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

AUG 20 2015

In re:

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Complaint against

**Gerald Robert Walton, Esq.
6060 Rockside Woods Boulevard, Suite 200
Independence, OH 44131**

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No. _____

Attorney Registration No. (0003914)

COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATE

Respondent,

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

**Disciplinary Counsel
250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325
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Relator.

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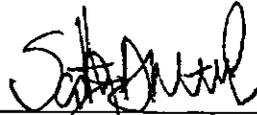
Now comes the relator and alleges that Gerald Robert Walton, an Attorney at Law, duly admitted to the practice of law in the state of Ohio, is guilty of the following misconduct:

1. Respondent, Gerald Robert Walton, was admitted to the practice of law in the state of Ohio on May 9, 1980. Respondent is subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.
2. At all times relevant to this complaint, respondent maintained an IOLTA with PNC Bank, account number XXXXXX7766.
3. On April 3, 2015, respondent's IOLTA, XXXXXX7766, became overdrawn by \$112.51.
4. Respondent's IOLTA remained at a negative balance until April 6, 2015 when the transaction from April 3rd was reversed.

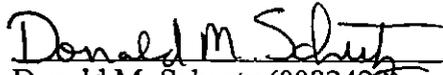
5. On April 22, 2015, respondent's IOLTA, XXXXXX7766, became overdrawn by \$195.46.
6. Respondent's IOLTA remained at a negative balance until April 23, 2015 when the transaction from April 22nd was reversed.
7. On June 8, 2015, an investigator for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel hand delivered a Letter of Inquiry to respondent. Respondent's answer was due on June 16, 2015. Respondent failed to respond to the Letter of Inquiry.
8. On July 1, 2015, an investigator for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel hand delivered to respondent a second Letter of Inquiry. Respondent's answer to the Letter of Inquiry was due on July 27, 2015. Respondent failed to respond to the Letter of Inquiry.
9. Additionally, on July 1, 2015, an investigator for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel hand delivered to respondent a Subpoena compelling his appearance at a deposition on August 5, 2015. Respondent failed to appear at the deposition on August 5, 2015.
10. Respondent's conduct as alleged in this complaint violated the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, specifically, Prof. Cond. R. 8.1(b) [In connection with a disciplinary matter, a lawyer shall knowingly fail to respond to a demand for information from a disciplinary authority]; and Gov. Bar R. V(9)(G) [No attorney shall neglect or refuse to assist or testify in an investigation or hearing].

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, the Code of Professional Responsibility and the 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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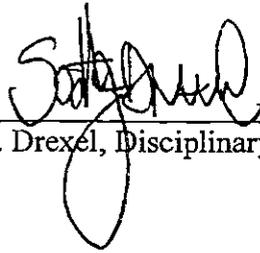


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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Scott J. Drexel, Disciplinary Counsel, of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Ohio hereby certifies that Donald M. Scheetz 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: August 20, 2015



Scott J. Drexel, Disciplinary Counsel