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PRESS RELEASE

Nacogdoches Law Firm Files 3 More Lawsuits Exposing Unlicensed District Attorney

(Nacogdoches, February 17th, 2021) A Nacogdoches Texas law firm, Paul Anderson, PLLC, has filed three more lawsuits in Nacogdoches County District Court to have criminal records permanently sealed and expunged based on allegations that the prosecutor, then Assistant DA Andrew Jones was an unlicensed attorney at the time he prosecuted these convictions.

The Anderson Law firm represents six clients who accepted deals from the District Attorney's office in felony criminal cases that were negotiated by then alleged Assistant District Attorney Andrew Jones. Andrew Jones was recently sworn in as Nacogdoches County District Attorney.

The fourth lawsuit, filed on February 14th, 2021, alleges that unlicensed Assistant District Attorney Andrew Jones signed a Felony Plea Agreement on March 6th, 2014 with Austin Harkey. Mr. Harkey was never told Andrew Jones was an unlicensed attorney on March 6th, 2014.

The fifth lawsuit, filed on February 15th, 2021, alleges Andrew Jones, while awaiting sentencing for his 2nd DWI, prosecuted a DWI case against Pamela Curbow-Nutt for her 2nd DWI. Andrew Jones signed a Felony Plea Agreement with Ms. Curbow-Nutt for that 2nd DWI on May 15th, 2014. Ms. Curbow was never told Andrew Jones was an unlicensed attorney at the time she signed her plea agreement.

The sixth lawsuit, filed on February 16th, 2021, alleges Andrew Jones was an unlicensed attorney on January 24th, 2014 when he signed a Plea of Guilty, Waiver, Stipulation, and Judicial Confession with Dylan French as "Assistant District Attorney" when he was not licensed. Mr. Jones also signed a Motion to Increase (the) Bond of Dylan French on January 6th, 2014 as "Assistant District Attorney" when he was not licensed. Mr. French was never told Andrew Jones was an unlicensed attorney.

Andrew Jones took the July 2013 Texas Bar Exam, but was declared ineligible to practice law on November 4th, 2013 when the scores were released because he was then charged with his 2nd DWI. While he was awaiting his June 2014 sentencing for that DWI, Jones continued to represent that he was a "temporarily licensed attorney" from November 4th, 2013 until September 4th, 2014.

September 4th, 2014 is the date the State Bar of Texas website shows Jones was *actually* licensed to practice law. There exists no temporary license to practice law in Texas after receiving license exam results if a person is declared ineligible for some reason (such as a DWI).

Jones prosecuted at least 32 felony cases during the period he was unlicensed, including the six clients represented by Anderson's law firm. Mr. Anderson believes Jones' fraud on the

court voids any legal or judicial documents Jones signed. “We do not accept checks bearing fraudulent signatures and we should certainly not accept felony court documents containing fraudulent signatures, either,” says Anderson.

Jones publicly claims that Anderson is going after him because of a past election grudge. On the contrary, Anderson says Jones has repeatedly failed to prosecute a criminal theft case on behalf of a senior African American couple whom Anderson represents, and that Jones’ misrepresentations came to light during repeated requests for the DA’s office to prosecute that case.

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 that after investigating Jones for more than a year, there are no court records, transcripts, or anyone willing to affirm that they “knew” Andrew Jones was an unlicensed attorney from November 2013 to September 2014, or that Jones was accompanied by then-District Attorney Nicole LoStracco in the courtroom during the cases at issue.

“There is no condition or situation that permits anyone to temporarily practice law once they are declared ineligible by the State Bar of Texas. Andrew Jones is saying that *everyone knew* he was breaking the law,” Anderson says. “You would not pay a speeding ticket if you found out it wasn’t a real police officer that wrote it, and I don’t know of a single Court in the country that begins a hearing by asking whether the lawyers present, particularly those from the District Attorney’s office, are licensed attorneys.”

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, submit a consultation request via the firm’s website: <http://paulandersonlaw.com/page-6.html>.