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DISCIPLINARY BOARD
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

SAMUEL D. SATTERFIELD,

Lawyer (Bar No. 50057).

Proceeding No. 22#00053

ODC File No. 22-00190

Resignation Form of Samuel David Satterfield
(ELC 9.3(b))

I, Samuel David Satterfield, 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 29, 2015.

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 jurisdiction; and (c) provide Disciplinary Counsel with copies of this notification and any
14 response(s). I acknowledge that this resignation could be treated as a disbarment by all other
15 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.

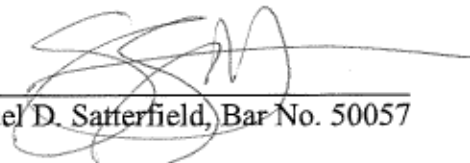
3 12. When my resignation becomes effective, I agree to be subject to all restrictions that
4 apply to a disbarred lawyer.

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 10/6/2022 Chehalis WA
13 Date and Place


14 Samuel D. Satterfield, Bar No. 50057

15 ENDORSED BY:

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17 Francisco Rodriguez, Disciplinary Counsel
18 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 Samuel David Satterfield was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Washington on October 29, 2015.

II. ALLEGED FACTS

2. Respondent began representing Michelle McCloskey in a dissolution matter in July 2018.

3. The court entered a decree of dissolution on March 15, 2019, but the parties continued to have regular disputes regarding custody of their children and compliance with the parenting

1 plan.

2 4. From April 2019 through March 2021, McCloskey repeatedly asked Respondent to
3 schedule hearings and file motions with the court, and Respondent agreed to do so. McCloskey
4 sought contempt findings against the father, revision and reconsideration of adverse rulings,
5 clarification of prior rulings and the terms of the parenting plan, and a change in primary custody
6 of the children.

7 5. Throughout this time period, Respondent repeatedly lied to McCloskey about hearings
8 being scheduled and motions being filed with the court. Respondent lied to McCloskey about at
9 least 35 hearings being scheduled and subsequently lied about these non-existent hearings being
10 cancelled or postponed. In lying to McCloskey about hearings being canceled or postponed,
11 Respondent often falsely blamed the court and/or opposing counsel for delays.

12 6. Respondent billed McCloskey for work that Respondent did not perform, including
13 billing for drafting motions that were never filed and court appearances that never occurred,
14 though it appears that through subsequent work, Respondent ultimately earned all the fees
15 collected from McCloskey.

16 7. Respondent lied to ODC in responding to McCloskey's grievance, initially flatly
17 denying lying to McCloskey and then later acknowledging being "dishonest" with McCloskey.
18 Even when acknowledging dishonesty, Respondent minimized the extent of the dishonesty
19 involved.

20 8. Respondent lied to ODC about filing a motion for contempt in spring 2019 and a
21 motion for reconsideration in March 2021. No such motions were submitted to the court.

22 9. Respondent lied to ODC about hearings being postponed and/or canceled due to
23 potential recusals by a court commissioner and judge and due to the unavailability of opposing

1 counsel. The hearings at issue were never scheduled. Respondent was not advised of any
2 potential recusals in this matter. Opposing counsel had not sent a notice of unavailability.

3 10. Respondent lied to ODC about the accuracy of Respondent's invoices, stating "I want
4 to be clear that I have done the work stated in my invoices" Respondent repeatedly billed
5 McCloskey for work that was never performed.

6 **III. ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.**

7 11. By failing to diligently file motions and schedule hearings, Respondent violated RPC
8 1.3, RPC 3.2, and RPC 8.4(d).

9 12. By lying to McCloskey about hearings being scheduled, postponed, and canceled and
10 falsely attributing responsibility for delays to the court and/or opposing counsel, Respondent
11 violated, RPC 1.4, RPC 8.4(c) and RPC 8.4(d).

12 13. By billing McCloskey for work that was not actually performed, Respondent violated
13 RPC 1.5(a) and RPC 8.4(c).

14 14. By lying to ODC during the course of a disciplinary investigation, Respondent
15 violated RPC 8.1(a), RPC 8.4(c), RPC 8.4(d), and RPC 8.4(I)(by violating ELC 1.5, 5.3(f), 5.3(g),
16 and 5.5(d)).

17 DATED this 26th day of September, 2022.

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Francisco Rodriguez, Bar No. 22881
Disciplinary Counsel