

BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD  
OF THE  
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY REGISTRATION  
AND  
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

MAUREEN WILLIAMS,  
  
Attorney-Respondent,  
  
No. 6285393.

Commission No. 2021PR00032  
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**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT**

Maureen Williams, Attorney-Respondent, by her attorney, Robert W. Boucher, in response to the Complaint filed against Attorney-Respondent, Maureen Williams, who was licensed to practice law in Illinois on July 5, 2005, states as follows:

COUNT I

*(2021 felony conviction for forgery)*

1. On April 28, 2019, the Woodford County Sheriff's Department cited Respondent for driving 95 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone on Woodford County Highway 18. On June 26, 2019, Respondent appeared in Woodford County Circuit Court for the traffic citation and, in exchange for her guilty plea, Judge Michael Stroh sentenced Respondent to a term of court supervision for a period of 12 months. Judge Stroh also ordered Respondent to pay a fine and court costs and complete 20 hours of community service on or before April 26, 2020.

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 1 of Count I of the Complaint.**

2. At no time before April 26, 2020, did Respondent complete the 20 hours of community service that she was ordered to complete by Judge Stroh.

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 2 of Count I of the Complaint.**

3. On June 4, 2020, Respondent submitted a public service worksheet to Woodford County Court Services that reported that, between May 1,

2020 and May 30, 2020, Respondent had completed 20 community service hours at St. Mark's Church in Peoria. Karen Camper ("Camper"), the bookkeeper for St. Mark's Church and a close friend of Respondent, signed Respondent's public service worksheet.

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 3 of Count I of the Complaint.**

4. At the time Respondent requested Camper to sign her public service worksheet, both Respondent and Camper knew that Respondent did not complete any community service hours at St. Mark's Church.

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 4 of Count I of the Complaint.**

5. On June 4, 2020, Jennifer Toureene ("Toureene"), a probation assistant for Woodford County Court Services, contacted St. Mark's Church to verify that Respondent had completed her 20 community service hours at the church.

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 5 of Count I of the Complaint.**

6. On June 9, 2020, Brian Brownsey ("Brownsey"), head chaplain and director of St. Mark's Church, contacted Toureene and stated that Respondent had not completed any community service hours at the church.

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 6 of Count I of the Complaint.**

7. On July 21, 2020, the Woodford County State's Attorney filed a one-count felony information against Respondent in the Circuit Court of Woodford County charging Respondent with forgery in violation of 720 ILCS 5/17-3(a)(2), and alleging that Respondent, "with the intent to defraud, knowingly issued to Woodford County Court Services personnel a false document, a Woodford County Court Services public service worksheet, by claiming hours of public service work were completed at St. Mark's Church knowing the hours were not completed as stated, and the false document was apparently capable of defrauding another."

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 7 of Count I of the Complaint.**

8. On February 25, 2021, Respondent pled guilty to one felony count of forgery. In exchange for Respondent's guilty plea, Judge Charles M. Feeney, III, sentenced Respondent to second chance probation for a period of 24 months, and ordered Respondent to complete 150 hours of public service by February 25, 2022, and pay a \$3,500 fine. Pursuant to 730 ILCS 5/5-6-3.4, the court, with the consent of the defendant and the State's Attorney, may sentence an individual who pleads guilty to a probational felony offense to second chance probation. The court shall enter an order specifying a period of probation of not less than 24 months and shall defer further proceedings in the case until the conclusion of the period of probation or until the filing of a petition alleging violation of a term or condition of probation.

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 8 of Count I of the Complaint.**

9. By reason of conduct described above, Respondent engaged in the following misconduct:

- a. committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on her honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, by committing the criminal offense of forgery in violation of 720 ILCS 5/17-3(a)(2), in violation of Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010); and

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 9a of Count I of the Complaint.**

- b. conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, by conduct including committing the criminal offense of forgery on June 4, 2020, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/17-3(a)(2), in violation of Rule 8.4(c) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

**ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraph 9b of Count I of the Complaint.**

WHEREFORE, the Respondent requests that this case be assigned to a panel of the Hearing Board, that a hearing be conducted, that the panel make findings of fact and conclusions of fact and law, and a recommendation for such discipline as is warranted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Williams, Respondent

By: Robert W. Boucher  
Robert Boucher, her Attorney

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109, the undersigned certifies a true copy of the foregoing instrument was served to the following parties or their attorneys of record, on June 11, 2021, by causing the same to be served by personal service or U.S. Mail and electronic service by email as follows:

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