

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

In re:

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Complaint against

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Amy Michelle Moore, Esq.
P.O. Box 2537
Westerville, Ohio 43086

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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Case No. ~~15-0697~~

Attorney Registration No. (0077647)

AMENDED
COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATE

Respondent,

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

Disciplinary Counsel
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Relator.

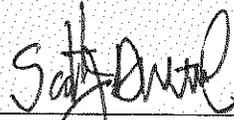
Now comes the relator and alleges that Amy Michelle Moore, an Attorney at Law, duly admitted to the practice of law in the state of Ohio, is guilty of the following misconduct:

1. Respondent, Amy Michelle Moore, was admitted to the practice of law in the state of Ohio on November 8, 2004.
2. As an attorney, respondent is subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.
3. In late April 2013, Beth Cochran hired respondent to represent her in a child custody matter.
4. At their initial meeting, Cochran told respondent that she had concerns regarding her granddaughter's safety while living with her biological parents.

5. After speaking with Cochran, respondent felt that the situation she described regarding her granddaughter's situation was serious and urgent.
6. Cochran and respondent agreed that a Motion for Emergency Custody and affidavit should be filed with the court.
7. After this meeting, respondent prepared the Motion for Emergency Custody and an affidavit based on Cochran's statements.
8. Because of the urgency of the situation, Cochran gave respondent permission to sign her name to the affidavit.
9. As instructed, respondent signed Cochran's name to the affidavit, but respondent did not indicate that the signature was not Cochran's or that the signature was made with Cochran's authorization.
10. Respondent then notarized the signature as Cochran's, representing that it had been "sworn to and subscribed in my presence" on May 1, 2013.
11. Respondent filed the Motion for Emergency Custody and sworn affidavit with the Knox County Juvenile Court later that day.
12. Respondent's conduct as set forth above violates the Rules of Professional Conduct, specifically Prof. Cond. R. 3.3(a)(1) (a lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of fact or law to a tribunal).

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V and the Ohio 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.



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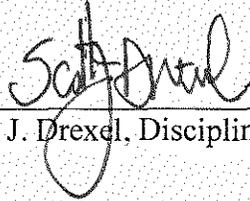


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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Scott J. Drexel, Disciplinary Counsel, of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of The Supreme Court of Ohio, hereby certifies that Dionne C. 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: February 16, 2016



Scott J. Drexel, Disciplinary Counsel