

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
CIVIL DIVISION - 5TH

COMMITTEE ON THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW,
SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

PETITIONER

VS.

NO. CV2009-5368

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J. O'Brien Pulaski Circuit Clerk
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EDWARD JONES
d/b/a PROFESSIONAL PARALEGAL SERVICES

RESPONDENT

INJUNCTION ORDER

This matter comes on to be heard this 28th day of October 2009, on Petitioner's petition for injunctive relief. Respondent, Edward Jones, d/b/a as Professional Paralegal Services was properly served with Petition, Summons, and Notice of Hearing, and has failed to appear in this action. Having reviewed the Petition and attached exhibits and heard testimony of Petitioner's witnesses, Mr. Eugene Greenaway of the US Virgin Islands and Ms. Felicia Andrews of Little Rock, Arkansas, the Court hereby makes the following findings of facts and conclusions of law and enters this injunction against Edward Jones, d/b/a as Professional Paralegal Services. The Court Finds, Orders, and Adjudges as follows:

1. The Court has jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter herein.
2. Respondent, Edward Jones, is a resident of Pulaski County, Arkansas.
3. Respondent is not a licensed attorney in the State of Arkansas.
4. Respondent filed a Motion for Continuance with the Court on October 23, 2009, the Court denied said motion as Petitioner was not properly served with the Motion, nor did the Motion comply with Rule 7 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court found no good cause to grant Respondent's Motion for Continuance.
5. Respondent was personally served with Notice of Hearing, which he signed

in the presence of a notary on September 11, 2009. However, Respondent was not present for the scheduled hearing, the halls were sounded with no response from Respondent. In addition, the Court attempted to contact Respondent by telephone call placed to the phone number provided by Respondent to which there was no answer. The Court then proceeded with the hearing in this matter. The efforts of the Petitioner and the Court prior to and during the scheduled hearing to communicate with Respondent about the scheduled hearing are hereby incorporated into this Order verbatim.

6. Respondent has engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in violation of the laws of the State of Arkansas and the Arkansas Supreme Court's Rules for defining and regulating the practice of law and of licensing of attorneys in the State of Arkansas.

7. On June 13, 2008, Respondent entered into a written contract with Ms. Felicia Andrews to assist Ms. Andrews in pursuing a civil claim against her former employer and to assist her with a worker's compensation claim. The contract, prepared by Edward Jones, provided for contingent payment of fees to Respondent as well as authorized Respondent to sign legal documents and disburse funds to any medial providers. The contract also granted Respondent a lien against any recovery Ms. Andrews obtained. Ms. Andrews made two payments to Respondent, one on June 13, 2008, for \$150.00 and on July 8, 2008, for \$25.00. At all times during Respondent's contact with Ms. Andrews, he did represent himself to be an Arkansas attorney and in fact prepared legal documents and gave legal advice to Ms. Andrews. Ms. Andrews became suspicious of Respondent and reported him to Petitioner.

8. In 2007, Respondent entered into an agreement with Mr. Eugene Greenaway to represent him in his pending administrative action before the Arkansas Department of Human Services, in which Respondent did make an appearance in that action on behalf of Mr.

Greenaway. Respondent also advised and assisted Mr. Greenaway in pursuing a federal civil suit against the Arkansas Department of Human Services and the Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division. From 2007 until 2008, Mr. Greenaway, with the assistance of his mother, paid Respondent approximately \$60,197.00 for his services. The federal suit, case no. 08-CV-00426SWW, filed on Mr. Greenaway's behalf was dismissed with prejudice.

9. Respondent has previously engaged in similar behavior and was previously issued a cease and desist order by the Supreme Court Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law. Since the issuance of the cease and desist order, Respondent has continued in his course of behavior by entering into contracts for monetary gain with citizens of the State of Arkansas to provide them with legal services he is not qualified or authorized to give.

10. Petitioner has made a sufficient showing that the public will suffer imminent and irreparable harm if the Respondent is allowed to continue to: (a) accept persons in the State of Arkansas as clients and contract with them for legal services in legal matters, (b) advise persons and clients on legal matters, and (d) accept money or other valuable consideration from persons for whom he offers or performs services which only a licensed attorney is permitted to provide in Arkansas under statutory law, case law, or Court rule.

11. Respondent Edward Jones, his agents, servants, and employees are hereby enjoined and commanded to cease, desist, and refrain from contracting with individuals for legal services, giving legal advice, and accepting payment for any legal services.

12. Petitioner is hereby granted judgments against Respondent in the separate sums of \$60,197.00 (total sum Respondent collected from Mr. Eugene Greenaway) and \$175.00 (total sum Respondent collected from Ms. Felicia Andrews) for and as the agents or trustees for Mr. Eugene Greenaway and Ms. Felicia Andrews as reimbursement of monies Respondent obtained

from them for his services. Upon collection or receipt of any monies from Respondent to satisfy this judgment in this matter, Petitioner shall apply to this Court for authorization and order to distribute the funds collected on a pro rata basis to Mr. Eugene Greenaway and Ms. Felicia Andrews.

13. Pursuant to Rule 65(f), Ark.R.Civ.P., disobedience of an injunction order may be punished by the Court as a contempt.

14. Pursuant to Rule 65(d), Ark.R.Civ.P., no bond or security shall be required of Petitioner as a condition of issuance of this injunction.

15. Petitioner requested, pursuant to the Notice served upon Respondent on September 14, 2009 that the Court grant its costs for the travel and lodging costs of its witness in the amount of \$750.00, for the filing fee of \$140.00, and process service fee of \$35.00. The Court hereby grants Petitioner's request and grants it a judgment against Edward Jones in the amount of \$925.00 for the requested costs and fees herein.

16. In addition to the findings stated herein, the findings and judgment as stated on the record during trial are incorporated into this order verbatim.

IT IS FOUND and ORDERED that an Injunction is hereby issued against Respondent Edward Jones, d/b/a Professional Paralegal Services, his agents, servants, and employees and they are all hereby enjoined and restrained from performing or attempting to perform any acts that constitute the practice of law in Arkansas; from performing or attempting to perform any acts or engaging in any conduct or providing any services that can only be undertaken by a licensed attorney in Arkansas, including, but not limited to, accepting payment in any form of valuable consideration for such acts or services whether performed or not; representing to anyone that he can assume responsibility for a legal claim or matter and take any action or

achieve any result for a client; or providing advice or opinion as to the legal rights or responsibilities for other persons.

So Ordered on this 2nd day of November, 2009

Willard Proctor, Jr.
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