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PRESS RELEASE

Law Firm Files \$13M in Claims Against Texas County For Unlicensed Criminal Prosecutor

(Nacogdoches, May 19th, 2021) A Nacogdoches Texas law firm, Paul Anderson, PLLC, has filed a \$13M insurance claim against the County of Nacogdoches Texas alleging gross mismanagement and negligent hiring, supervision and retention of current District Attorney Andrew Jones.

Andrew Jones is alleged to have prosecuted as many as 30 felony cases while he was an unlicensed assistant district attorney. Attorney Paul Anderson says his firm represents thirteen clients who accepted plea deals or bond reductions from the District Attorney's office in felony criminal cases negotiated and signed by Andrew Jones while he was alleged to be an unlicensed attorney.

Documents produced in litigation show then County District Attorney Nicole LoStracco agreed to assume professional responsibility of the work of Andrew Jones. Documents show LoStracco "certified and declared" that she "will assume professional responsibility for the direct and immediate supervision of" Andrew Jones, "whom I shall be supervising" in each of the 13 cases Anderson's firm represents.

Anderson states, "Not one single county official has admitted or denied they were aware Andrew Jones was unlicensed and Mr. Jones' supervisor Nicole LoStracco has never responded to written requests to clarify how this happened while she was the elected District Attorney."

Andrew Jones has stated publicly that, "Everybody knew I didn't have a license at the time, which is why I had a licensed attorney with me in the courtroom whenever I was doing anything on the record."

Anderson says Jones' unauthorized and illegal practice of law came to light during repeatedly ignored requests to the Nacogdoches DA's office to prosecute a criminal theft case on behalf of a senior African American couple whom Anderson also represents.

Anderson believes Jones' fraud on the court voids any legal or judicial documents Jones signed before September 4th, 2014. "You would not pay a speeding ticket if you found out it wasn't a real police officer that wrote it, we do not accept checks with fraudulent signatures, and we certainly do not accept court documents containing fraudulent signatures." Anderson declares, "Since when does any Court in Texas need to begin by asking whether the lawyers present, particularly those from the District Attorney's office, are licensed attorneys? That kind of absurdity only happens on TV."

Anderson's clients claim the County of Nacogdoches repeatedly ignored warning signs of Mr. Jones' questionable background and conduct and had a duty to hire, supervise, and retain

competent properly licensed employees. The County of Nacogdoches' gross mismanagement of Andrew Jones' hiring and conduct has caused not only significant harm to the trust in the Nacogdoches County District Attorney's Office but unlawfully deprived 13 individuals of their liberties and fundamental constitutional right to be prosecuted by a licensed attorney.

Paul Anderson is a Nacogdoches, Texas civil rights attorney specializing in public corruption and law enforcement abuse. If you have information on official oppression, malicious prosecution, or abuse of process, corruption, or public fraud, submit a consultation request via the firm's website: <http://paulandersonlaw.com/page-6.html>.