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## COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ATTORNEY

## Complete and Submit Complaint Form to:

Office of the Ethics Prosecutor Guam Judicial Center, Second Floor 120 West O'Brien Drive Hagåtña, Guam 96910-5174

\*Please submit <u>copies</u> of any documents in your possession related to your complaint, including items such as your contract with the attorney, invoices, payment records, letters, emails, etc.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My name is (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_

I have a complaint against (attorney's name): \_\_\_\_\_

My mailing address, including zip code, is: \_\_\_\_\_

My telephone numbers are:\_\_\_\_\_

My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

The type of case or legal matter from which the complaint arose is (i.e., a divorce case, a criminal case,

civil case, etc.):	
the case or legal matter still pending?	
/as the attorney your attorney or someone else's?	
it was your attorney, when did you hire them?	
ave you paid the attorney any money? If yes, when did you pay the attorney and how mu	ch
id you pay him/her?:	

Date	Amount \$	Date	Amount \$
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[Please add additional pages(s) if more space is required regarding payment information.]

Please write or type on separate paper a brief statement about what you believe the attorney did wrong and submit it with this completed form. Please provide factual details. To the extent possible, include relevant dates, what occurred on each date, what it was that you believe the attorney did wrong as well as names, and contact information of anyone who may have information about the matter. A narrative explanation of the problem as you see it is important. Please also provide any relevant documents however <u>do not submit</u> <u>any original documents to us</u>. Instead, please make copies and include them with your complaint.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Attorney discipline matters are confidential at their outset. We ask that you please respect this confidentiality as it is an important component of the attorney discipline system. However attorney discipline matters may eventually become public. Consequently, please be aware that **any information you provide to our office about the matter, or that we might learn during our investigation, may later become public.** No attorney/client relationship exists between you and the Office of the GBA Ethics Prosecutor, and no attorney/client confidentiality applies to information you submit to us. Please keep these issues in mind.

## STATEMENT OF ALLEGED ATTORNEY MISCONDUCT

[Please write or type the details of your COMPLAINT on separate paper and attach it to this completed form.]

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

DATE

**NOTE**: THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AND WAIVER IS **OPTIONAL** – YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN IT. WE INCLUDE IT HERE BECAUSE IT MAY ASSIST US WITH OUR INVESTIGATION. IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO SIGN IT, PLEASE OBTAIN YOUR FILE FROM YOUR LAWYER(S) IF THE FILES ARE RELEVANT TO YOUR COMPLAINT SO YOU CAN THEN PROVIDE INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO US.

I HEREBY CONSENT THAT THE ETHICS PROSECUTOR OR HIS/HER INVESTIGATOR OR STAFF MAY OBTAIN COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS THEY BELIEVE MAY BE NECESSARY FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF MY COMPLAINT INCLUDING ANY MATERIAL FROM ANY LAWYERS WHO NOW REPRESENT ME OR EVER HAVE REPRESENTED ME AND WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIALITY I MAY HAVE REGARDING SUCH MATERIAL TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ETHICS PROSECUTOR. I PROVIDE THIS CONSENT AND WAIVER VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, AND INTELLIGENTLY, FREE FROM ANY THREAT OR COERCION AGAINST ME AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT I MAY SECURE MY OWN LEGAL ADVISOR TO GUIDE ME RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THIS CONSENT AND WAIVER PRIOR TO SIGNING IT.

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

DATE

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: The Ethics Committee's jurisdiction is strictly limited. It cannot stop or delay any pending Court proceedings, nor prevent the running of appeal times or statutes of limitations. **The Ethics Committee, the Ethics Prosecutor, and their staff members cannot provide you with legal advice.** Our duties are limited to review and enforcement of misconduct. We suggest you promptly seek the advice of a lawyer of your choice regarding any legal questions you may have, including other possible options or rights you might have arising out of the alleged conduct of any lawyers who are subjects of your complaint.