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REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF A LAWYER FORM

Request an investigation of an Illinois lawyer by printing, completing and returning this form to the Chicago or Springfield ARDC offices. The Chicago office is located at 130 East Randolph Drive, Suite 1500, 60601-6219. The Springfield office is located at the One North Old Capitol Plaza, Suite 333, 62701-1625.

1. Your name: Jaime Hernandez

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: IL Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

2. Name of Lawyer you are complaining about: David J. Wessel

Name of Law Firm: Wessel and Doheny

Street Address: 205 W. Randolph Suite 1630

City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60606-1894

Phone Number: (312) 558-3000

3. Did you employ the lawyer?

Yes _____

If yes, when was the lawyer hired? _____

How much did you pay for the lawyer? _____

No X

If no, what is your connection to the lawyer? none

4. If your complaint relates to a lawsuit, please give the following:

Name of court (for example: Circuit Court of Cook County):

Court of Cook County (Richard J. Daley Center Rm:1506)

Name of case: Sheetz vs. Mannix

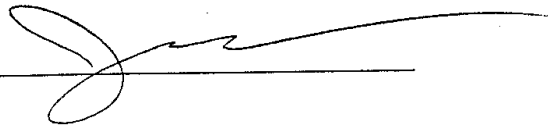
Case number: 93 D 2984

5. Please describe what the lawyer did or failed to do that you believe may have been improper. If you employed the lawyer, explain what you employed the lawyer to do. Include important dates and names, addresses and telephone numbers of witnesses and other people involved. Do not include opinions or arguments. Attach copies of any documents that support your complaint, such as fee agreements, receipts, checks, letters and court papers:

I was invited along with several other court watchers to attend a court proceeding at the Richard J. Daley Center on Feb. 2, 2007. Everyone arrived and took their seats as court was getting ready to begin. The woman who invited us stated that she was afraid. Shortly after that the lawyers and the judge began talking. I understand now why people are afraid of courtrooms. The lawyer there named David J. Wessel, sets in motion what would be the most terrifying experience I have endured so far. He walks over to Deputy Eric Gross in the courtroom, whispers something to him and then they both turn our direction. The next thing we know as we are walking out of the courtroom, we hear Deputy Gross talking into his radio stating that he has a group of people disrupting the courtroom. Seconds later, we were descended upon by multiple deputies- who were called by Deputy Gross- after which David Wessel had spoken with him. David Wessel expressed improper behavior and something should be done about it. Mr. Wessel and Deputy Gross' fabricated story about me. I told them that it was my constitutional right as a citizen to attend court proceedings. The next thing I know I'm being thrown in jail. If there was some sort of disruption, Judge Donegan would have said something about it. The judge is in control of the courtroom.

Date: 3-7-07

Signature: _____





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Jaime Hernandez

Chicago
June 11, 2007

Re: David John Wessel
in relation to
Jaime Hernandez
No. 07 CI 1179

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

We have received your recent correspondence regarding your experience while observing a court proceeding at the Richard J. Daley Center on February 2, 2007, in the matter of *Sheetz v. Mannix*, case no 93 D 2984, at which attorney David Wessel was in attendance. It is our understanding that you believe Mr. Wessel's interaction with the Sheriff's deputy assigned to that courtroom set in motion a series of events that led to you, and the group you were with, being ejected from the courtroom.

Initially, please be advised that the duties of this Commission relate primarily to investigating and prosecuting allegations of professional misconduct against licensed Illinois attorneys. When we have sufficient evidence of misconduct by an attorney, we may initiate proceedings seeking disciplinary action against the lawyer, such as disbarment or suspension from the practice of law. Such proceedings may take years to be concluded.

Please be advised that we have contacted and interviewed officials from the courtroom you attended, including Deputy Sheriff Eric Gross. From the information provided by both you and Mr. Gross, there is not a sufficient basis for this agency to investigate or pursue charges of professional misconduct against Mr. Wessel. Your dissatisfaction with the manner in which your presence in the courtroom and your subsequent ejection were handled should be addressed with the court. It is our understanding that it was, in fact, Judge Donegan who requested that you, Sheila Mannix, and a third gentleman be ejected from the courtroom as a result of an impending argument that threatened to disrupt the court proceedings.

For the reasons stated above, this agency is unable to take any action with respect to your request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy B. Zimbrakos".
Dorothy B. Zimbrakos
Senior Counsel

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