



Attorney Misconduct Complaint Form

Your Contact Information			
First Name: Darryl	Middle Name: Gerard		
Last Name: Cotton			
Address: 6176 Federal Blvd			
City: San Diego	State: CA	Zip: 92114	
Email: indagrodarryl@gmail.com			
Home Phone: none	Work: none	Cell: 619.954.4447	
Attorney's Information			
First Name: Gina	Middle Name: M		
Last Name: Austin			
Address: 3990 Old Town Ave Ste A101			
City: San Diego	State: CA	Zip: 92110	
Email: gaustin@austinlegalgroup.com	CA Bar License #: 246833		
Home Phone: unknown	Work Phone: (619) 924-9600		
Cell Phone: unknown	Website: austinlegalgroup.com		
<p>Have you or a member of your family complained to the State Bar about this attorney previously?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Did you hire this attorney?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Enter the approximate date you hired the attorney and the amount paid (if any) to the attorney.</p> <p>Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____</p>			

What is your connection to this attorney? Explain briefly.

In early 2017 while I was still a Pro Se litigant in the Geraci v Cotton case no 37-2017-00010073 I had filed the Petition for a Writ of Mandate in which Austin was named as a Real Party in Interest.

Attorney's Information

Statement of Complaint

Include with your submission, a statement of what the attorney did or did not do that is the basis of your complaint. Please state the facts as you understand them. Do not include opinions or arguments. If you hired the attorney(s), state what you hired the attorney(s) to do. Additional information may be requested.

Austin did not represent Geraci in the Geraci v Cotton case. Austin was working for Geraci in 'pursuit' of the Conditional Use Permit Geraci was supposedly trying to obtain at my property. Geraci had complete control of the CUP application with the City of San Diego. I had no control of that application. When Austin was named as a Real Party in Interest she had not only inside knowledge of Geraci's intentions as Geraci hired her to create contracts that would meet our mutual intent AFTER the 11/02/16 document had been signed but beyond that, Austin had an opportunity and an obligation with the Writ of Mandate complaint to bring it to the courts attention that the Geraci v Cotton lawsuit was a sham lawsuit. She did not. Indeed she claimed at trial, (yes this went to trial) that she quit representing Geraci in his pursuit of the CUP and instead went to work for the competing property owner/applicant to see that the competing CUP would be awarded over the CUP at my property. Austin is one of the most unethical attorneys I have had the displeasure of dealing with. She lied on the stand during my trial on several occasions. She should be disbarred,

Related Court Case Information (If known)

Name of Court: Superior Court

Case Name: Cotton v City of San Diego et al

Case Number: 37-2017-00037675

Approx. date case was filed: 11/21/17

Size of law firm complained about: NA

If you are not a party to this case, what is your connection with it? Explain briefly.

I am a party.

Translation Information

Not Applicable

The State Bar accepts complaints in over 200 languages. If you need translation services to communicate with the State Bar, please let us know by completing this section of the complaint form. We will communicate with you through a translation service in the language of your choice. Do you need translation services?

YES

NO

Please state the language in which you need formal translation:

The State Bar's mission is to protect complainants regardless of their immigration status. Complainants who are unable to complete this form due to disability, language restrictions, or other circumstances may obtain help by calling the complaint line at 800-843-9053.

Attestation

By checking this box I certify that all information on this form is true and correct. I understand that the content of my complaint can be disclosed to the attorney. I understand that I waive the attorney client privilege and any other applicable privilege between myself and the attorney to the extent necessary for the investigation and prosecution of the allegations.

Signature:



Date: 02/06/2020