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ETHICAL CONDUCT COMPLAINT

PART A: INFORMATION ABOUT YOU - PLEASE KEEP CURRENT

1. FULL NAME: Billy Broussard
2. HOME ADDRESS: 1307 South Main  
CITY: Breaux Bridge STATE Louisiana ZIP 70517-5403  
TELEPHONE: area code ( 337 ) 316-6193
3. EMPLOYER: Self (Billy Broussard Companies)  
WORK ADDRESS: 1307 South Main  
CITY: Breaux Bridge STATE Louisiana ZIP 70517-5403  
TELEPHONE: area code ( 337 ) 316-6193
4. NAME OF PERSON WHO CAN ALWAYS REACH YOU: Jessica Broussard  
ADDRESS & TELEPHONE: 1307 South Main Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517-5403, 337-962-8387

PART B: INFORMATION ABOUT ATTORNEY

1. NAME OF ATTORNEY: Russell Joseph Stutes, Jr.
2. ADDRESS: 600 Broad St  
CITY: Lake Charles STATE Louisiana ZIP 70601  
TELEPHONE: area code ( 337 ) 433-0022
3. WHEN DID YOU HIRE THIS ATTORNEY? N/A: Attorney blatantly violated Rule 4.2 of the CPC.
4. WHAT DID YOU HIRE THIS ATTORNEY TO DO FOR YOU? N/A: Attorney engaged in ex parte communication with me during a timeframe for which he knew I had retained and was represented by legal counsel (Robyn Sylvester).
5. WHAT WAS YOUR FEE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE ATTORNEY? N/A: Though I did end up with a judgment against me for payment of his legal invoices.



## PART C: EXPLANATION OF YOUR COMPLAINT

State in detail why you think this attorney has done something improper or has failed to do something which this attorney should have done. Include the names and addresses of all persons who know something about your grievance. Attach copies of court papers, cancelled checks or receipts showing payments of attorney's fee, and other documents relevant to your grievance. Attach additional 8 1/2" x 11" sheets of paper if you need more space for your explanation.

During a timeframe in which Mr. Stutes knew full well that I had retained and was represented by legal counsel (specifically attorney Robin Sylvester), he nevertheless declined to communicate through my attorney and instead sent me a threatening email (provided with this complaint), which he then followed up with a threatening letter (also supplied with this complaint). He then had me served personally, though he knew I was represented by counsel, with a Petition for Injunctive Relief (also supplied with this complaint) seeking to prohibit me from making public records requests of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and Gravity District 8 of Ward 1 of Calcasieu Parish. As evidenced by the enclosed judgment, he succeeded in those efforts. I only recently (on or around September 12, 2018) uncovered the fact that, in taking these actions, Mr. Stutes blatantly violated Rule 4.2 of the Code of Professional Conduct entailing attorneys not engaging in ex parte communication with a party to litigation who is known to be represented by counsel. I am providing a CD with this complaint which is a recording of my own attorney, Ms. Sylvester, explaining how Mr. Stutes violated this Rule in taking the action that he did. I wish to point out that Mr. Stutes placed me in a position of having to defend myself in court, and as a result, by the issuing of the restraining order, my constitutional rights to have access to public documents were violated. I also was denied my constitutional right to attend public meetings of these bodies and discuss any matters pertaining to Indian Bayou. I wish to point out that, prior to being placed under this order, which numerous attorneys have described to me as "illegal," I had already uncovered through previous public records requests very damning evidence that officials with these bodies engaged in orchestrated actions to convert debris in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita from ineligible status to eligible status (i.e. commit fraud against GOHSEP / FEMA). That is the reason that the "illegal" (again, referencing the word that other attorneys who have seen it have described it as) restraining order was sought against me in the first place.

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LIST ALL DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Email from Stutes to Broussard dated January 16, 2014; Letter from Stutes to Broussard dated February 16, 2015; Petition for Injunctive Relief recorded in 14th JDC on February 26, 2015; Judgment filed in 14th JDC on March 30, 2015; Audio CD of 9/12/18 excerpt of meeting between myself and attorney Sylvester.

DATE OF SIGNING: March 11, 2019



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