

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	:	
Petitioner	:	
	:	No. 127 DB 2025
v.	:	
	:	Attorney Registration No. 54513
ROBERT M. TOBIA	:	
Respondent	:	(Philadelphia)

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, in accordance with Rule 215(g), Pa.R.D.E., the three-member Panel of the Disciplinary Board having reviewed and approved the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent filed in the above captioned matter; it is

ORDERED that ROBERT M. TOBIA, be subjected to a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** by the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as provided in Rule 204(a) and Rule 205(c)(9) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

BY THE BOARD:



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Board Chair

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**JOINT PETITION IN SUPPORT  
OF DISCIPLINE ON CONSENT  
PURSUANT TO Pa.R.D.E. 215(d)**

Petitioner, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) by Thomas J. Farrell, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and Marie C. Dooley, Disciplinary Counsel and Robert M. Tobia, Esquire (“Respondent”), by and through his counsel, Sarah Goodman, Esquire, respectfully petition the Disciplinary Board in support of discipline on consent, pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement (“Pa.R.D.E.”) 215(d), and in support thereof state:

1. ODC, whose principal office is situated at Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Pennsylvania Judicial Center, Suite 2700, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, P.O. Box 62485, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106, 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

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disciplinary proceedings brought in accordance with the various provisions of the aforesaid Enforcement Rules.

2. Respondent was born in February 1962, and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth on December 15, 1988. Respondent is on active status and his last registered address is Suite 1640, 123 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19109. Respondent is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court.

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

3. Respondent along with his law partner, David Seth Glanzberg, Esquire, manages the Philadelphia based firm, Glanzberg Tobia Law, P.C.

4. Additionally, Respondent and Mr. Glanzberg owned multiple debt settlement firms that purported to offer debt relief services on a national basis including:

- a. Creditor Law Group PC (clglaw.com);
- b. Center Pointe Law PC (centerpointelaw.com);
- c. Silver Oak Law Group PC (silveroaklaw.com);
- d. Valiant Law Group (valiantlawpc.com);
- e. Gallant Law Group (gallantpc.com): and
- f. Debt Defense.

5. A third-party administrator was responsible for most day-to-day

management, client intake, and case assignment logistics for the debt settlement firm clients.

6. Although the entities operated under Respondent's ownership, many operational functions — including initial client communications, intake, and referral to local counsel — were delegated to nonlawyer administrative teams supervised by the third-party administrator. This structure was intended to facilitate nationwide service delivery, but in practice created problematic gaps in oversight.

7. Respondent failed to ensure that the websites for each entity fully disclosed required information including:

- a. the geographic location, by city or town, of the principal law office for the lawyer or lawyers who actually performed the advertised services;
- b. the name and principal office address of each lawyer or law firm involved in paying for the advertisement;
- c. whether any lawyer or law firm would receive referrals from the advertisement; and
- d. the jurisdictional limitations on those not licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where the office is located.

8. Further, Respondent failed to obtain informed consent from

clients to share fees with lawyers outside of the firm.

9. Through a flawed business model, Respondent relied on nonlawyer staff to create the attorney client relationship for the consumer debtor clients without providing specific information about the referral attorneys in firm disclaimers and related fee agreements and failed to obtain informed consent from the clients to share fees with lawyers outside of the relevant firm.

10. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection and ODC have each received numerous consumer complaints about Respondent's failure to provide promised debt relief services.

11. The received fees were not a percentage of the amount saved as a result of the renegotiation, settlement, reduction, or alteration as required by the Telemarketing Sales Rule. 16 C.F.R. § 310.2.

**Specific Rules of Professional Conduct Violated (ODC's Motion)**

12. By and through the conduct identified in paragraphs 3 through 11, Respondent violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct

RPC 1.5(e), which states "A lawyer shall not divide a fee for legal services with another lawyer who is not in the same firm unless: (1) the client is advised of and does not object to the participation of all the lawyers involved; and, (2) the total fee of the lawyers is not illegal or clearly excessive for all legal services they rendered the client;"

RPC 5.1(a), which states “A partner in a law firm, and a lawyer who individually or together with other lawyers possesses comparable managerial authority in a law firm, shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the firm has in effect measures giving reasonable assurance that all lawyers in the firm conform to the Rules of Professional Conduct;” and

RPC 5.3(c)(1), which states, in part “With respect to a nonlawyer employed or retained by or associated with a lawyer . . . a lawyer shall be responsible for conduct of such a person that would be a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct if engaged in by a lawyer if . . . the lawyer orders or, with the knowledge of the specific conduct, ratifies the conduct involved;” and

RPC 7.2(h), which states “All advertisements and written communications shall disclose the geographic location, by city or town, of the office in which the lawyer or lawyers who will actually perform the services advertised principally practice law. If the office location is outside the city or town, the county in which the office is located must be disclosed.”

13. By DB-7 Request for Statement of Respondent’s Position dated October 18, 2024, ODC set forth allegations and rule violations relating to the various national debt relief practices.

14. On November 22, 2024, Respondent provided his counseled Statement of Position regarding the allegations and expressed regret for expanding his practice to include these types of matters.

15. Respondent represented he was in the process of unwinding his involvement in the debt dispute matters and debt relief work and has provided full refunds to any client who complained about the legal services

he or she received.

16. From January through June 2023, Mr. Glanzberg was hospitalized and unable to actively engage in the practice of law and not personally involved in daily operational decisions or direct client communications.

17. During Mr. Glanzberg's hospitalization, operational oversight of the debt settlement firms was handled primarily by Respondent, with the assistance of a third-party administrator responsible for most day-to-day management, client intake, and case assignment logistics.

18. In each of the following client matters, Respondent had improperly delegated operational responsibilities to the third-party administrator and nonlawyer staff and failed to ensure that his firm had in effect measures giving reasonable assurance that his nonlawyer staff's conduct was compatible with Respondent's professional obligations as a lawyer. During this period, these matters were not promptly assigned to local counsel and representation did not commence as intended.

**A. Bryan Nelms (C1-23-425)**

19. In January of 2023, Complainant Bryan Nelms, a resident of Texas, retained Gallant Law Group, a debt settlement firm owned and operated by Respondent, to eliminate his \$47,857.00 consumer debt.

20. Despite initiating payment for services to Gallant Law Group, Mr. Nelms observed an increase in collection phone calls, notices, and emails.

21. Mr. Nelms terminated the representation after making partial payment of \$1,057.32 to Gallant Law Group. Respondent failed to properly monitor all nonlawyer staff to ensure Mr. Nelms' matter was promptly assigned to local counsel and legal representation commenced and failed to ensure that Mr. Nelms' advanced legal fee was promptly refunded.

22. On October 19, 2025, Respondent, through the third-party administrator, provided Mr. Nelms with the \$1,057.32 refund.

**Specific Rules of Professional Conduct Violated (Nelms)**

23. By and through the conduct identified in paragraphs 19 through 22, Respondent violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

RPC 1.16(d), which states, in part "Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as . . . surrendering . . . property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred...;" and

RPC 5.3(c)(1), which states, in part "With respect to a nonlawyer employed or retained by or associated with a lawyer . . . a lawyer shall be responsible for conduct of such a person that would be a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct if engaged in by a lawyer if . . . the lawyer orders or, with the knowledge of the specific conduct, ratifies the conduct involved."



**B. Manuel Bellamy (C1-23-427)**

24. On or about December 5, 2022, Complainant Manuel Bellamy, a Virginia resident, retained Gallant Law Group for debt relief services to address his \$44,696.00 consumer debt.

25. Mr. Bellamy obtained a loan for the \$16,750.58 advanced legal fee financed by Equity Sales Finance, Inc.

26. Mr. Bellamy believed that Respondent and his colleagues would communicate to six creditors to negotiate a lower interest rate for his debt.

27. In or around late January 2023, in response to Mr. Bellamy's calls, Respondent's staff provided Mr. Bellamy various reasons and excuses for delays in his matter.

28. Mr. Bellamy terminated the representation after payment of \$935.30 of the \$16,750.85 advanced legal fee.

29. Respondent failed to properly monitor all nonlawyer staff to ensure Mr. Bellamy matter was promptly assigned to local counsel and legal representation commenced.

30. On October 19, 2025, Respondent, through the third-party administrator, provided Mr. Bellamy with the \$935.30 refund.

**Specific Rules of Professional Conduct Violated (Bellamy)**

31. By and through the conduct identified in paragraphs 24 through

30, Respondent violated the following Rule of Professional Conduct:

RPC 5.3(c)(2), which states, in part “With respect to a nonlawyer employed or retained by or associated with a lawyer . . . a lawyer shall be responsible for conduct of such a person that would be a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct if engaged in by a lawyer if . . . the lawyer is a partner or has comparable managerial authority in the law firm in which the person is employed, or has direct supervisory authority over the person, and in either case knows of the conduct at a time when its consequences can be avoided or mitigated but fails to take reasonable remedial action.”

**C. Jerry Jeronimus C1-24-448**

32. On or about November 10, 2022, Complainant Jerry Jeronimus, a resident of Illinois, retained Gallant Law Group for debt relief services to address his \$22,694 consumer debt.

33. Mr. Jeronimus obtained a loan from Equity Sales Finance. Inc. to finance Gallant Law Group's \$8,521.85 advanced legal fee.

34. After Mr. Jeronimus provided payment of \$7,100 in May of 2024, Gallant Law Group advised Mr. Jeronimus that their records indicated Mr. Jeronimus had been offered a settlement that he turned down and therefore there was nothing they could do for him.

35. Gallant Law terminated the relationship with Mr. Jeronimus as of May 28, 2024.

36. Respondent failed to properly monitor all nonlawyer staff to

ensure Mr. Jeronimus' matter was promptly assigned to local counsel and legal representation commenced and failed to ensure that Mr. Jeronimus' advanced legal fee was promptly refunded.

37. On July 27, 2024, Mr. Jeronimus filed a claim with the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security ("PaLFCS") for reimbursement of his fees.

38. In response to the PaLFCS inquiry, Respondent promptly agreed to fully refund Mr. Jeronimus' \$7,100 advanced legal fee.

39. On January 5, 2025, Respondent, through the third-party administrator, provided Mr. Jeronimus the \$7,100 refund.

#### **Specific Rules of Professional Conduct Violated (Jeronimus)**

40. By and through the conduct identified in paragraphs 32 through 39, Respondent violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

RPC 1.16(d), which states, in part "Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as . . . surrendering . . . property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred..." and

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time when its consequences can be avoided or mitigated but fails to take reasonable remedial action.”

**D. Dorothy A. McDuffie C1-24-421**

41. In or around November of 2022, Complainant Dorothy A. McDuffie, a resident of Florida, retained Gallant Law Group to provide her debt relief services to address approximately \$44,387 in consumer debt.

42. Ms. McDuffie obtained a loan for the \$11,824.00 advanced legal fee financed by Equity Sales, which was to be paid back in installments.

43. Gallant Law Group staff altered Ms. McDuffie's installment payment terms to a slightly lower monthly payment for Ms. McDuffie's legal fee.

44. Ms. McDuffie provided to Gallant Law Group a \$1,970.68 partial payment of the \$11,824.00 advanced legal fee.

45. Ms. McDuffie consulted with attorney Carol E. Chloupek about the Gallant Law representation.

46. By letter dated August 9, 2023 to Respondent, Attorney Chloupek requested a copy of the fully executed retainer agreement for Ms. McDuffie.

47. On August 11, 2023, Ms. McDuffie sent Respondent an email formally terminating her retainer agreement stating concerns that the firm

would not send her the requested documents or provide proof of action taken on her behalf.

48. By letter dated August 21, 2023, Attorney Chloupek again requested Respondent to provide a copy of the fully executed retainer agreement.

49. Respondent failed to properly monitor all nonlawyer staff to ensure Ms. McDuffie's matter was promptly assigned to local counsel and legal representation commenced and failed to ensure that Ms. McDuffie's advanced legal fee was promptly refunded.

50. On June 26, 2024, Ms. McDuffie filed a claim with the PaLFCS for reimbursement of her fees.

51. In response to the PaLFCS inquiry, Respondent promptly provided, *inter alia*, a copy of the retainer agreement and agreed to fully refund Ms. McDuffie the \$1,970.68.

52. On December 23, 2024, Respondent, through the third-party administrator, provided Ms. McDuffie the \$1,970.68 refund.

**Specific Rules of Professional Conduct Violated (McDuffie)**

53. By and through the conduct identified in paragraphs 41 through 52, Respondent violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

RPC 1.16(d), which states, in part “Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as . . . surrendering . . . property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred...;” and

RPC 5.3(c)(2), which states, in part “With respect to a nonlawyer employed or retained by or associated with a lawyer . . . a lawyer shall be responsible for conduct of such a person that would be a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct if engaged in by a lawyer if . . . the lawyer is a partner or has comparable managerial authority in the law firm in which the person is employed, or has direct supervisory authority over the person, and in either case knows of the conduct at a time when its consequences can be avoided or mitigated but fails to take reasonable remedial action.”

**E. Additional Consumer Debtor Client Complaints**

54. ODC has received the following additional disciplinary complaints alleging similar issues and violations involving Respondent’s national debt relief practices and his failure to promptly assign matters to local counsel and commence legal representation:

- a. Complainant Jaculin Zurlinden (**C1-24-729**), a resident of Ohio, retained Gallant Law Group in December of 2022, and paid an advanced legal fee of \$5,679.52 for debt resolution services. Ms. Zurlinden was refunded \$5,679.52 by Center Pointe on October 23, 2025.

- b. Complainant Christina Sanger (**C1-24-745**), a resident of California, retained Gallant Law Group in January of 2023, and provided partial payment of \$3,155.67 for an advanced legal fee of \$5,960.71. Ms. Sanger was refunded \$3,155.67 by Center Pointe on October 19, 2025;
- c. Complainant Glenda A Wheeler (**C1-25-96**), a resident of New Mexico, retained Valiant Law Group in September of 2022 (account transferred to Phoenix Law in 2023), and provided partial payment of her advanced legal fee. Ms. Wheeler was refunded \$4,000 by Center Pointe on May 19, 2025;
- d. Complainant Monte L Haddix (**C1-25-195**), a resident of Georgia, retained Gallant Law Group in October of 2022, and provided payment of \$20,471.00 in advanced legal fees. Mr. Haddix was refunded \$5,000 by Center Pointe on November 19, 2025, and by agreement, Mr. Haddix transferred the balance of funds and entered into an agreement to maintain a relationship with a new law firm, Everest Law;

- e. Complaint Harvey Craddock (**C1-25-63**), a resident of Kentucky, retained Creditor Law Group in May of 2024, and provided partial payment of his advanced legal fees. Mr. Craddock was refunded \$3,025.84 by Centre Pointe on March 21, 2025;
- f. Complainant Lolita Godoy (**C1-25-278**), a resident of Kentucky, retained Creditor Law Group in October of 2024, and provided partial payment of \$1,056 in advanced legal fees. Ms. Godoy was refunded \$1,056 by Center Pointe on October 19, 2025; and
- g. Complainant Tierra Greig (**C1-25-354**), a resident of Washington, retained Respondent in December of 2021 to handle credit repair involving JP Morgan, paid Respondent \$2,400 in advanced legal fees. Ms. Greig was refunded \$2,400 on October 19, 2025.

55. Respondent herein waives the requirement of D.Bd. R. § 87.7 of an issuance of a DB-7 Request for Statement of Respondent's Position for each of the clients identified in paragraph 54(a) through 54(g) and has refunded all related advanced legal fees to each client.



### **Specific Rules of Professional Conduct (Additional Clients)**

56. By and through the conduct identified in paragraphs 54(a) through 54(g), Respondent violated the following Rule of Professional Conduct:

RPC 1.16(d), which states, in part “Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as . . . surrendering . . . property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred....”

### **SPECIFIC JOINT RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE**

57. ODC and Respondent jointly recommend the appropriate discipline for Respondent’s admitted misconduct is a public reprimand.

58. Respondent is a 62-year-old Pennsylvania attorney licensed to practice law for over 36 years.

59. By Board Order dated May 3, 2022, Respondent received a public reprimand with condition to provide evidence of RPC 1.15 compliance for RPC 1.15 IOLTA irregularities, misappropriation and failure to maintain records. *See ODC v. Robert M. Tobia*, 55 DB 2022 (D. Bd. Order 5/25/22)

60. ODC does not believe enhanced discipline is required for Respondent, as the debt relief misconduct related to this disciplinary proceeding, was substantially different from the IOLTA issues identified in

his prior matter, 55 DB 2022, and Respondent has taken corrective action to refund the advanced legal fees in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

61. A public reprimand on consent coupled with Respondent's corrective action to wind down the debt relief entities and fully refunding complainants will protect the public and resolve additional disciplinary complaints without issuance of additional DB-7 letters of inquiry thereby avoiding a lengthy disciplinary process and conserving ODC, Hearing Committee members, and Disciplinary Board time and limited resources.

62. The Disciplinary Board has imposed public reprimands in cases involving excessive, mismanaged, or unearned fees, improper delegation without supervision, and false or misleading communication regarding lawyer services. In *ODC v. Scott Richard Sanderson*, the attorney received a public reprimand for taking an excessive fee and failure to return unearned fees. *ODC v. Scott Richard Sanderson*, No. 160 DB 2023 (D. Bd. Order 3/20/2024). Similarly, in *ODC v. George W. Bills, Jr.*, the Board imposed a public reprimand for mismanagement of the attorney's IOLTA account, failure to refund unearned fees, and failure to communicate. *ODC v. George W. Bills, Jr.*, No. 63 DB 2021 (D. Bd. Order 5/25/2021). Consistently in *ODC v. Gordon Sander Brown*, the attorney was publicly reprimanded for failure

to refund unearned fees, client neglect, incompetence, lack of diligence, and failure to communicate. *ODC v. Gordon Sander Brown*, No. 5 DB 2024 (D. Bd. Order 1/25/2024). In *ODC v. Mark M. Mack*, the Board imposed a public reprimand for fee-splitting without client disclosure, failure to refund unearned fees, and use of independent contractors outside the firm. *ODC v. Mark M. Mack*, No. 163 DB 2018 (D. Bd. Order 11/27/2018). Mack also engaged in false or misleading communication about his services. *Id.* Attorneys who delegate legal work without proper supervision and fail to ensure nonlawyer compliance with the professional rules of conduct have also received public reprimands. See, e.g., *ODC v. James J. Ruggerio, Jr.*, No. 129 DB 2022 (D. Bd. Order 9/22/2022); *ODC v. Andre Michniak*, No. 27 DB 2016 (D. Bd. Order 3/8/2016); *ODC v. Stuart Thomas Cottee*, No. 24 DB 2019 (D. Bd. Order 2/28/2019); *ODC v. Richard G. Scheib*, No. 159 DB 2021 (D. Bd. Order 12/27/2021); and also *ODC v. Evan Shingles*, No. 148 DB 2019 (D. Bd. Order 12/9/2020). The Board has also imposed public reprimands for failure to refund fees and communicate with clients.

63. Notably, Respondent's misconduct is substantially similar to the misconduct of Attorney Erik Mark Helbing, who operated a nationwide debt relief practice that utilized misleading advertisements and charged excessive fees. *ODC v. Erik Mark Helbing*, 120 DB 2023 (D.Bd. Order 7/7/2025). On

August 26, 2025, Attorney Helbing received a public reprimand for his ethical violations relative to his nationwide debt relief practice.

64. Respondent's acknowledgment of wrongdoing, willingness to accept public discipline, cooperation with ODC and PaLFCS and refunding all clients' fees militate against the imposition of more severe discipline. *ODC v. Michael S. Geisler*, 614 A.2d 1134, 1136 (Pa. 1992).

65. In support of the Joint Recommendation, it is respectfully submitted that the following mitigating circumstances are present:

- a. The misconduct occurred within a flawed operational model that relied heavily on nonlawyer and third-party administrator management;
- b. Respondent has acknowledged the seriousness of his conduct and taken steps to abate the misconduct by dissolving the flawed entities;
- c. Respondent has admitted engaging in misconduct and violating the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct;
- d. Respondent has cooperated with ODC in connection with this Petition, as evidenced by Respondent's admissions herein;
- e. Respondent fully cooperated with PaLFCS in prompt disposition of two matters wherein Respondent's counsel, Sarah R.

Goodman, Esquire agreed to provide a full refund in connection with Ms. McDuffie's July 17, 2024 PaLFCS statement of claim and provided a full refund to Mr. Jeronimus in resolution of his July 23, 2024 PaLFCS statement of claim;

- f. Respondent is remorseful for his misconduct and consents to receive a public reprimand, which saves the resources of the attorney disciplinary system;
- g. All clients who have complained have been refunded in full; and
- h. Respondent acknowledges that the Disciplinary Board and clients will be inconvenienced and a significant amount of resources expended to proceed to hearing in these matters and he wishes to avoid that for all involved by consenting to discipline.

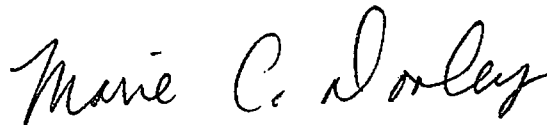
WHEREFORE, Petitioner and Respondent respectfully request that, pursuant to Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement 215(e), 215(g) and 215(i), a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board review and approve the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent for a public reprimand, and enter an appropriate Order that Respondent be subjected to a public reprimand before a designated three-member panel and that all expenses be paid by Respondent within thirty (30) days after the notice of taxed expenses is sent to Respondent.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL  
THOMAS J. FARRELL,  
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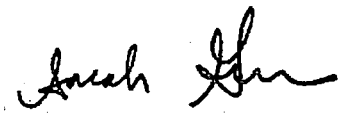
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**VERIFICATION**

The statements contained in the foregoing *Joint Petition In Support of Discipline on Consent Discipline* are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief and are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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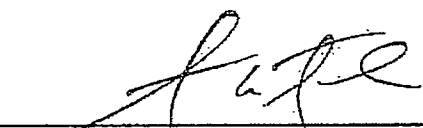
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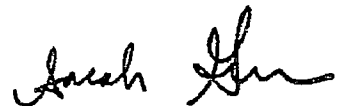
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**


I hereby certify that I am this day serving the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 204 Pa. Code §89.22 (relating to service by a participant).

First Class and Email, as follows:

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**AFFIDAVIT**  
**UNDER RULE 215(d), Pa.R.D.E.**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:  
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA:

Robert M. Tobia, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and hereby submits this affidavit consenting to the recommendation of a public reprimand in conformity with Pa.R.D.E. 215(d) 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 December 15, 1988.
2. He desires to submit a Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(d).
3. His consent 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 affidavit.
4. He is aware that there is presently pending a proceeding into allegations that he has been guilty of misconduct as set forth in the Joint

Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(d) to which this affidavit is attached.

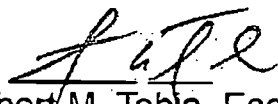
5. He acknowledges that the material facts set forth in the Joint Petition are true.

6. He submits the within affidavit because he knows that if charges predicated upon the matter under investigation were filed, or continued to be prosecuted in the pending proceeding, he could not successfully defend against them.

7. He acknowledges that he is fully aware of his right to consult and employ counsel to represent him in the instant proceeding. He has retained, consulted and acted upon the advice of counsel, in connection with his decision to execute the within Joint Petition.

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

Signed this 17 day of December, 2025

  
Robert M. Tobia, Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of December, 2025  
Notary Public

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal  
Cary Clemente, Notary Public  
Philadelphia County  
My Commission Expires May 30, 2029  
Commission Number 1456727

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Signature: Marie C. Dooley

Name: Marie C. Dooley

Attorney No. (if applicable): 203681