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IN the SUPREME COURT of OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel,

Relator,

v.

Richard Vincent Hoppel,

Respondent

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Case Number 2010-1805  
Disciplinary Action

Board of Commissioners on Grievances  
and Discipline of the Supreme Court of  
Ohio  
Case Number 09-068

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RESPONDENT'S MOTION to SUPPLEMENT the RECORD

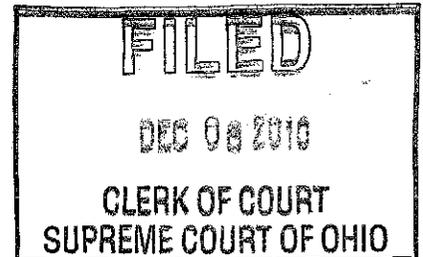
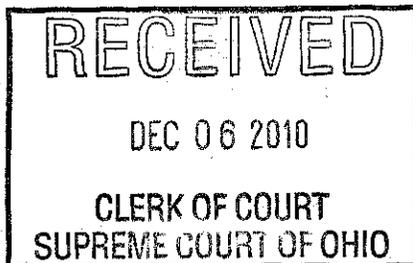
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Counsel for Relator



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NOW COMES the Respondent by and through undersigned Counsel and hereby moves this Honorable Court for an Order permitting Respondent to Supplement the Record with limited mitigation evidence, contained in the attached affidavit, relevant to the disposition of this matter which was unavailable for the Panel or the Board to consider at the time of the Panel hearing of May 18, 2010.

The reasons in support of the application are more fully set forth in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,



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## MEMORANDUM

Relator, Disciplinary Counsel filed their formal complaint in this matter and Respondent fully answered that complaint. A hearing was held before a three member panel of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline on May 18, 2010 and testimony and evidence were taken. The Panel made a recommendation of an Indefinite Suspension and the Board adopted that recommendation in its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

After this Court issued its order to show cause Respondent filed objections to the Board's report along with this instant application to present additional mitigation evidence. This application is being made pursuant to Gov. Bar R V, Section 11(D) which in relevant part states:

The process and procedure under this rule and regulations approved by the Supreme Court shall be as summary as reasonably may be. Amendments to any complaint, notice, answer, objections, report, or order to show cause may be made at any time prior to the final order of the Supreme Court. The party affected by the amendment shall be given reasonable time to meet any new matter presented. (Emphasis added.)

Gov Bar R V, Section 11(D). Additionally there is precedent for permitting Respondents to supplement the record at the stage of the proceedings where the court has issued its order to show cause. In the case of *Columbus Bar Association v. Milless*, 96 Ohio St.3d 74, 2002-Ohio-3455, the Respondent did not answer the complaint, and the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline referred relator's motion for default to a master commissioner who found Respondent had failed to refund unearned retainers and had neglected a matter. The Board adopted the master commissioner's recommendation of an indefinite suspension of Respondent's license. This court permitted Respondent to supplement the record with considerable mitigation evidence and this court imposed a stayed one year suspension instead of the indefinite suspension recommended by the Board.

In the present case the Respondent has fully cooperated with the disciplinary process and provided all information requested by Relator assisting with the investigation in the matter, fully answered the complaint and actively participated in the hearing before the Panel. However, Respondent was unable to present the mitigation evidence that he now seeks to supplement the

record with for the reason that at that time Respondent did not have the ability to present that evidence. However, consistent with the procedural rules and case law, Respondent should be permitted to supplement the record and his efforts and full cooperation in the disciplinary process should be afforded some weight in this court's consideration. Respondent has paid full restitution consistent with the allegations set forth in the Complaint of Relator and the Report of the Board (See Affidavit of Richard V. Hoppel, attached hereto and incorporated herein). Should this court determine that additional restitution is warranted, Respondent will comply as soon as possible with any order of restitution.

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully urges this court to issue an order permitting Respondent to supplement the record with additional evidence regarding Respondent's payment of restitution to the individuals and entities named in Relator's Complaint and the Report of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



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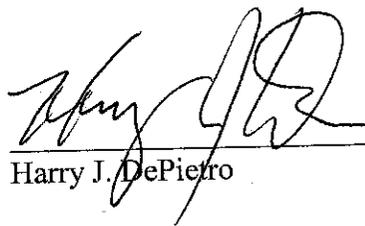
CERTIFICATE of SERVICE

I do hereby certify that on the 02<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2010 I did serve a copy of the foregoing Motion to Supplement the Record upon the following persons or entities by regular US Mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

Jonathon E. Coughlan, Disciplinary Counsel  
Heather L. Hissom, Asst Disciplinary Counsel  
250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-7411  
[coughlanj@sconet.state.oh.us](mailto:coughlanj@sconet.state.oh.us)  
[hissomh@sconet.state.oh.us](mailto:hissomh@sconet.state.oh.us)

Jonathon W. Marshall, Esq.  
The Supreme Court of Ohio  
Board of Commissioners on  
Grievances and Discipline  
65 South Front Street  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus OH 43215-3431

Dated: 02 Dec 2010



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**AFFIDAVIT of RICHARD VINCENT HOPPEL, ESQ**

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STATE of OHIO )

) ss

COUNTY of TRUMBULL )

The undersigned, being first duly sworn and cautioned, states that he has personal knowledge of the facts in the Affidavit and is competent to testify regarding same.

Affiant states as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law, licensed to practice law in Ohio on May 16, 1994. My present business address is 7 West Liberty Street, Girard, Ohio 44420;

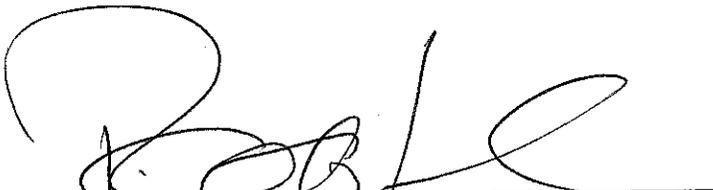
2. I have paid full restitution to all persons or entities identified in Relator's Complaint and the Report of the Board. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference are true and accurate copies of correspondence and copies of personal checks drawn on the account of my father Herman E. Hoppel, as well as receipts provided to Respondent from each of the clients that he personally delivered the checks and letters of apology to, postal confirmation

of receipt of those letters and one letter from the Client Security Fund tendering Respondent's payment and letter to that person. Should the Ohio Supreme Court determine that I owe additional restitution I will make every effort to pay that restitution as soon as possible;

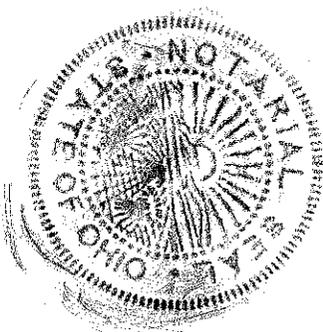
3. I was unable to procure this loan from my father prior to his sale of a herd of cattle to provide me with these funds and this did not occur until late October, 2010.

Further Affiant Sayeth Naught.

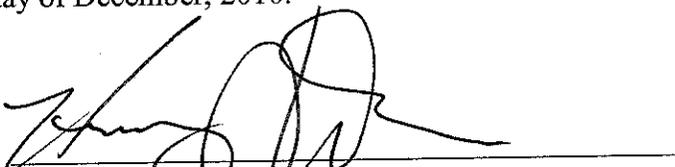
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Date

  
Richard Vincent Hoppel, Esq.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2010.



[Seal]

  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Harry J. DePietro  
Notary Public  
My commission has  
no expiration date

Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.  
7 West Liberty Street  
Girard OH 44420  
(330) 545-6900  
[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Ms. Gloria Hawkey  
49490 S. Meadowbrook Circle  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Ms. Hawkey:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,



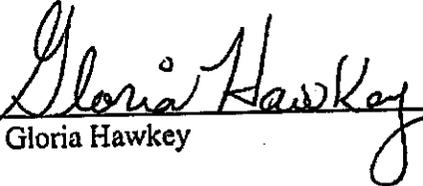
Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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RECEIPT

On November 13, 2010 Gloria Hawkey received from Richard Hoppel check number 6714 in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11-13-10

  
Gloria Hawkey

Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.  
7 West Liberty Street  
Girard OH 44420  
(330) 545-6900  
[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Romano  
419 Vine Street  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Anthony and Krista:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

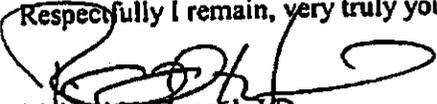
As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you or your family the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there such as John Drumm, your current attorney that cleaned up my mess, that do their job they way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

  
Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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On November 13, 2010 I Anthony Romano received from Richard Hoppel check number 6712 in the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four dollars (\$1,474.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11-13-10

  
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Anthony Romano

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7 West Liberty Street  
Girard OH 44420  
(330) 545-6900  
[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. David Fusco  
588 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Fusco:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-am apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

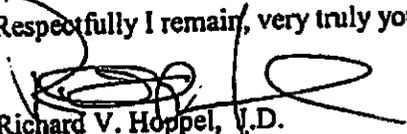
As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you or your family the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would ever have gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. They way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

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Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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On November 13, 2010 David Fusco received from Richard Hoppel check number 6719 in the amount of Five Hundred Ninety dollars (\$590.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11-13-10

MCS. David Fusco  
David Fusco

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[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Ms. Cynthia Robb  
48257 State Route 14  
New Waterford OH 44445

Re: My Apology

Dear Ms. Robb:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your legal proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

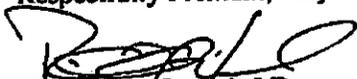
As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you the time, money and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job they way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

  
Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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On November 13, 2010 I Cynthia Robb received from Richard Hoppel check number 6710 in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five dollars as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11/13/10

Cynthia Robb  
CYNTHIA ROBB

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[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Ms. Nadene Dorsey  
1313 Riverview Street  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Ms. Dorsey:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

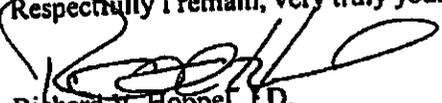
As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you or your family the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this. I hope that your son has not suffered as the result of my actions.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

  
Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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On November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Nadene Dorsey received from Richard Hoppel check number 6716 in the amount of Nine Hundred dollars (\$900.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11-13-10

Nadene Dorsey  
Nadene Dorsey

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November 12, 2010

Ms. Tammy Bauer  
876 Grandview  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Tammy:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent your mom in her bankruptcy proceeding the way that she should have been represented.

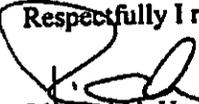
As you are aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you or your mom the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God. Wendy and Addie have been the best influence a man could ask for!

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

  
Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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On November 13, 2010 I Tammy Bauer received from Richard Hoppel check number 6711 in the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11-13-2010

Tammy Bauer  
TAMMY BAUER

Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.  
7 West Liberty Street  
Girard OH 44420  
(330) 545-6900  
[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Ms. Marsha Watson  
952 Ambrose Avenue  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Ms. Watson:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

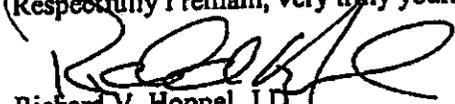
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I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

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On November 13, 2010 Marsha Watson received from Richard Hoppel check number 6721 in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five dollars (\$1,175.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11-13-10

Marsha J. Watson  
Marsha Watson

Marsha L. Watson  
952 Ambrose Avenue  
East Liverpool, OH 43920

November 15, 2010

Disciplinary Counsel  
The Supreme Court of Ohio  
Attention: Heather Hissom, Asst. Disciplinary Counsel  
250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325  
Columbus, OH 43215-7411

Re: Money Refunded by Richard Vincent Hoppel, Esq.  
(A8-2946)

Dear Ms. Hissom:

Since my last letter of inquiry to you dated 11-08-10, to my surprise Richard Hoppel showed up at my home on the morning of Sat., Nov. 13, 2010 stating he was there to pay me back what he owed me. Mr. Hoppel handed me a check in the amount of \$ 1,175.00, the full amount I had paid to him to represent me in my bankruptcy, as you are of course aware, and then did not.

The check was drawn on his father's account, he stated that his father had agreed to help him make restitution to those he wronged.

I was at first hesitant to sign the receipt he was asking me to sign since it of course stated that I was stating that I received the \$ 1,175.00 from him. I explained that if I signed it, it showed proof on his end that I received it, however, I had a check, and did not know if that check would clear. I requested that I make a copy of both the check and the receipt together for my records. In addition, he stated that his father's bank was down the street from me and suggested I go directly to cash it.

I was able to cash the check at the bank it was drawn on, therefore I have been fully reimbursed the money I paid to Richard V. Hoppel back in 2008. I am enclosing a copy of the check made payable to me by Herm Hoppel on Rich's behalf, along with a copy of the receipt I signed for him.

I would like to add, Rich seemed truly sincere in his face to face apology to me. Although my first reaction towards him when he showed up was less than welcoming, I heard him out, giving him the benefit of the doubt. After accepting his apology and his reimbursement, I encouraged him to "stay clean", to "keep his life on track." He said he would, and that he had a wife and baby to think of now. I wished him well, and as we shook hands he asked that I read the letter to me he placed in the envelope with the check.

After he left, I read his personal letter of apology to me. It was heartfelt, personal, and professional, and seemed sincere. It must be very humbling for him to go door to door and personally pay back and apologize face to face those he wronged. I give him credit for righting the wrongs in this manner as opposed to doing so by mail. I only hope he continues to hold the memories of this entire experience clearly throughout his life so as to not fall back into a similar situation in the future. Hopefully, having the responsibility and the love of a wife and child will keep him on track. It's so sad when good people go bad because of the influence of one thing or another.

Many thanks to you for all of your correspondence to me over the last two years. Please let me know if there is any further information you need from me.

Sincerely,



Marsha L. Watson

Enclosure: 1 copy check/receipt  
Cc: Richard V. Hoppel

Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.  
7 West Liberty Street  
Girard OH 44420  
(330) 545-6900  
[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Mr. Derek Carter  
1163 Erie Street  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Mr. Carter:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

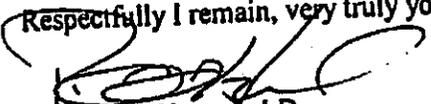
As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you or your family the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

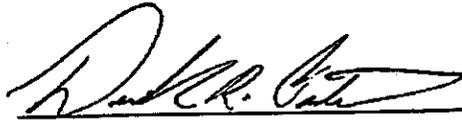
  
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On November B, 2010 Derek Carter received from Richard Hoppel check number 6715 in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five dollars (\$1,225.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11/13/10

  
Derek Carter

Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.  
7 West Liberty Street  
Girard OH 44420  
(330) 545-6900  
[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Mr. David Miller  
7031 Depot Road  
Lisbon OH 44432

Re: My Apology

Dear Mr. Miller:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

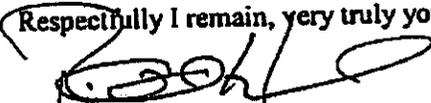
As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you or your family the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God. I continue to work toward being a better person One Day at a Time.

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

  
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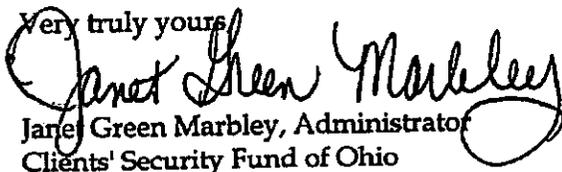
Re: David A. Miller v. Richard V. Hoppel  
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Dear Mr. Miller:

Per your conversation of today with Pam Leslie of our office, you were informed that Mr. Hoppel has offered to make restitution in the amount \$2,500 on your behalf. Please find enclosed 1<sup>st</sup> National Community Bank check number 6720 in the amount of \$2,500 payable to you, and Mr. Hoppel's letter of apology.

Your Clients' Security Fund application for reimbursement will be closed.

If you need more information, contact our office.

Very truly yours,  
  
Janet Green Marbley, Administrator  
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JGM/pdl  
Enclosure

cc: Richard V. Hoppel

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7 West Liberty Street  
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(330) 545-6900  
[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Mr. Brian Grimm  
12844 Echo Dell Road #15  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Mr. Grimm:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

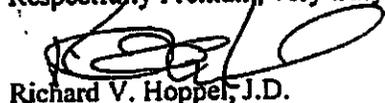
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I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,



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On November 14, 2010 Brian Grimm received from Richard Hoppel check number 6717 in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: 11-14-10

  
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Brian Grimm

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(330) 545-6900  
[rvhoppel@gmail.com](mailto:rvhoppel@gmail.com)

November 12, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cusick  
4060 Adams Road  
East Palestine OH 44413

Re: My Apology

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cusick:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

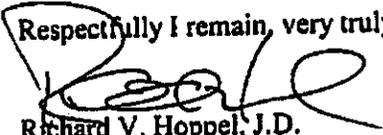
As you are aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you or your family the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

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I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

  
Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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November 12, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Richard McCauley  
427 Westfield Road  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Mr. & Mrs. McCauley:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented and for the way I treated you in returning your file. I was a coward that could not face the people that he had hurt.

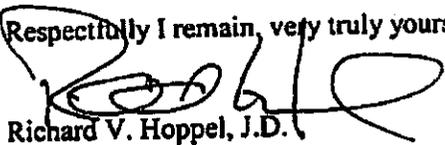
As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost you or your family the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

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I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. There are many good lawyers out there that do their job the way it is supposed to be done. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

  
Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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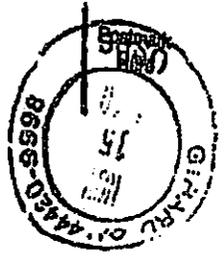
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November 12, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Blazer  
46155 Walnut Street  
Rogers OH 44455

Re: My Apology

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Blazer:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

As you may be aware, my thinking and behavior were clouded by an addiction over which I had no control. This addiction has cost me dearly in my personal life as well as professionally. However, it should not have cost the two of you the time, money, and emotional and mental anguish that I know it caused. I am deeply sorry for this.

I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

I can only ask that you accept my apology and hope that my behavior has not tarnished the image of the legal profession in your mind. I had done work for you in the past which I did to your satisfaction. This is how most lawyers work. The way I did it before the addiction took hold of me. The way I hope to do it in the future.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,



Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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On November 13, 2010 Dale and/or Betty Blazer received from Richard Hoppel check number 6713 in the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four dollars (\$1,324.00) as reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees paid to Richard Hoppel.

Dated: Nov 13, 2010

Dale Blazer  
Dale Blazer

Betty J Blazer  
Betty Blazer

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Girard OH 44420  
(330) 545-6900  
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November 12, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Reckner  
49370 Oakmont Avenue  
East Liverpool OH 43920

Re: My Apology

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Reckner:

Along with the check for reimbursement of attorney fees and filing fees I know that I owe you something else-an apology. To that end please try and accept my deepest and most sincere apology for my failure to represent you in your bankruptcy proceeding the way that you should have been represented.

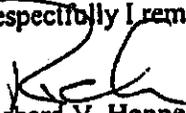
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I am fortunate that you, among others, made my problem known to the Disciplinary Counsel and the Supreme Court of Ohio. It is probably the only way that I would have ever gotten help for the addiction that controlled me. I completed treatment for the disease and have been sober since October 23, 2008 by the Grace of God.

We had a long standing history and you know the way I worked before the addiction took control. I remember that you brought me chili when you came to see me! I counted you as friends and I am so sorry that I violated that I hope some day you will count me as a friend.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this or any other matter please feel free to do so.

Respectfully I remain, very truly yours,

  
Richard V. Hoppel, J.D.

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Dated: Nov. 12, 2010

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Douglas Reckner

Rebecca Reckner  
Rebecca Reckner