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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.

Reed was hired by Aaron Magagna who fraudently worked to acquire a competing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Marijuana Outlet (MO) that once the City of San Diego granted that CUP would make mine ineligible based on setback/distances between MO regulations that exist in SDMC Land Use Regulations. As a specialist in Cannabis licensing and Land Use Regulations Reed was particularly suited to assist Magagna and those behind his application in perpetuating this fraud.

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.

On 10/18/18 Reed appeared at a San Diego Planning Commision Hearing whereby she testified there were NO setback issues with her clients proposed project. She went on to state that unlike the competing (mine) application her client did not require a variance of any type to qualify her clients project. What Reed, her client and even those 'experts' who were trying to qualify my CUP over the Magagna CUP was there was not one but TWO licensed child care facilities within 1000' of the Magagna CUP. Had this been brought up at any point in the hearing or the subsequent APPEAL hearing of 12/04/18 the Magagna CUP would have been denied. The reality is BECAUSE this issue was not raised by any of the team member 'experts' on behalf of Geraci who I was in litigation with over the sale of my property but who held full control over the CUP application on MY PROPERTY, or REED who as a Land Use Expert and very familiar with cannabis MO setbacks this Magagna CUP would have been denied. Indeed one of the FIRST things REED would have done prior to even accepting Magagna as a client would have asked for and independantly confirmed met the setback issues from Residences, Parks, Schools or Child Care Facilities. In the case of Magagna BOTH of the child care facilities are state licensed even have SD Business Licenses. Reed is a big part of the scheme that involves the theft of my property. She should be disbarred as a message to any other attorney out there who even thinks they can get themselves in this type of fraud.

Related Court Case Information (If known)

Name of Court: Superior Court

Case Name: Geraci v Cotton

Case Number: 37-2017-00010073

Approx. date case was filed: 03/21/17

Size of law firm complained about:

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

I am a party in the above referenced case.

Translation Information☒ Not Applicable

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☐ YES☒ NO

Please state the language in which you need formal translation:

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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