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DISCIPLINARY BOARD
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

TERRY L. WILLIAMS,

Lawyer (Bar No. 21831).

Proceeding No. 22#00041

ODC File No(s). 21-01486, 22-00230

Resignation Form of Terry L. Williams (ELC
9.3(b))

I, Terry L. Williams, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent. I make the statements in this declaration from personal knowledge.

2. I was admitted to practice law in the State of Washington on October 27, 1992.

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 Washington Supreme Court's 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 permanently resign from membership in the Association.

1 5. I consent to entry of an order under ELC 13.9(e) assessing expenses of \$1,500 in
2 this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

23 11. I understand that my resignation becomes effective on Disciplinary Counsel's

1 endorsement and filing of this document with the Clerk, and that under ELC 9.3(c) Disciplinary
2 Counsel must do so promptly following receipt of this document.

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

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

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

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

12 July 4, 2022 Colville
13 Date and Place


14 Terry L. Williams, Bar No. 21831

15 ENDORSED BY:



16 Francisco Rodriguez, Disciplinary Counsel
17 Bar No. 22881

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

The following constitutes a Statement of Alleged Misconduct under Rule 9.3(b)(1) of the Washington Supreme Court's Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC).

I. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

1. Respondent Terry L. Williams was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Washington on October 27, 1992.

II. ALLEGED FACTS

2. Williams represented Steven Rother in a civil suit filed against Rother by Francesca Carsen.

3. Rother also had a pending criminal case in which Rother was charged with stalking

1 Carsen.

2 4. In attempting to negotiate a settlement of the civil matter, Williams sent Carsen an
3 email asking whether Carsen would agree to a settlement agreement that included “dropping all
4 criminal cases” against Rother.

5 5. On October 27, 2021, Carsen responded that according to the prosecutor, Carsen
6 could not be asked to drop criminal charges.

7 6. On November 3, 2021, Williams replied to Carsen that the prosecutor sometimes
8 does not pursue a criminal case if the alleged victim refuses to testify. Williams wrote that: “Such
9 request is common enough to include this in a settlement of all issues in a civil case.”

10 7. On November 15, 2021, Williams sent Carsen a proposed settlement of the civil
11 matter which required Carsen to request dismissal of the criminal case against Rother and to pay
12 Rother’s attorney fees for defending the criminal matter if Carsen was compelled to testify.

13 8. On January 26, 2022, in Stevens County Superior Court No. 22-1-00021-33, the
14 Stevens County Prosecuting Attorney charged Williams with two felonies, Tampering with a
15 Witness and Bribing a Witness.

16 9. The criminal case against Williams is currently awaiting trial, but Williams has
17 agreed to enter a guilty plea to the lesser charge of Attempted Tampering with a Witness, a gross
18 misdemeanor.

19 III. ALLEGED MISCONDUCT

20 10. By attempting to induce a witness to withhold testimony in a criminal case and by
21 committing the crime of Attempted Tampering with a Witness, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(b),
22 RPC 8.4(d), RPC 8.4(i), and RPC 3.4(b).

1 DATED this 1st day of July 2022.

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3 Francisco Rodriguez, Bar No. 22881
4 Disciplinary Counsel

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