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Attorney Misconduct Complaint Form

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Have you or a member of your family complained to the State Bar about this attorney previously?

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YES

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NO

Did you hire this attorney?

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YES

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NO

Enter the approximate date you hired the attorney and the amount paid (if any) to the attorney.

Date: _____

Amount Paid: _____

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 my litigation investor Joe Hurtado interview McElfresh to see if she would be the right fit to represent me. Hurtado met with McElfresh on several occasions and there were numerous email and phone calls between them to give her an indepth analysis of my case and arguments. She was paid for this service.

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.

McElfresh decided that my case was going to be more than she could handle and recommended we seek counsel with Finch, Thornton and Baird atty David Demian. In 2018 McElfresh went on to provide legal services for Geraci without seeking my waiver for that representation. I was and still am in litigation with Geraci. McElfresh is part of an enterprise of attorneys who work with the cannabis licensing in the City of San Diego. My federal case has been on a stay since February 2018 18cv325-BAS (MDD). I filed a motion to lift the stay on 12/23/19. Once that motion was filed two federal judges recused themselves from the case until the 3rd judge agreed to lift the stay on January 15, 2020. McElfresh is part of a group of attorneys who use the law as a sword to deprive citizens of their constitutional rights in the interest of acquiring these licenses for a select group of people. I have the evidence of this and will be presenting in federal court once I find a judge and jury that can be unbiased in this matter and look at the evidence I provide them. McElfresh should be disbarred for her actions

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

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☐ YES☒ NO

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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