except in accordance with the following requirements: All law-related activities of the formerly admitted attorney shall be conducted under the direct supervision of a member in good standing of the Bar of this Commonwealth who shall be responsible for ensuring that the formerly admitted attorney complies with the requirements of this subdivision (j). If the formerly admitted

attorney is employed by a law firm, an attorney of the firm shall be designated by the firm as the supervising attorney for purposes of this subdivision;

- i. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(2), which states that for purposes of this subdivision (j), the only law-related activities that may be conducted by a formerly admitted attorney are the following: (i) legal work of a preparatory nature, such as legal research, assembly of data and other necessary information, and drafting of transactional documents, pleadings, briefs, and other similar documents; (ii) direct communication with the client or third parties to the extent permitted by paragraph (3); and (iii) accompanying a member in good standing of the Bar of this Commonwealth to a deposition or other discovery matter or to a meeting regarding a matter that is not currently in litigation, for the limited purpose of providing clerical assistance to the member in good standing who appears as the representative of the client;

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k. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) via Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(4), which states that without limiting the other restrictions in this subdivision (j), a formerly admitted attorney is specifically prohibited from engaging in any of the following activities: (iv) representing

himself or herself as a lawyer or person of similar status; (v) having any contact with clients either in person, by telephone, or in writing, except as provided in paragraph (3); (vi) rendering legal consultation or advice to a client; and (vii) appearing on behalf of a client in any hearing or proceeding or before any judicial officer, arbitrator, mediator, court, public agency, referee, magistrate, hearing officer or any other adjudicative person or body; and

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employment of the formerly admitted attorney.

**CHARGE III: MISUSE OF IOLTA ACCOUNT**

25. Respondent maintained an Interest on Lawyer Trust Account (IOLTA) with Commerce Bank, account number 365495167.

a. As a formerly admitted attorney, Respondent was prohibited from maintaining an IOLTA account.

b. Respondent's maintenance of an IOLTA account was misleading because it created the false impression that Respondent was an attorney on active status and eligible to practice law.

c. Respondent maintained an IOLTA account after his suspension to deceive the IRS from finding his personal funds.

26. On December 26, 2007, check number 2201 was presented to Commerce Bank for payment on the IOLTA account.

27. The amount of the check was \$105.

28. At the time Respondent wrote check number 2201, Respondent's IOLTA account did not contain sufficient funds to pay that check.

29. Because Respondent's IOLTA did not contain sufficient funds to pay check number 2201, an overdraft resulted in the amount of \$57.72.

30. Commerce Bank refused to honor check number 2201,

charged Respondent a \$35 overdraft fee, and provided Respondent with written notice of its action.

31. From August 2005 through December 2007, Respondent used his Interest on Lawyer Trust Account with Commerce Bank, account number 365495167, to pay Respondent's personal and business expenses, including:

- a. payments to himself and family members;
- b. Subaru car dealership;
- c. Nationwide Insurance;
- d. Comcast;
- e. Verizon;
- f. Aqua; and
- g. PECO Energy.

32. By his conduct as alleged in paragraphs 25 through 31 above, Respondent violated the following Rules:

- a. RPC 1.15(a) (former), which states that a lawyer shall hold property of clients or third persons that is in a lawyer's possession in connection with a client-lawyer representation separate from the lawyer's own property. Such property shall be identified and appropriately safeguarded. Complete records of the receipt, maintenance and disposition of such property shall be preserved for a period of five years

after termination of the client-lawyer representation; and

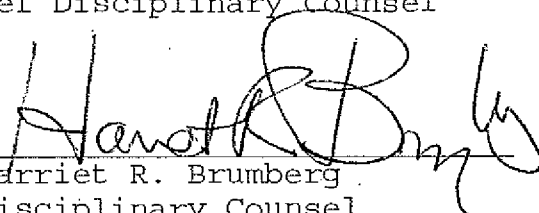
- b. RPC 8.4(c), which states that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that your Honorable Board appoint, pursuant to Rule 205, Pa.R.D.E., a Hearing Committee to hear testimony and receive evidence in support of the foregoing charges and upon completion of said hearing to make such findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for disciplinary action as it may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

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Chief Disciplinary Counsel

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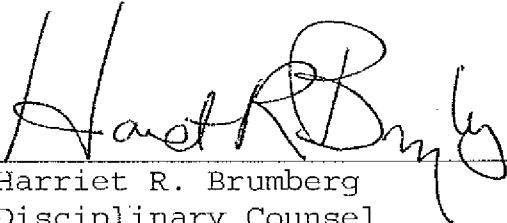
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VERIFICATION

I verify that the statements made in the foregoing  
Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge,  
information and belief. This statement is made subject to  
the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn  
falsification to authorities.

6/16/09

Date

  
Harriet R. Brumberg  
Disciplinary Counsel