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*VIA: Email*

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Re: Notice of Determination Not to Investigate a Complaint

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This Office acknowledges receipt of your complaint dated October 25, 2023, and received in this Office April 4, 2024, concerning the professional conduct of certain attorneys (AO, AR, AF, JAM, LK).

Please be advised that the function of the Attorney Grievance Committee is to investigate acts of professional misconduct committed by attorneys. When a complaint is received, it is reviewed to determine if the allegations involve behavior which could constitute professional misconduct by the attorney. An attorney may be found to have engaged in professional misconduct if it can be proven that an ethical rule or law was violated. If there is a sufficient basis to conduct an investigation, the matter will be assigned for investigation. However, pursuant to the Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters, §1240.7(d)(1)(i), there are instances where, after initial screening, the Chief Attorney may decline to investigate a complaint due to other reasons. After reviewing your complaint, it has been determined that it does not state a complaint of professional misconduct.

If it is your feeling that your legal rights need protection, it is recommended that you consult with an attorney of your own choosing. This Office is not permitted to give you legal advice or act as your attorney.

Therefore, although your efforts are appreciated, this Office is unable to assist you. Please be advised that pursuant to Rule §1240.7(e)(3) you may submit a written request for reconsideration of this determination by correspondence addressed to the Chair of the Committee and sent to the address

listed above **within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter. Your written request for reconsideration should include additional information and/or argument not previously submitted with your complaint. If you seek reconsideration, please allow up to ninety days for processing your request.**

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MADuffy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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