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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In re

ERNEST SAADIQ MORRIS,
Lawyer (Bar No. 32201).

Supreme Court No. _____

DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL
DECLARATION

I, Linda B. Eide, declare and state:

1. I am the disciplinary counsel assigned to the disciplinary proceedings against Respondent lawyer Ernest Saadiq Morris. This statement is submitted in support of a petition for Mr. Morris's immediate interim suspension for non-cooperation with a disciplinary investigation. It is based on my personal knowledge or my review of relevant files.

2. On April 6, 2016, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) received a grievance against Mr. Morris from Wendy Flowers, who paid Mr. Morris to handle a legal matter for her. She had been unable to reach Mr. Morris for months.

3. On April 7, 2016, ODC mailed the Flowers grievance to Mr. Morris's address of record on file with the Washington State Bar Association (Association), a Seattle post office box. It requested a grievance response within 30 days. He failed to respond. ODC's April 7, 2016 correspondence has not been returned to us as undeliverable.

4. On May 11, 2016, ODC sent another letter to Mr. Morris's address of record requiring a response within ten days. That letter was returned marked "unclaimed." A true and correct copy of that letter is attached as Exhibit A to this declaration.

5. Later, the post office returned as "unclaimed" a May 25, 2016 letter mailed to Mr. Morris's address of record. A true and correct copy of that letter is attached as Exhibit B to this declaration.

6. When Exhibits A and B were returned to ODC as "unclaimed," ODC investigator Jesse Burnham attempted to locate Morris as detailed in the Burnham Declaration. He was unsuccessful.

7. Recently, on July 7, 2016, a second client, Carmen Vernando-Wix, filed a grievance against Morris. She reported that she cannot reach Morris, as telephone numbers she had for him are disconnected.

8. In addition to the two grievances noted above, ODC's Consumer Affairs Coordinator has fielded calls from clients of Mr. Morris. Most recently, ODC's Consumer Affairs Coordinator has been unable to reach Morris.

9. On July 1, 2016, when I called Morris's telephone number of record on file with the Association, a recording advised: "number is not in service."

10. On July 15, 2016, I sent an email message to Mr. Morris's email address of record on file with the Association, advising him that if he failed to respond to the Flowers grievance by July 19, 2016, I would seek his interim suspension. He has not responded. He has not updated his contact information as requested in the email. A true and correct copy of the email is attached as Exhibit C to this declaration.

11. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

July 16, 2016 Seattle
Date & Place WA

Linda B. Eide
Linda B. Eide, Bar No. 10637
Managing Disciplinary Counsel



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OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Felice P. Congalton
Associate Director

May 11, 2016

Ernest Saadiq Morris
Attorney at Law
PO Box 45637
Seattle, WA 98145-0637

Re: ODC File: 16-00536
Grievance filed by Wendy Flowers

Dear Mr. Morris:

We asked you to provide a written response to the above referenced grievance. To the best of our knowledge, your response, which is required by Rule 5.3(b) of the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC), has not been received.

Under ELC 5.3(h), you must file a written response to the allegations of this grievance within ten days of this letter, i.e., on or before **May 24, 2016**. If we do not receive your response within the ten-day period, we will subpoena you for a deposition. If we must serve a subpoena, you will be liable for the costs of the deposition, including service of process, and attorney fees of \$500. You should be aware that failing to respond is, in itself, grounds for discipline and may subject you to interim suspension under ELC 7.2(a)(3).

Sincerely,

Felice P. Congalton
Associate Director

cc: Wendy Flowers





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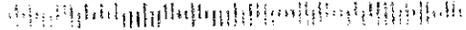
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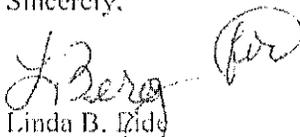
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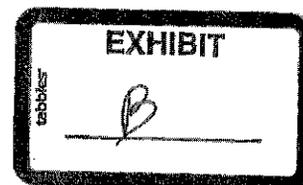
Re: Grievance of Wendy Flowers against Lawyer Ernest Saadiq Morris
ODC File No. 16-00536

Dear Ms. Flowers and Mr. Morris:

I have been assigned to complete this investigation. Please direct all inquiries and correspondence to me. If you use email, please use my email address, lndae@wsba.org, instead of caa@wsba.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Linda B. Eide
Managing Disciplinary Counsel





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Linda Eide

From: Linda Eide
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 11:16 AM
To: 'Justice@DefendMyRight.com'
Subject: 16-00536

Dear Mr. Morris:

We have received no response to the grievance filed by Wendy Flowers. After we forwarded the grievance to you, mail sent to your post office box address in Seattle has been returned as undeliverable. The telephone number listed on your WSBA profile page is no longer in service.

Rule 13 of the Admission to Practice Rules requires Washington lawyers to update their mailing addresses and telephone numbers within 10 days of a change. Please make the necessary changes through the WSBA website "MyWSBA" page or call WSBA and ask for our customer service center (206/443-WSBA or 1-800-945-WSBA).

Based on your failure to respond the Flowers grievance, I will seek your immediate interim suspension. If you want to discuss this, please call me by Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

Linda B. Eide
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ODC INVESTIGATOR
DECLARATION

I, Jesse Burnham, declare and state:

1. I am the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) investigator assigned to locate Respondent Ernest Saadiq Morris.
2. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Washington State Bar Association (Association) Lawyer Directory Profile Page for Ernest Saadiq Morris. It lists a Seattle post office box as his official address.
3. The telephone number listed on the profile page is "not in service."
4. When the post office returned as undeliverable mail sent to Morris's official address, I attempted to locate Morris.
5. Association records listed only the same Seattle post office box as Morris's home address. Association records showed that in 2011,

Morris changed his home address from a physical address in Austin, Texas, to the post office box address listed on his profile page.

6. Association records once listed an agent for service of process with a Seattle address. When I called the listed agent, she advised that she did not know Morris had listed her as an agent for service of process. She did provide a different telephone number for Morris. On June 16, 2016, I called that number and left a message identifying myself and requesting a return telephone call. Morris failed to respond.

7. The Association's Continuing Legal Education department had recorded an address for Morris in Austin Texas with the Texas Civil Rights Project. But Morris's AVVO listing showed that he last worked there in 2007. Morris is not listed as a Texas lawyer. In various internet searches, I did not locate information showing that Morris is admitted in any other jurisdiction.

8. I spoke with Wendy Flowers, who filed a grievance against Morris. She met with him only once, at a grocery store, and never knew if he had a physical office. Since early this year, she has had no response to her telephone calls and emails to Morris.

9. I checked local district and municipal court records and did not find any upcoming court hearings with Morris listed as the attorney of record.

10. In addition, I reviewed a printout of Morris's statewide cases filed in a superior court. The most recent filing in February 2016 shows contact information for Morris identical to that shown on the profile page.

11. Morris's profile page lists www.urbanyouthjustice.org as one of his websites. The first line of that website identifies Morris as the director of Urban Youth Justice. A Facebook page maintained by Morris remains active and includes recent posts by Urban Youth Justice. Exhibits B and C are true and correct copies of the Urban Youth Justice website and the Facebook page with recent posts to that page from Urban Youth Justice.

12. As of this writing, Morris has failed to provide the Association with an updated telephone number or physical address.

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing declaration is true and correct.

7/26/16 Seattle, WA
Date and Place

Jesse Burnham
Jesse Burnham
Investigator
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Seattle, WA 98101-2539

Leadership

Ernest Saadiq Morris, Esq. is director of Urban Youth Justice Initiative (Urban Youth Justice), a self-funded not-for-profit public education and advocacy initiative that he created to focus on the advancement and protection of equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity of African-American youth, and similarly disadvantaged urban area youth (e.g., students with Special Needs and immigrant and English Learner students) through public education by youth & community outreach and advocacy.

Ernest Saadiq Morris is an expert on school-to-prison pipeline issues and passionate advocate on the intersection of racial justice, critical race theory, and critical youth theory. His cutting-edge youth rights commentary and policy analysis advances critical thought on the law and policy affecting disadvantaged urban youth.

As a youth and civil rights attorney, his multiple defeats of the school-to-prison pipeline began in 2004. He has prevented emergency expulsions, suspensions and coordinated the largest successful mass student defense campaign to date (of over 100 mostly Hispanic students in Round Rock, Texas from 2006-2007) from school discipline and criminal prosecutions for a youth-led organized protest during school hours.

As a featured speaker and panelist in schools and at youth organization events (e.g., the Texas NAACP Convention, Las Vegas National Hip Hop Political Convention, Hip Hop Congress, and Texas Junior Statesman of America), Ernest Saadiq Morris presents dynamic social justice empowerment workshops and seminars to many diverse student audiences (junior high to college) in Seattle, Portland, Las Vegas, Austin and Los Angeles.

Ernest Saadiq Morris has also developed comprehensive formal education and training programs for schools (students and staff) on creating a classroom to school-wide culture of diversity and inclusion, including peer-based restorative justice; and youth leadership and empowerment skills training for self-advocacy.

A 1999 graduate of Howard University School of Law, Ernest clerked for the late Honorable Franklin D. Burgess, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Washington. Ernest is also co-chair of the Education Civil Rights subcommittee of the American Bar Association Children's Rights Litigation Committee.

Some of the community education and empowerment activities for youth and their communities that Mr. Morris has provided over the years:



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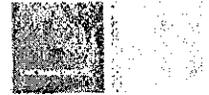
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City Fires Investigator Who Found Cops At Fault In Shootings

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE
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DECLARATION

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify if called as a witness in these proceedings. I make the statements in this declaration from personal knowledge.

2. On July 26, 2016, I caused true and correct copies of the Disciplinary Counsel Declaration, ODC Investigator Declaration and the Petition for Interim Suspension to be mailed to Ernest Saadiq Morris at his official address, Post Office Box 45637, Seattle, Washington 98145-0637 by first class mail, postage prepaid. In addition, I emailed the same documents to him at his official email address: Justice@DefendMyRight.com.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

July 26, 2016 Seattle
Date and Place WA


Linda B. Eide

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Cc: Justice@DefendMyRight.com; Linda Eide <lindae@wsba.org>; Allison Sato <Allisons@wsba.org>
Subject: In re Ernest Saadiq Morris, Bar # 32201

Please file the attached documents for In re Ernest Saadiq Morris, Bar No. 32201:

1. July 26, 2016 Cover Lette;
2. ODC's Petition for Interim Suspension;
3. Disciplinary Counsel Declaration;
4. ODC Investigator Declaration; and
5. Declaration of Service.

Thank you.

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