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ON GRIEVANCES AND DISCIPLINE OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ON GRIEVANCES & DISCIPLINE**

In re:

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Complaint against

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Steven E. Hillman
Attorney Registration No. 0002578
8581 Crail Court
Dublin, OH 43017,

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ON GRIEVANCES & DISCIPLINE** **14 - 088** ε α
No. _____

Respondent,

COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATE

Disciplinary Counsel
250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325
Columbus, Ohio 43215-7411,

**(Rule V of the Supreme Court Rules for
the Government of the Bar of Ohio.)**

Relator.

Now comes the relator and alleges that Steven Edward Hillman, an attorney-at-law duly admitted to the practice of law in the state of Ohio, is guilty of the following misconduct:

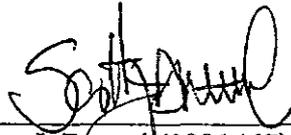
1. Respondent, Steven Edward Hillman, was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Ohio on May 5, 1973. Respondent is subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Code of Professional Responsibility, and the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.
2. Respondent has previously been suspended from the practice of law on two occasions (in November 2009 and November 2011) for failing to timely register with the Office of Attorney Registration. In both cases, respondent was reinstated shortly after the suspensions.
3. On March 10, 2014, respondent appeared before Judge Michael R. Barrett and pled guilty to a one-count superseding information. *United States of America v. Steven Hillman,*

United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, Case No. 1:12cr043-8. The information alleged that respondent willfully failed to file a federal personal income tax return for 2011 in violation of 26 U.S.C. 7203, which is a misdemeanor offense.

4. On June 26, 2014, respondent was sentenced to five years of probation with six-months house arrest. Respondent was further ordered to complete 200 hours of community service and to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$133,899.26.
5. While not set forth in the superseding information, respondent acknowledged in the plea agreement that he had not timely filed his 2009 and 2010 federal income tax returns. The restitution ordered by the court includes the amounts owed to the IRS for those years as well.
6. Prior to sentencing, respondent filed his 2009, 2010, and 2011 income tax returns.
7. Respondent's conduct violates the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, specifically, 8.4(h) [a lawyer shall not engage in conduct that adversely reflects on the lawyer's fitness to practice law].

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, the Code of Professional Responsibility and Rules of Professional Conduct, relator alleges that respondent is chargeable with misconduct; therefore, relator requests that respondent be disciplined pursuant to Rule V of the Rules of the Government of the Bar of Ohio.



Scott J. Drexel (0091467)
Disciplinary Counsel
Relator

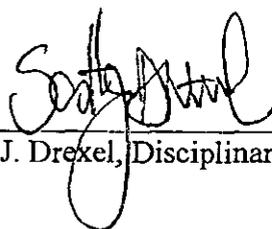


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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Scott J. Drexel, Disciplinary Counsel, of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Ohio hereby certifies that Dionne DeNunzio is duly authorized to represent relator in the premises and has accepted the responsibility of prosecuting the complaint to its conclusion. After investigation, relator believes reasonable cause exists to warrant a hearing on such complaint.

Dated: November 18, 2014



Scott J. Drexel, Disciplinary Counsel

Gov. Bar R. V (4)(I) Requirements for Filing a Complaint.

(1) Definition. "Complaint" means a formal written allegation of misconduct or mental illness of a person designated as the respondent.

(7) Complaint Filed by Certified Grievance Committee. Six copies of all complaints shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board. Complaints filed by a Certified Grievance Committee shall be filed in the name of the committee as relator. The complaint shall not be accepted for filing unless signed by one or more attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Ohio, who shall be counsel for the relator. The complaint shall be accompanied by a written certification, signed by the president, secretary, or chair of the Certified Grievance Committee, that the counsel are authorized to represent the relator in the action and have accepted the responsibility of prosecuting the complaint to conclusion. The certification shall constitute the authorization of the counsel to represent the relator in the action as fully and completely as if designated and appointed by order of the Supreme Court with all the privileges and immunities of an officer of the Supreme Court. The complaint also may be signed by the grievant.

(8) Complaint Filed by Disciplinary Counsel. Six copies of all complaints shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board. Complaints filed by the Disciplinary Counsel shall be filed in the name of the Disciplinary Counsel as relator.

(9) Service. Upon the filing of a complaint with the Secretary of the Board, the relator shall forward a copy of the complaint to the Disciplinary Counsel, the Certified Grievance Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association, the local bar association, and any Certified Grievance Committee serving the county or counties in which the respondent resides and maintains an office and for the county from which the complaint arose.