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THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Akron Bar Association,  
Relator,  
v.  
Sheri Lynn Holda,  
Respondent.

Case No.: 2009-2080

RESPONSE TO ORDER  
TO SHOW CAUSE

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Now comes the Respondent, Sheri Lynn Holda, *pro se*, and hereby responds to the Order of this Court to show cause why she should not be held in contempt for failure to pay board costs in this matter in the amount of \$1,329.15, on or before July 6, 2010.

For cause, Respondent states as follows:

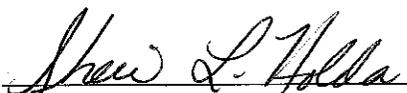
Respondent has not been in a position to be able to pay the board costs to date, in part due to the costs of this case, in part due to complying with the Akron Bar Association's expressed wishes that she not engage in full time private practice, and in part due to her family financial situation. Respondent has taken a part-time instructor position with Fortis College, earning only \$20.00 per hour, substantially less than she made in her private practice prior to this case. She is limiting her case load to only a very few, minor cases at any given time, which, again, restricts her earning capacity. Respondent's spouse is employed at The University of Akron as a full time Associate Professor, but is only paid at the end of each month for nine months of the year, from September through May. Usually, funds would be set aside for the summer, but paying a retainer to her legal counsel in the case, reimbursing the complainants, and dropping most of her clients due to the stress and uncertainty of the outcome of this case, caused Respondent to be unable to cover her summer bills, let alone the amount owed for board costs. Respondent will be receiving payment within the next thirty days from a client on a completed divorce, as soon as he is able to access his retirement funds. This will permit Respondent to pay the \$1,329.15 due in full, plus any interest that may be accruing on this amount. Respondent has not willfully failed to pay this

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debt, but is in severe financial straits that have prevented her from doing so. Had the funds been available to her, Respondent would have paid this debt long ago (see Affidavit of Respondent incorporated herein by reference)

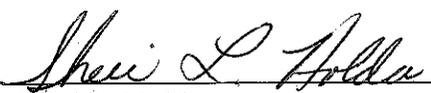
Wherefore, Respondent prays that the Court not find her in contempt of its orders for failure to pay, and gives Respondent an additional thirty days from the date of this Response to pay the amount owed to the Board in full.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing pleading has been sent via regular U.S. mail this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010, to Counsel for Relator, the Akron Bar Association, at 57 S. Broadway, Akron, OH 44308.

  
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Sheri L. Holda