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**DISCIPLINARY BOARD
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

In re
HUGO CORNELIUS JOHNSON IV,
Lawyer (Bar No. 45342).

Proceeding No.24#00027
ODC File No 23-00615
Resignation Form of Hugo Cornelius Johnson
IV (ELC 9.3(b))

I, Hugo Cornelius Johnson IV, 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 November 14, 2012.
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.
5. I consent to entry of an order under ELC 13.9(e) assessing expenses of \$1,500 in

1 this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

22 11. I understand that my resignation becomes effective on Disciplinary Counsel's
23 endorsement and filing of this document with the Clerk, and that under ELC 9.3(c) Disciplinary

1 Counsel must do so promptly following receipt of this document.

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

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

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

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

11 5/9/24 at Seattle, WA
12 Date and Place

Hugo Johnson
13 Hugo Cornelius Johnson IV,
14 Bar No. 45342

15 ENDORSED BY:

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17 Claire Carden, Disciplinary Counsel
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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 Hugo Cornelius Johnson IV was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Washington on November 14, 2012.

II. ALLEGED FACTS

2. During all relevant times, Respondent was a senior attorney at Dellino Family Law Group (DFLG).

3. As a senior attorney at DFLG, Respondent held authority over legal support staff and associate attorneys and could impact the amount and quality of work assigned to legal support

1 staff and associate attorneys.

2 4. On May 17, 2019, Respondent drove Respondent's car under the influence of
3 alcohol causing a two-car accident.

4 5. On June 16, 2020, the City of Seattle charged Respondent with driving under the
5 influence (DUI).

6 6. On March 1, 2022, Respondent entered into a five-year deferred prosecution for the
7 DUI charge.

8 7. DUI is a gross misdemeanor.

9 8. As part of the deferred prosecution, Respondent was ordered not to consume alcohol
10 or any mood-altering drug not prescribed by a physician, including marijuana.

11 9. On June 18, 2020, the United States charged Respondent with one count of
12 interference with flight crew members and attendants.

13 10. On August 18, 2021, the United States charged Respondent with one count of simple
14 assault.

15 11. On September 15, 2021, Respondent pled guilty to simple assault and the United
16 States dismissed the charge for interference with flight crew members and attendants.

17 12. Simple assault is a misdemeanor.

18 13. On July 31, 2020, the State of Washington charged Respondent with one count of
19 Hate Crime, two counts of assault in the fourth degree, and two counts of assault in the fourth
20 degree with a sexual motivation.

21 14. The alleged criminal conduct occurred immediately after a firm sponsored social
22 event and all named victims of these alleged crimes were employees of DFLG.

23 15. On April 1, 2022, Respondent pled guilty to one count of attempted hate crime and

1 one count of assault in the fourth degree – sexual motivation.

2 16. The victim of this crime was an associate attorney employed at DFLG and the assault
3 occurred immediately following a firm sponsored social event.

4 17. Attempted hate crime and assault in the fourth degree – sexual motivation are gross
5 misdemeanors.

6 18. The judgment and sentence ordered Respondent not to possess alcohol.

7 19. In March 2023, at a firm sponsored event, Respondent knowingly possessed and
8 consumed multiple alcoholic beverages. Respondent exhibited signs of extreme intoxication.

9 **III. ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.**

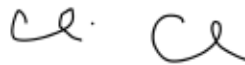
10 20. By committing the crime of attempted hate crime in violation of RCW 9A.28.020
11 and 9A.36.080(1)(a)-(c), Respondent violated RPC 8.4(b), (i), (g), and (n).

12 21. By committing assault in the fourth degree – sexual motivation in violation of RCW
13 9A.36.041 and RCW 9.94A.030(48), Respondent violated RPC 8.4(i) and (n).

14 22. By committing simple assault in violation of 18 U.S.C. §113(a)(5), Respondent
15 violated RPC 8.4(i) and (n).

16 23. By willfully violating a court order directing Respondent not to consume alcohol,
17 Respondent violated RPC 8.4(j).

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19 DATED this 16th day of May, 2024.

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22 Claire Carden, Bar No. 50590
23 Disciplinary Counsel