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IN RE: CECELIA F. ABADIE

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REPORT OF HEARING COMMITTEE # 27

INTRODUCTION

This attorney disciplinary matter arises out of formal charges consisting of one count filed by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") against Cecelia F. Abadie ("Respondent"), Louisiana Bar Roll Number 19874. ODC alleges that Respondent violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 8.2, and 8.4(a).

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The formal charges were filed on September 20, 2017. Respondent filed an answer to the charges on October 20, 2017. Dane S. Ciolino enrolled as counsel for Respondent on April 20, 2019. The hearing of this matter was held on May 31, 2019. Deputy Disciplinary Counsel Karen Hayes Green appeared on behalf of ODC. Respondent appeared with counsel, Mr. Ciolino.

For the following reasons, the Committee finds that Respondent did violate Rules of Professional Conduct 8.2, 1.1, 8.4(a). The hearing committee recommends a sanction of a one year suspension, with all but six months deferred conditioned on a two-year period of supervised probation. During the period of probation, Respondent should be supervised by a probation

¹ Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana on April 27, 1990. Respondent is currently eligible to practice law.

See the attached Appendix for the text of these Rules.

monitor who will meet with her monthly to monitor her practice and review her client files and any pleadings she signs.

FORMAL CHARGES

The formal charges read, in pertinent part:

The respondent is Cecelia F. Abadie. Ms. Abadie is a Louisiana-licensed attorney, born on July 3, 1947, and admitted to practice on April 27, 1990. Respondent was assigned Louisiana Bar Roll No. 19874 and is currently eligible to practice law in the State of Louisiana. The Respondent has 26 years of domestic legal experience. Respondent is semi-retired and currently practices law occasionally.

A complaint was filed against the Respondent by opposing counsel, Krystal R. Treadway, on September 21, 2015, and assigned ODC Complaint No. 33656, arising from an underlying family law matter.

Mark Jenkins, represented by Respondent, and Latasha Jackson, represented by Complainant, conceived a child out-of-wed-lock in 1997. Subsequent to the child's birth, the couple was married. The couple later divorced and Mark Jenkins was ordered to pay child support. In 2012, Mr. Jenkins suspected that he actually was not the father of the child. DNA evidence subsequently proved that Mr. Jenkins was not the child's father.

During the scope and course of the paternity and child support litigation, there were allegations of incompetency, and attacks made by the Respondent upon the opposing party and the presiding Judge, via pleadings and correspondence. Respondent drafted and filed several pleadings not supported by procedural or substantive law. The pleadings were filed repetitively between the 24th Judicial District Court and the Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court. Respondent also filed pleadings in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal and the Louisiana Supreme Court. In the 24th J.D.C., the Respondent filed the following frivolous and incompetent pleadings: Petition to Revoke Formal Acknowledgment and for Damages, Petition for Nullification of the Judgment of the Fifth Circuit Which Reversed a Judgment of this Court, Rule to Remove Mark Jenkins' Name from the Birth Certificate. Also, the Respondent filed for a unilateral name change of the minor child.

During this heated domestic matter, the Respondent wrote a letter directed to District Attorney, Paul Connick and State Representative, Chris Broadwater. In the letter Respondent accuses Judge Robert Murphy, of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, and the Department of Children and Family Services, of "collusion". Timothy O' Rourke of DCFS and Complainant were both carbon copied on the correspondence. In a Sworn Statement taken before the ODC, the Respondent states that she never actually mailed the letter to Mr. Connick or Mr. Broadwater, but did however mail the correspondence to Mr. Rourke and Ms. Treadaway.

The Respondent has violated Rule 1.1 (failed to provide competent representation); Rule 3.1 (brought a proceeding, or asserted or controverted an

issue therein, when there is no basis in law and fact for doing so that is not frivolous); Rule 3.3 (lack of candor toward tribunal); Rule 3.5 (engaged in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal); Rule 8.2 (attacked the integrity of a judge); and Rule 8.4(a) (violated the Rules of Professional Conduct).

EVIDENCE

The following witnesses testified at the hearing in this matter: KRISTYL TREADAWAY, TIMOTHY O'ROURKE, and CECELIA FARACE ABADIE. The exhibits introduced in this matter are listed in the attached Exhibit A, which is a copy of the index of the exhibits as listed in the transcript of the hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The committee found that all of the witnesses were credible and that each appeared to believe that they were testifying truthfully to the best of his/her abilities.

The committee found that Respondent did draft a letter to Mr. Connick and Mr. Broadwater that accused Judge Murphy of collusion with the Juvenile Court and Department of Children and Family Services, but Respondent did not send it to its intended recipients. Rather, she sent it to Mr. Rourke and Ms. Treadaway. The committee found Respondent did attack the integrity of a judge and continues to do so.

The committee found that Respondent did not provide competent representation to her client because she failed to file a writ within the time delays, did file pleadings that were duplicative in both the Juvenile Court and 24th Judicial District Court, did confuse matters with multiple pleadings filed, did fail to request service on certain pleadings when it should have been requested, did fail to allow a waiver of service in the Federal Court suit when she should have allowed it, did confuse the pending litigation and disrupt the tribunal by filing the numerous and

duplicative pleadings, did fail to know certain procedural rules and did file pleadings that unduly complicated the proceedings..

RULES VIOLATED

Violation of Rule 8.2

Respondent acknowledges that she wrote and transmitted a letter concerning alleged collusion of Judge Murphy with the Juvenile Court and Department of Children and Family Services, which attacked his integrity. Her defense for sending the letter is that she only sent it to two people and did not publish it publicly. Respondent's defense to the Rule 8.2 violation, while not specifically stated, not addressed in her post hearing memorandum and not proven at trial, seemed to be that she believes the allegations listed in her letter and in her subsequent Federal Court lawsuit to be true. However, given that Respondent did not present any proof of any misconduct and did not specifically defend against the Rule 8.2 violation, this committee finds that the ODC met its burden of proving its case that Respondent did write a letter that made statements Respondent should know to be false and/or with reckless disregard as to their truth or falsity concerning the integrity of a judge. Respondent based her allegations against Judge Murphy on speculation and conjecture rather than on any solid evidence that was presented to the hearing committee during the hearing.

Violation of Rule 1.1

Respondent has practiced law for over 29 years, but for the last several years the paternity/child support action involving Mark Jenkins appears to have been her only case, and he was her only client. She testified that his case may have been the only filiation case she worked on during her career. The record is replete with several filings that are curious

and support the allegation that she violated Rules 1.1 in failing to provide competent representation to her client and to the tribunal. One or two filings or procedural errors or incidents do not rise to the level of incompetency, but in this case there are numerous incidents that when reviewed collectively rise to that level and establish a violation of a lawyer's duty to provide competent representation.

First, Respondent admits that she missed a crucial deadline to file a writ on a ruling against her client, but she was not upset by it as she testified that her missing the deadline "had no effect on the case." Transcript pages 156, 172- 173. Yet, Mr. O'Rourke, who worked with the DFS in that specific area of practice, testified that he told Respondent to file a writ as he thought she had a cause of action. Transcript page 128. She did not advise her client to seek independent counsel after she missed the deadline, because she testified that her client trusted her completely. Transcript page 173. It is after this missed deadline that Respondent became determined to pursue an alternate theory of relief for her client which led to multiple filings in different courts. It is uncontroverted and admitted by Respondent that she missed the deadline, which bears on the issue of competency and supports a finding of a violation of Rule 1.1. Her lack of concern over the missed deadline and its effect on her client's case is noteworthy.

Additionally, the case is procedurally convoluted due to Respondent filing multiple pleadings and actions simultaneously in two separate courts, the Juvenile Court and the 24th Judicial District Court. Additionally, when Respondent filed duplicative pleadings in the two separate courts, the 24th JDC and the Juvenile Court, on the same issues, she testified it was because she was not sure which court had "proper venue." Transcript pages 176-182. She testified that she filed the same action in both courts because she wanted the 24th JDC to

handle the entire matter. Respondent did not establish that both courts had subject matter jurisdiction over all the issues upon which she was requesting relief in the pleadings, particularly when Juvenile Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. Respondent also filed a Motion to have the presiding judge correct the court minutes from a hearing without a contradictory hearing, without a certificate of service, or requesting service on opposing counsel and without requesting a transcript. Respondent testified that the judge could discover the error by listening to the recording of the hearing and correct the error. Transcript page 195-198. Respondent filed a Petition for nullification of a Fifth Circuit judgment in district court, thus requesting that a lower court act as a supervisory court over its corresponding court of appeal. She also wrote a letter to a judge's secretary concerning legal issues and procedural matters and did not send a copy to opposing counsel, then Respondent testified that it was not an ex parte communication because it was not addressed to the judge.

Other curious actions taken by Respondent that show her lack of legal knowledge and skill were that she filed pleadings and did not serve opposing counsel or parties in the underlying cases in the 24th JDC and Juvenile Court. Transcript page 176. Respondent filed suit in Federal Court but did not follow the rules of that court in that she did not allow Ms. Treadaway and Mr. O'Rourke to waive service of the Federal Court suit, despite their testimony that they both filed a waiver of service. Her actions were not only inconsiderate but also did not conform with Federal Court procedure regarding a Rule 4 waiver of service. Respondent filed a Motions in the proceedings but did not include a certificate of service on opposing counsel or have them served with the Motion. She alleged contempt of court with no Judgment that was violated. Transcript page 201. She filed a Motion to Dismiss Child Support retroactive to a particular date, then

testified that a week or so later after she learned more about the law she corrected herself and decided that she could request that the dismissal may be retroactive to an earlier date, so she dismissed and refiled the Motion rather than amending it. Transcript page 202-204.

There are other issues that show Respondent to be naïve and to not know the proper procedures that were shown in the pleadings, but for the purpose of brevity the hearing committee chose these specific incidents that were brought out at the hearing and illustrated her lack of competence.

Violation of Rule 8.4(a)

The ODC did establish by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent violated the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Violation of Rule 3.1

The underlying law and legal issues were made more confusing by Respondent's multiple filings. While neither of the two other lawyers who testified may have agreed with all of Respondent's legal theories, the ODC did not prove by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent filed frivolous pleadings. In fact, while Ms. Treadaway requested sanctions in the trial court against Respondent for frivolous filings, sanctions were not ordered.

Violation of Rule 3.3

The ODC did not meet its burden of proving this violation in that it seemed to the hearing committee that Respondent intended to show candor to each tribunal before which she practiced during the underlying litigation. She appeared to believe the allegations she made in her pleadings and in the testimony she presented to the hearing committee about her actions taken in the underlying litigation that led to the ODC complaint. Thus, the ODC did not establish that Respondent knowingly made a false statement to a tribunal.

Violation of Rule 3.5

While Respondent's lack of competent representation did in fact cause chaos and disruption, the ODC did not meet its burden of proof that Respondent engaged in *conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal*. That is, the ODC did not prove that Respondent acted in a manner to intentionally disrupt court proceedings. It was clear to the committee that all of Respondent's actions were fueled by a sincere desire to assist her client, to argue for him before the tribunal and to convince each tribunal that Respondent's position was correct, even when she was wrong. There was no evidence presented that Respondent acted as she did for the intended purpose of causing disruption, chaos or confusion, therefore the committee does not find that there was a violation of Rule 3.5.

SANCTION

The American Bar Association Standards for Lawyer Discipline and Disability Proceedings (hereinafter "Standards for Lawyer Discipline") do not attempt to recommend the type of discipline to be imposed in any particular case. The Standards merely state that the discipline to be imposed "should depend upon the facts and circumstances of the case, should be fashioned in light of the purpose of lawyer discipline, and may take into account aggravating or mitigating circumstances" (Standard 7.1) Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX, §10(C), states that when imposing a sanction after a finding of lawyer misconduct, a committee shall consider the following factors:

- (1) Whether the lawyer has violated a duty owed to a client, to the public, to the legal system, or to the profession;
- (2) Whether the lawyer acted intentionally, knowingly, or negligently;
- (3) The amount of the actual or potential injury caused by the lawyer's misconduct; and

(4) The existence of any aggravating or mitigating factors.

Here, Respondent violated duties owed to the court, the legal system and the public. She acted intentionally and knowingly in making the allegations she made, but she made them while believing them to be true. Respondent's misconduct caused actual harm to the people she made allegations about: the judges and other lawyers that she wrote about and she filed suit against. It harmed their reputations, it caused them stress and anxiety, and it caused them to have to defend against the lawsuit filed against them. Ms. Treadaway had to pay a \$5,000 deductible towards her malpractice insurance to defend against the suit Respondent filed against her. Mr. O'Rourke was caused distress when he wasn't sure whether he would have to pay out of pocket to defend the suit against him. Both of these suits resulted from lawyers just doing their jobs, and just because those jobs may have been in opposition to Respondent's legal position and her client's interest.

Evidence was not presented about whether Respondent's client had to pay for all of the filing fees in this matter, but if he did, then he was harmed by duplicative filings. Additionally, there was no evidence concerning what legal fees Mark Jenkins paid Respondent. If he had to pay her for services that were duplicative, filed untimely or improperly, then he was harmed. But, since there was no evidence presented concerning what Mr. Jenkins had to pay to the court or Respondent, the committee is unable to determine what harm came to him from her actions. However, there was testimony that Ms. Jackson would have settled the case on the child support issue, but Respondent and Mr. Jenkins wanted reimbursement of \$50,000, which Ms. Treadaway and Mr. O'Rourke stated was not supported by the Louisiana Supreme Court in the "Gallo" case. Thus, Mr. Jenkins did suffer by not settling his child support litigation and by having to pay child support for the child's entire minority. However, risk occurs in litigation. There was no

evidence presented to establish that Mr. Jenkins was not aware of that risk and did not accept that risk by failing to settle.

Mitigating factors do exist. Respondent has not had any prior discipline. All of her actions were done in an effort to help her client, not for some kind of dishonest or selfish motive. She has been a most zealous advocate. No sanctions against her have been ordered by any court as of the date of this hearing.

The aggravating factors include the fact that Respondent has practiced law for over 29 years. Respondent has no remorse whatsoever. Respondent still argues that there was a "fix" in the paternity/child support litigation. Even after she wrote the letter and ODC filed its charges, Respondent continued to file pleadings, lawsuits, memorandum and testify about her perception of misconduct by Judge Murphy, Judge Burmaster, the Juvenile Court, the DFS, Ms. Treadaway and Mr. O'Rourke. In fact, she filed a suit in Federal Court directly naming personally as defendants the attorneys involved in the underlying case that had given rise to the ODC charges, Kristyl Treadaway and Timothy O'Rourke, as well as Judge Robert Murphy, and Judge Barron Burmaster, two of the judges involved in the underlying pending litigation in different courts. (Transcript page 56) As of the time of the disciplinary hearing the Federal Court case had been dismissed, but Respondent testified that she intended to pursue it by filing writs. Her remorse seemed only to be that she was facing disciplinary charges, not that she had done anything wrong or worthy of disciplinary action. Indeed, in further support of her belief of the collusion and conspiracy, Respondent signed a letter dated March 14, 2019 regarding her application for admission in the Federal Court in which she states that she sent a letter in which she "complained that the state appellate judge Murphy decided the issue of legal paternity through the collusion of opposing counsel, and

pressure on the juvenile court judge" and in the same letter Respondent accuses her opposing counsel of adding "other allegations to puff up the [disciplinary] complaint." Exhibit ODC 19 Her Federal Court suit alleges a conspiracy between opposing counsel and the ruling judges and alleges the corruption of the Louisiana legal system. As Timothy O'Rouke testified, the allegations in the letter Respondent sent were similar to those made in the Federal Court suit she filed against him, Ms. Treadway, Judge Burmaster and Judge Murphy. (Transcript page 123) Respondent did not introduce any evidence of an actual conspiracy or collusion at the hearing, just her own opinion and speculation. However, despite the lack of evidence to support the belief, Respondent must still believe there is collusion and a conspiracy because at the time of the hearing she was still pursuing her Federal Court suit without remorse. As she testified, "actually, I'm sorry because they have — they brought this against me." But she is not sorry that she made the allegations against them and has not stopped making the allegations. While Respondent states that she believes there was collusion, she did not prove it and the facts do not support it.

It cannot be said that Respondent was not zealous. The volumes of pleadings filed in the underlying litigation show that Respondent was in fact a very zealous advocate for her client. She testified that she wanted to get the job done for him and to see that his rights were protected. However, her zeal has a detrimental effect when it leads her to call opposing counsel and judges liars and to make slurs on their character, as Respondent continues to do even in her post trial memorandum.

The committee did not find many cases similar to this one factually to use as precedent to set a recommended sanction. *In re: Jesse Clarence Brown*; 2007-0995 (La. 10/17/2007); 967 So.2d 482 was a case in which there was a competency violation coupled with

lack of diligence which justified a public reprimand. As stated previously, diligence was not at issue here. However, the continued slurs and litigation against opposing counsel and Judge Murphy and Burmaster coupled with the competency violation do justify a harsher sanction than a public reprimand which will not aid Respondent in the continued practice of law in a professional manner.

In re: Gasper Schiro; 2004- 1647 (La. 11/15/2004); 886 So.2d 1117 and In Re: Darryl L. Robertson, 2017-B-1169 (11/28/17) 230 So.3d 193 both involve incompetence and neglect of client matters combined with prior disciplinary actions and substantial experience in the practice of law that resulted in suspension of one year with six months deferred and one year of unsupervised probation for Schiro and suspension for a year and a day for Robertson.

In re: J. Clemille Simon, 2004-2947 (La. 6/29/05); 913 So.2d 816 a lawyer who was found to knowlingly make false statements against a judge and showed no remorse was suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months with all but thirty days deferred. In this case, Respondent continues to call Judge Murphy and Judge Burmaster liars in pleadings and other writings after having produced no proof to support those allegations, thus this case warrants a more serious sanction.

In re: Christine M. Mire, 2015-B-1453 (La. 2/19/16); 197 SO.3d 656 is factually more similar to the case at hand. In that case the respondent was suspended from the practice of law for one year and one day, with six months deferred, followed by a two-year period of unsupervised probation with the condition that she attend Ethics School. The hearing committee finds that a two year probation with a probation monitor would be more a more appropriate sanction in this case than requiring Respondent to attend Ethics School as a probation monitor

would be available to Respondent to discuss her ethical and professional obligations related to the litigation she testified at the hearing that she intends to pursue.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the hearing committee finds that Respondent violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, 8.2 and 8.4(a). The Office of Disciplinary Counsel did not meet its burden of proving violations of Rules 3.1, 3.3 and 3.5 by clear and convincing evidence.

The hearing committee recommends a sanction of a one year suspension, with all but six months deferred conditioned on a two-year period of supervised probation. During the period of probation, Respondent should be supervised by a probation monitor who will meet with her monthly to monitor her practice and review her client files and any pleadings she signs. Respondent shall be assessed with the costs and expenses of the proceeding pursuant to Rule XIX, §10.1.

This opinion is unanimous and has been reviewed by each committee member, who fully concur and who have authorized Edythe L. Koonce, to sign on their behalf.

Bron Ray Louisiana, this 4 day of Drewber, 2019.

Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee # 27

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BY:

Edythe L. Koonce, Committee Chair

For the Committee

APPENDIX

Rule 1.1. Competence

- (a) A lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.
- (b) A lawyer is required to comply with the minimum requirements of continuing legal education as prescribed by Louisiana Supreme Court rule.
- (c) A lawyer is required to comply with all of the requirements of the Supreme Court's rules regarding annual registration, including payment of Bar dues, payment of the disciplinary assessment, timely notification of changes of address, and proper disclosure of trust account information or any changes therein.

Rule 3.1. Meritorious Claims and Contentions

A lawyer shall not bring or defend a proceeding, or assert or controvert an issue therein, unless there is a basis in law and fact for doing so that is not frivolous, which includes a good faith argument for an extension, modification or reversal of existing law. A lawyer for the defendant in a criminal proceeding, or the respondent in a proceeding that could result in incarceration, may nevertheless so defend the proceeding as to require that every element of the case be established.

Rule 3.3. Candor Toward the Tribunal

- (a) A lawyer shall not knowingly: (1) make a false statement of fact or law to a tribunal or fail to correct a false statement of material fact or law previously made to the tribunal by the lawyer; (2) fail to disclose to the tribunal legal authority in the controlling jurisdiction known to the lawyer to be directly adverse to the position of the client and not disclosed by opposing counsel; or (3) offer evidence that the lawyer knows to be false. If a lawyer, the lawyer's client, or a witness called by the lawyer, has offered material evidence and the lawyer comes to know of its falsity, the lawyer shall take reasonable remedial measures including, if necessary, disclosure to the tribunal. A lawyer may refuse to offer evidence, other than the testimony of a defendant in a criminal matter, that the lawyer reasonably believes is false.
- (b) A lawyer who represents a client in an adjudicative proceeding and who knows that a person intends to engage, is engaging or has engaged in criminal or fraudulent conduct related to the proceeding shall take reasonable remedial measures, including, if necessary, disclosure to the tribunal.
- (c) The duties stated in paragraphs (a) and (b) continue to the conclusion of the proceeding, and apply even if compliance requires disclosure of information otherwise protected by Rule 1.6.
- (d) In an ex parte proceeding, a lawyer shall inform the tribunal of all material facts known to the lawyer that will enable the tribunal to make an informed decision, whether or not the facts are adverse.

Rule 3.5. Impartiality and Decorum of the Tribunal

A lawyer shall not:

- (a) seek to influence a judge, juror, prospective juror or other official by means prohibited by law;
- (b) communicate ex parte with such a person during the proceeding unless authorized to do so by law or court order;
- (c) communicate with a juror or prospective juror after discharge of the jury if: (1) the communication is prohibited by law or court order; (2) the juror has made known to the lawyer a desire not to communicate; or (3) the communication involves misrepresentation, coercion, duress or harassment; or
- (d) engage in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal.

Rule 8.2. Judicial and Legal Officials

- (a) A lawyer shall not make a statement that the lawyer knows to be false or with reckless disregard as to its truth or falsity concerning the qualifications or integrity of a judge, adjudicatory officer or public legal officer, or of a candidate for election or appointment to judicial or legal office.
- (b) A lawyer who is a candidate for judicial office shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Rule 8.4. Misconduct

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

(a) Violate or attempt to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another; ...

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10	ODC-8N	Motion for Extension of Time, filed by ADA, Timothy O'Rourke; and Order granting	
11		Motion signed by Judge 6/18/2015;	
12	ODC-80	Answer to Third Amendment and Supplement to Original Petition, filed	
13		by opposing counsel 6/17/2015;	
14	ODC-8P	Writ Granted in Part and Denied in Part	
15		<pre>by Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, filed 7/31/2015;</pre>	
16	ODC-8Q	Order denying Writ of Certiorari and/or Review, 24th J.D.C., Parish of Jefferson,	
17		Case No. 711-419A; to the Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit Docket No., 15-C-395, issued	
18		9/04/2015;	
19	ODC-8R	Motion to Dismiss the Allegations Against DCFS Contained in Third Amendment to	
20		Petition and Motion to Rebut Finding of Judicial Confession to Signing "An	
21		Acknowledgment" Other than the Birth	
22		Certificate, filed by Respondent 10/7/2015. And, Order granting Motion signed by Judge 10/13/2015.	
23	ODC-8S	Memorandum in Support of Motion to Rebut	
24	000-05	Judicial Confession the Fifth Circuit	
25		Found in Its Disposition on the Writ Application from This Court, filed by	

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1		Respondent 10/7/2015;	
2	ODC-8T	First Motion and Order for Extension of Time Within Which to Plead, filed by	
3		Assistant Attorney General, Sonia Gupta, 10/29/2015. And, Order granting Motion	
4		signed by Judge 10/30/2015.	
5	ODC-8U	Transcript for Motions Hearing held 10/26/2015;	
6	ODC-9	PLEADINGS FILED IN THE 24TH JUDICIAL	
7		DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON filed in 2016	
8	ODC-9A	Judgment filed and signed by Judge	
9	020 011	2/1/2016, denying Motion to Dismiss Allegations Against DCFS Contained in	
10		the Third Amendment to the Petition and Motion to rebut Finding a Judicial	
11		Confession to Signing "An Acknowledgment" Other than the Birth Certificate;	
12 13	ODC-9B	Motion to Request Order Permitting Filing and Service of Amendment and Supplement,	
14		filed by Respondent 3/10/2016;	
15	ODC-9C	Fourth Amendment to Remove the Allegations Against DCFS That Were in	
		the Third Amendment and a Second	
16 17		Supplement to: 1) Request Nullification of Fifth Circuit's Ruling for Lack of Jurisdiction and for Fraud and Ill-Practice	
18		in the Writ Application, 2) Request a Finding that R.S. 9:406B(2) Is	
19		Unconstitutional, and 3) Request an Injunction Against Enforcement of the	
		Rulings, filed by Respondent 3/10/2016;	
20	ODC-9D	Memorandum in Support of Supplement	
21		to Add Petition to Nullify the Judgment of the Fifth Circuit Court of	
22		Appeal, filed by Respondent 3/10/2016. And Order denying Motion signed by Judge	
23		on 3/10/2016;	
24	ODC-9E	Petition for Nullification; 1) Request Nullification of Fifth Circuit's Ruling	
25		For Lack of Jurisdiction and for Fraud	

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1		and Ill-Practice in the Writ Application;
2		2) Request a Finding that R.S. 9:406B(2) Is Unconstitutional; and 3) Request an Injunction Against Enforcement of the
3		Ruling, filed by Respondent 3/10/2016. And, Order denying Petition signed by
4		Judge 3/10/2016;
5	ODC-9F	Exception of No Cause of Action, Res Judicata, and for Sanctions, filed by
6		opposing counsel 4/5/2016; Order granting Exception signed by Judge
7		4/5/2016; and Memorandum in Support of Exception of No Cause of Action, Res
8		Judicata and for Sanctions, filed by opposing counsel 4/5/2016;
9	ODC-9G	Rule to Show Cause Why Defendant's
10	020 70	Obligation to Pay Plaintiff's Costs for DNA Testing Should Not Be Made Executory
11		and Memorandum in Support of Rule to Show Cause Why Defendant's Obligation to Pay
12		Plaintiff's Costs for DNA Testing Should Not Be Made Executory, filed by Respondent
13		4/19/2016;
14	ODC-9H	Response to Exception of No Cause of Action, filed by Respondent 05/04/2016;
15	ODC-9I	Order filed into record by Respondent on
16		5/4/2016, signed by Judge May of 2015;
17	ODC-9J	Response to Rule to Show Cause Why Defendant's Obligation to Pay Plaintiff's
18		Costs for DNA Test Should Not Be Made Executory, filed by opposing counsel
19		5/8/2016;
20	ODC-9K	Judgment granting Exception and denying Request for Sanctions, filed 5/24/2016;
21	ODC-9L	Notice of Intention to Apply for
22		Supervisory Writ and Motion for the Setting of a Return Date for the Writ
23		Application, filed by Respondent 6/13/2016;
24	ODC-9M	Judgment ordering defendant to reimburse
25		Plaintiff's costs, filed 6/15/2016;

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1	ODC-9N	Notice of Intention to Appeal Devolutively and Motion for the Setting of a Return
2		Date for the Devolutive Appeal, filed by Respondent 6/22/2016;
3	ODC-90	Order to file DNA Test Results under seal,
4	ODC-90	filed 8/25/2016;
5	ODC-9P	Order to amend 5/24/2016 Judgment to include decretal language and supplement
6		the appellate record, filed 11/1/2016;
7	ODC-9Q	Amended Judgment granting Exception of No Cause of Action and the Res Judicata;
8		denying the Request for Sanctions; and dismissing the Petition of Nullification
9		with prejudice, filed 11/7/2016;
10	ODC-9R	Transcript of Motion Hearing 5/16/2016;
11	ODC-10	Transcript of Respondent's Investigative Sworn Statement taken at the Office of
12		Disciplinary Counsel 8/25/2016;
13	ODC-11	PLEADINGS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT, JEFFERSON PARISH in 2013
14 15	ODC-11A	Adoption of the Fifth Circuit's Ruling, "Defendant cannot set aside the
		Acknowledgment of Paternity as the
16		timeframe to set aside the acknowledgment expired prior to defendant filing his
17		request," with attachment (First Circuit Ruling), issued by Hearing Officer 8/1/2013;
18	ODC-11B	Petition for Annulment of Judgment, filed
19		by Respondent 8/26/2013;
20	ODC-11C	Motion to Obtain Transcript, filed by Respondent 9/3/2013. And, attached Order
21		granting Motion signed by Judge 9/4/2013;
22	ODC-11D	Amendment to Petition and Motion to Have It Filed and For Service with Citation
23		of the Original Petition and this Amending Petition, filed by Respondent
24		11/22/2013. And, attached Order denying Petition signed by Judge 11/25/2013;
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1	ODC-12	PLEADINGS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT, JEFFERSON PARISH in 2014	
2	000 103		
3	ODC-12A	Motion for Hearing, filed by Respondent 04/21/2014. And, attached Order signed by Judge 4/23/2014;	
4	ODC-12B	Request for Disagreement Hearing, filed by	
5		Respondent 6/2/2014. And, attached Order signed by Judge 6/3/2014;	
6 7	ODC-12C	Handwritten Memo in Support of Motion for Hearing 6/23, filed by Respondent	
8		6/2/2014;	
9	ODC-12D	JUVENILE COURT minutes 5/22/2014;	
10	ODC-12E	Memorandum in Support of this Court's Jurisdiction Over Action to Nullify	
11		Child Support Order, filed by Respondent 5/27/2014;	
12	ODC-12F	Minute Entry-Judgment, filed 7/9/2014;	
13	ODC-12G	Answers to Request for Production and Answers to Interrogatories, filed by	
14		Assistant District Attorney, John D. Fitzmorris, Jr., 9/11/2014;	
15 16	ODC-12H	Memorandum in Opposition to Defendant Mark Jenkins, Sr.'s, Memorandum on	
17		Nullification and Reimbursement, filed by	
18		Assistant District Attorney, John D. Fitzmorris, Jr., 9/11/2014;	
19	ODC-12I	Rule to Show Cause Why the Court Should Not Order the Appointment of an	
20		Expert to Calculate the Probability that Samuel Scott is the Father of Mark	
21		Jenkins, Jr., and Order the Department to Authorize DDC to Use Scott's DNA Report,	
22		filed by Respondent 8/14/2014. And, attached Order granting Rule signed by	
23		Judge 8/15/14;	
24	ODC-12J	Memorandum in Support of Authorization for Use of DNA Test Results of Samuel	
25		Scott and for Appointment of an Expert to	7.7

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1		Calculate the Probability that Samuel Scott is the Father of Mark Jenkins, Jr.,	
2		filed by Respondent 8/14/2014;	
3	ODC-12K	Memorandum on Nullification and Reimbursement, filed by Respondent	
4		8/14/2014;	
5	ODC-12L	JUVENILE COURT Minute Entry-Judgment 9/15/2014;	
6	ODC-12M	Motion to Stop Payment of Past-Due and	
7 8		for Correction of Minutes, filed by Respondent 10/24/14. And, attached Order setting matter for Contradictory Hearing	
9		signed by Judge 10/30/2014;	
_	ODC-12N	Motion to Obtain Transcript, filed by	
10		Respondent 11/24/2014. And, attached Order denying Motion;	
11	ODC-120	Rule to Show Cause Why DCFS Should Not	
12		Be Ordered to Return All Income Tax Returns Seized and Payments Demanded for	
13 14		Past-Due Support Without Due Process of Law and in Contempt of Court, filed by Respondent 12/30/2014. And, attached	
15		Order denying Motion;	
16	ODC-13	PLEADINGS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT, JEFFERSON PARISH in 2015	
17	ODC-13A	JUVENILE COURT Minute Entry for Rule to Show Cause hearing 1/12/2015;	
18	ODC-13B	Motion to Dismiss the Order for Support	
19	ODC-13B	of Effective Retroactively to February	
20		15, 2012; Order setting matter for Rule to Show Cause hearing signed by Judge	
21		2/9/2015. And, Memorandum in Support of the Dismissal of the Support Order Effective February 15, 2012, and for	
22		Computation of Arrearage Using That Date, filed by Respondent 2/4/2015;	
23	opg 13g	Rule to Show Cause Why the DNA Test Report	
24	ODC-13C	in the Court's Record or Another Case Should Not Be Released to the District Court for	
25		Evidence in the Trial to Prove Fraud	

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1		and for a Possible Order for Calculation	
2		of the Probability of Paternity from the Report, filed by Respondent 2/4/2015; Order granting Rule signed by Judge; and	
3		Memorandum in Support of Rule to Show Cause Why the DNA Information in the	
4		Court Record on a Non-Party Should Not Be Released to the District Court;	
5	ODC-13D	JUVENILE COURT Minute Entry-Judgment for	
6		Rule hearing held 2/23/15;	
7	ODC-13E	Motion to Dismiss the Order for Support Effective the Day It Was Rendered, filed	
8		by Respondent 2/13/2015. And, attached Order granting Motion signed by Judge;	
9	ODC-13F	Memorandum to Correct the Date Requested	
10		for Retroactive Effect of the Dismissal of Support, filed by Respondent 2/20/2015;	
11	ODC-13G	Motion and Order for Appeal, filed by	
12	020 130	Respondent 3/9/2015. And, Order granting Appeal signed by Judge 3/11/2015;	
13	ODC-13H	Motion for New Trial and to Stop All	
14		Payments to Jackson Since with A Void of Contract There is No Arrearage, filed	
15		by Respondent 3/02/2015. And, attached Order denying Motion, signed by Judge.	
16	ODC-13I	Memorandum in Support of New Trial on	
17		Issue of Whether in the Event Plaintiff Loses oof then Issue of Fraud in the	
18		District Court, Dismissal of the Order for Support Should be Retroactive to the Date	
19		of Filing of the Petition, filed by Respondent 3/2/2015;	
20	ODC-13J	Ex Parte Motion for Order Dismissing the	
21	000-130	Order for Income Assignment, filed by Respondent 3/2/2015;	
22	ODC-13K	Correspondence to Marcotte from	
23	02C 13K	Respondent 5/28/2015;	
24	ODC-13L	Memorandum Showing That Mark Jenkins Never Became the Legal Father of the	
25		Child, filed by Respondent 6/8/2015;	

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1	ODC-13M	Memorandum to Show that the Alteration	
2		of a Birth Certificate Was Proper; The Birth Certificate is Irrelevant to the	
3		Issue of Whether Jenkins is the Legal Father and a Continuance Should not be Granted, filed by Respondent 6/8/2015;	
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5	ODC-13N	Motion to Return the Record Sent to This Court by Mistake or Motion to Dismiss, filed by Respondent 6/8/2015;	
6	ODC-130	Order returning record to Juvenile Court,	
7		signed by Judge 6/11/2015;	
8	ODC-13P	Memorandum filed by opposing counsel 6/12/2015;	
9	ODC-13Q	JUVENILE COURT Minute Entry-Judgment for	
10		Status Hearing held 6/15/2015;	
11	ODC-14	PLEADINGS FILED IN THE FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL IN DOCKET NO. 13-C-296	
12	ODC-14A	Application for Writs filed 4/8/2013;	
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14	ODC-14B	Writ Granted in Part: Remanded, signed by Appellate Court Judges 5/14/2013;	
15	ODC-14C	Supreme Court Ruling issued to Appellate Court denying Supervisory	
16		and/or Remedial Writs, 8/22/2013;	
17	ODC-15	PLEADING FILED IN THE FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL IN DOCKET NO. 15-CA293	
18	ODC-15A	Motion to Dismiss an Interlocutory	
19	000 1011	Appeal from the 24th Judicial District Court, Case No. 711-419, Division "A,"	
20		The Honorable Raymond S. Steib Presiding, filed by Respondent 5/11/2015;	
21	ODC-15B	Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss	
22	020 102	Defendants' Appeal, filed by Respondent 5/11/2015;	
23	ODC-15C	Order to show cause why appeal should	
24		not be dismissed, signed by Judge 5/13/2015;	
25	ODC-15D	Brief in Support of Appeal Filed on Behalf	

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1		of Defendant-Appellant, Latasha Jackson, filed by opposing counsel 5/18/2015;	
2	ODC-15E	Order dismissing appeal signed by Fifth	
3		Circuit Judge 5/26/2015;	
4	ODC-16	PLEADINGS FILED IN THE FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL IN DOCKET NO. 16-CA-482	
5	ODC-16A	Plaintiff Mark Anthony Jenkins's Brief in	
6	000 1011	Support of Appeal, filed by Respondent 9/16/2016;	
7	ODC-16B	Original Brief on Behalf of	
8		Defendant-Appellate Latasha Jackson, filed by opposing counsel 11/14/2016;	
9	ODC-16C	Order issued in the Fifth Circuit, signed by	
10		Appellate Court Judges 11/1/2016;	te Court Judges 11/1/2016;
11	ODC-16D	Fifth Circuit Court Opinion issued 2/22/2017;	
12	ODC-16E	Plaintiff/Appellant's Request for Reconsideration, filed by Respondent	
13		3/9/2017;	
14	ODC-16F	Order denying Request for Reconsideration 3/22/2017;	
15	ODC-17	PLEADINGS FILED IN THE LOUISIANA SUPREME	
16		COURT	
17	ODC-17A	Order denying Respondent's untimely filing of Supervisory and/or Remedial Writs, 24th	
18		J.D.C., Parish of Jefferson, Case No. 711-419A; to the Court of Appeal, Fifth	
19		Circuit, Docket No. 13-C-296, issued 8/22/2013;	
20	ODC-17B	Application or Write of Certiorari, filed	
21	ODC-17B	by Respondent in Louisiana Supreme Court 8/28/2015, in connection with Docket No.	
22		15-CJ-1622;	
23	ODC-17C	Order denying Writ of Certiorari and/or	
24		Review, 24th J.D.C., Parish of Jefferson, Case No. 711-419A; to the Court of Appeal,	
25		Fifth Circuit, Docket No. 15-C-395,	

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1		issued 9/4/2015;	
2	ODC-17D	Application for Writ of Certiorari in Connection with the Disposition of the	
3		Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, the Granting of Exceptions of No Nullification,	
4		filed by Respondent 4/21/2017, in connection with Docket No. 17-C-652;	
5	ODC-17E	Order denying Writ of Certiorari and/or	
6		Review, 24th J.D.C., Parish of Jefferson, Case No. 711-419A; to the Court of Appeal,	
7		Fifth Circuit, Docket No. 16-C-482, issued 9/6/2017;	
8	ODC-18	Complaint lodged with United States	
9		District Court Eastern District of Louisiana, by Respondent 3/22/2018;	
10	ODC-19	Respondent's Application for Admission	
11	000 13	to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 3/14/2019;	
12	ODC-20	Chronological index of pleadings filed by	
13	020 20	Respondent in underlying civil matters.	
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15	RESPONDEN	T EXHIBIT BINDER PAGE 25	
16	R.1	La. R.S. 40:46.1D "Hospital-based paternity program";	
17	R.2	La. C.C. Art. 203 Formal Acknowledgments;	
18	R.3	La. R.S. 46:236.1.2 "Family and child	
19	11.5	support programs; responsibilities": to establish paternity;	
20	R.4	La. R.S. 46:236.1.7 liability for gross	
21	K.4	negligence or recklessness, wanton, or intentional misconduct;	
22	R.5	Hearing Officer Recommendation and	
23		Order for Support, 1997;	
24	R.6	Letter f. DHH;	
25	ODC-5A	Petition for Revocation of Acknowledgment	