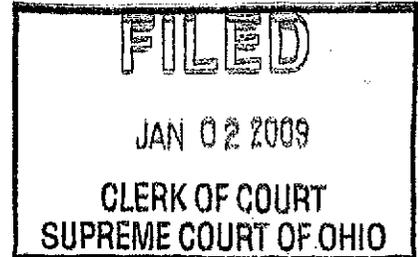


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

*In re:* :  
*Complaint against* :  
KENNETH J. LEWIS, ESQ., : No.: 08-2068  
Respondent, :  
by :  
MEDINA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, :  
Relator. :



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**MEDINA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S RESPONSE TO**  
**KENNETH J. LEWIS' OBJECTIONS**

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NOW COMES the Medina County Bar Association, by and through undersigned Counsel, and hereby, submits its Response to *Respondent Kenneth J. Lewis' Objections to Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline*. The Medina County Bar Association fully agrees and adopts the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio. The response is set forth more fully below.

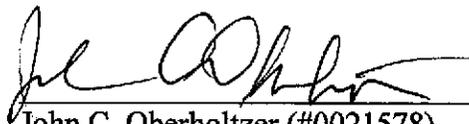
On April 14, 2008, a complaint was filed against the Respondent, Kenneth J. Lewis, alleging that he forged the signature of Berea Municipal Court Judge, Mark L. Comstock, on a Judgment Entry granting Respondent's client occupational driving privileges on a suspended license. On May 12, 2008, the Secretary for the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio (the "Board") appointed the hearing panel in this matter. A hearing on the complaint was held on August 27, 2008. Pursuant to Gov. Bar Rule

V(6)(L), the Board considered the matter on October 3, 2008, and, based on the fraud on the trial court and the Respondent's lack of candor before the hearing panel, recommended that the Respondent be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years.

As set forth by the Board Panel, the Supreme Court of Ohio has stated that a violation of DR 1-102(A)(4) usually requires an actual suspension from the practice of law for an appropriate period of time, unless mitigating factors warrant a lesser sanction. In response, the Respondent cited several cases from other jurisdictions in which attorneys received lesser sanctions for forging judge's signatures. However, as distinguished by the Panel, those cited cases were not from Ohio and were not factually similar to the case at hand. Furthermore, the mitigating factors in this case were not factually similar. Specifically, the Panel found that the Respondent's testimony during the hearing lacked truthfulness and candor, and therefore, felt that the given sanction was warranted.

The Medina County Bar Association agrees with this recommendation and respectfully requests an opportunity to be heard at the oral hearing on January 20, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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