2024PR00073

BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD OF THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

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ATTORNEY-RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT AND RULE 231 DISCLOSURES

NOW COMES Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, and for his answer to the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint (2024PR000073) and Rule 231 Disclosures states as follows:

COUNT I

(Conviction for Violation of an Order of Protection)

1. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint. In further answer, Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits that on September 3, 2021, Kane County Judge Julia Yetter issued a stalking no contact order pursuant to 740 ILCS 21/1 captioned as *E.T. vs. Joshua Whitt* and docketed in the circuit court of Kane County as case number 2021OP808. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the stalking no contact order prohibited Attorney-Respondent from contacting E.T. "in anyway directly, indirectly or

1/24/2025 8:23 AM ARDC Clerk through third parties, including, but not limited to phone, written notes, mail, email, or fax." Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits to being served with the stalking no contact order on or about September 4, 2021.

- 2. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 3. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint as the criminal complaint in 2021CM1662 is a legal instrument and speaks for itself.
- 4. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 5. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 6. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 7. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, can neither admit nor deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint as Paragraph 7 states a conclusion of law based on the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 6 of the Complaint.

COUNT II

(Conviction for Electronic Harassment)

- 8. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 9. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint as the criminal complaint in 2021CM533 is a legal instrument and speaks for itself.
- 10. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 11. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 12. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 13. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, can neither admit nor deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint as Paragraph 13 states a conclusion of law based on the allegations contained in Paragraphs 8 12 of the Complaint.

COUNT III

(Conviction for Attempted Disorderly Conduct)

14. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.

- 15. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 16. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint as the criminal complaint referenced therein is a legal instrument and speaks for itself.
- 17. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint as the criminal complaint in 2023CF753 is a legal instrument and speaks for itself.
- 18. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 19. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 20. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint.
- 21. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, can neither admit nor deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission's Complaint as Paragraph 21 states a conclusion of law based on the allegations contained in Paragraphs 14 20 of the Complaint.

Rule 231 Disclosures

22. Pursuant to Rule 231(a), Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, was admitted

to practice law in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on

December 18, 2003. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, was admitted to practice pro

hac vice before the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals in certain matters pending

before the Administrative Hearings Division on or about March 17, 2021. Those matters have

been settled and dismissed with prejudice. Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, has never

been admitted to practice law before any other state court, federal court or administrative agency

or admitted before the bar of any foreign country.

23. Pursuant to Rule 231(b), Attorney-Respondent, Joshua Stuart Whitt, has never

received any other professional licenses or certificates.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Stuart Whitt, Attorney-

Respondent

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