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BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

KENNETH K. WATTS,
Lawyer (Bar No. 6435).

Proceeding No. **15#00085**
ODC File No. 15-01667

RESIGNATION FORM OF KENNETH K.
WATTS (ELC 9.3(b))

I, Kenneth K. Watts, being duly sworn, hereby attests to the following:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent. I make the statements in this affidavit from personal knowledge.
2. I was admitted to practice law in the State of Washington on November 19, 1975.
3. I have voluntarily decided to resign from the Washington State Bar Association (the Association) in Lieu of Discipline under Rule 9.3 of the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC).
4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is Disciplinary Counsel's statement of alleged misconduct for purposes of ELC 9.3(b). I am aware of the alleged misconduct stated in disciplinary counsel's statement but, rather than defend against the allegations, I wish to

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1 permanently resign from membership in the Association.

2 *RW* 5. ~~I am submitting with this affidavit a confession of judgment in the amount of~~
3 ~~\$1,000 in favor of the Washington State Bar Association as payment for expenses.~~ *RW JA*

4 6. I agree to pay any additional costs or restitution that may be ordered by a Review
5 Committee under ELC 9.3(g).

6 7. I understand that my resignation is permanent and that any future application by
7 me for reinstatement as a member of the Association is currently barred. If the Supreme Court
8 changes this rule or an application is otherwise permitted in the future, it will be treated as an
9 application by one who has been disbarred for ethical misconduct, and that, if I file an
10 application, I will not be entitled to a reconsideration or reexamination of the facts, complaints,
11 allegations, or instances of alleged misconduct on which this resignation was based.

12 8. I agree to (a) notify all other states and jurisdictions in which I am admitted of this
13 resignation in lieu of discipline; (b) seek to resign permanently from the practice of law in all
14 other states and jurisdictions in which I am admitted; and (c) provide disciplinary counsel with
15 copies of this notification and any response(s). I acknowledge that this resignation could be
16 treated as a disbarment by all other jurisdictions.

17 9. I agree to (a) notify all other professional licensing agencies in any jurisdiction
18 from which I have a professional license that is predicated on my admission to practice law of
19 this resignation in lieu of discipline; (b) seek to resign permanently from any such license; and
20 (c) provide disciplinary counsel with copies of any of these notifications and any responses.

21 10. I agree that when applying for any employment, I will disclose the resignation in
22 lieu of discipline in response to any question regarding disciplinary action or the status of my
23 license to practice law.

*\$1,000
cashier's
check
provided*

1 11. I understand that my resignation becomes effective on disciplinary counsel's
2 endorsement and filing of this document with the Clerk, and that under ELC 9.3(c) disciplinary
3 counsel must do so promptly following receipt of this document and payment of costs and
4 expenses.

5 12. When my resignation becomes effective, I agree to be subject to all restrictions that
6 apply to a disbarred lawyer.

7 13. Upon filing of my resignation, I agree to comply with the same duties as a
8 disbarred lawyer under ELC 14.1 through ELC 14.4.

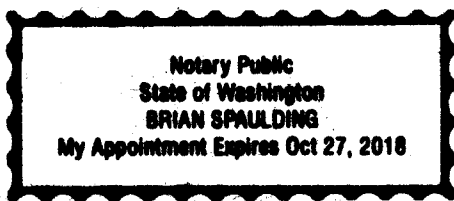
9 14. I understand that, after my resignation becomes effective, it is permanent. I will
10 never be eligible to apply and will not be considered for admission or reinstatement to the
11 practice of law nor will I be eligible for admission for any limited practice of law.

12 15. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
13 the foregoing is true and correct.

14 October 5, 2015 Spokane, WA
Date and Place

Kenneth K. Watts
Kenneth K. Watts, Bar No. 6435

15 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5th day of October, 2015.



Brian Spaulding
NOTARY PUBLIC for the state of
Washington, residing at Spokane
WA
My commission expires: 10-27-2018

19 ENDORSED BY:

20 [Signature]
21 Joanne S. Abelson, Managing Disciplinary Counsel
22 Bar No. 24877
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EXHIBIT A

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STATEMENT OF ALLEGED
MISCONDUCT UNDER ELC 9.3(b)(1)

14 The following constitutes a Statement of Alleged Misconduct under Rule 9.3(b)(1) of
15 the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC).

16 **I. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE**

17 1. Respondent Kenneth K. Watts was admitted to the practice of law in the State of
18 Washington on November 19, 1975.

19 **II. ALLEGED FACTS**

20 2. On April 7, 2015, an indictment was filed in the United States District Court, Eastern
21 District of Washington, charging Respondent with possession of child pornography (Count 1)
22 and receipt of child pornography (Count 2). United States v. Watts, No. 2:15-CR-29-JLQ (U.S.
23 District Court, E.D. WA).

