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

In the Matter of:

TERRY L. GACA,

Commission No. 2023PR00019

Attorney-Respondent,

No. 6196963.

### REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING BOARD DEFAULT PROCEEDING

The hearing in this matter was held by videoconference on September 22, 2023, before a Hearing Board Panel consisting of Rhonda Sallée, Chair, Arlette G. Porter, and Jim Hofner. Rachel C. Miller appeared on behalf of the Administrator. Respondent was present and appeared *pro se*. The Administrator requested that Respondent be suspended for at least one year. We agree with the Administrator's request and recommend that Respondent be suspended for one year.

We have considered the Administrator's five-count Complaint, filed on April 19, 2023, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1, as well as the Order entered on July 24, 2023, deeming the allegations and charges of the Complaint admitted, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2. Respondent did not file an appearance in this matter, an Answer to the Complaint, or a response to the Administrator's Motion to Deem the Allegations of the Administrator's Complaint Admitted Pursuant to Commission Rule 236. At a prehearing conference held on July 21, 2023, at which Respondent appeared *pro se*, Respondent refused the Chair's request to explain why he had failed to timely answer the Complaint and why he needed more time to do so. At the hearing, Respondent declined to present any evidence in mitigation or make an argument as to sanction.

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The allegations deemed admitted establish as follows:

In 2019 and 2020, Respondent represented his wife and himself in litigation brought against them in Will County Circuit Court in connection with property they owned in Naperville. Respondent made false statements in a motion to dismiss the complaint, in his signed affidavit attached to the motion to dismiss, and in an interlocutory appeal. Based upon these false statements, Respondent was charged with and pled guilty to two counts of indirect criminal contempt.

In January 2021, Respondent changed his attorney registration status to retired. In May 2021, acting as attorney for the Terry L. Gaca Trust ("Gaca Trust"), Respondent filed a slander of title lawsuit in DuPage County Circuit Court against the plaintiff in the Will County lawsuit. The DuPage County court sanctioned Respondent for filing frivolous pleadings. It also held him in minor direct criminal contempt for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

In July 2021, again on behalf of the Gaca Trust, Respondent filed another slander of title lawsuit, this time in Will County Circuit Court. In July through October 2021, Respondent filed pleadings and appeared in court in that matter, even after the court entered an order stating that the Gaca Trust "may appear in this action only through counsel authorized to practice law." Respondent was charged with and pled guilty to three counts of indirect criminal contempt based on his unauthorized practice of law.

By the foregoing conduct, Respondent violated Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct 3.1, 3.3(a)(1), 3.4(c), 5.5(a), 8.4(b), 8.4(c), 8.4(d). In mitigation, he has no prior misconduct. In aggravation, he was an experienced practitioner at the time of his misconduct; he engaged in a pattern of misconduct that spanned over three years; and he showed a complete lack of respect for the judicial system by continuing to file pleadings and appear in court while not authorized to do so.

Accordingly,

- After multiple unsuccessful attempts to confirm acceptance of electronic service and to personally serve Respondent, he was served by mail on June 13, 2023. Copies of the Affidavits of Personal Service Pursuant to Commission Rule 214(a) and the Certificate of Service are attached as Exhibit 3.
- 2. The allegations and charges of the Complaint were deemed admitted in an Order filed on July 24, 2023. A copy of that Order is attached as Exhibit 2.
- In consideration of the Order deeming the allegations and charges of the Complaint admitted, this Panel finds that Respondent committed the misconduct charged in the Complaint.
- 4. Given Respondent's misconduct, the serious aggravating factors present, and relevant case law, we recommend that Respondent be suspended for one year.
- 5. The Panel has concluded that this report format will adequately and appropriately communicate its recommendation to the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Sallée Arlette G. Porter Jim Hofner

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Michelle M. Thome, Clerk of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois and keeper of the records, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Board, approved by each Panel member, entered in the above entitled cause of record filed in my office on October 6, 2023.

/s/ Michelle M. Thome

Michelle M. Thome, Clerk of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois

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# Exhibit 1

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

In the Matter of:

TERRY L. GACA,

2023PR00019 Commission No.

Attorney-Respondent,

No. 6196963.

#### COMPLAINT

Jerome Larkin, Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission ("Commission"), by his attorney, Rachel C. Miller, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 753(b) and Supreme Court Rule 761(c), complains of Respondent, Terry L. Gaca ("Respondent"), who was licensed to practice law in Illinois on December 8, 1987, and alleges that Respondent has engaged in the following conduct which subjects him to discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 753(b) and 761(c):

#### COUNT I (false statement in a civil proceeding – 2019 CH 1237, Will County Circuit Court)

1. Prior to August 1996, Respondent and his wife, Janet Wayman ("Wayman"), purchased the residential property located at 2401 Lisson Road ("Lisson Road property") in Naperville, Will County, Illinois.

2. In August 1996, Respondent and Wayman transferred the Lisson Road property into a trust titled "Janet L. Wayman Trust" ("Wayman Trust").

FILED 4/19/2023 3:08 PM ARDC Clerk 3. The Lisson Road property sits adjacent on the north to the property located at 2316 Bill Court ("Bill Court property"). Thomas Frederick ("Frederick") purchased the Bill Court property in April 1999 and continuously resided there with his family.

4. Prior to August 26, 2019, Respondent and Wayman moved out of the Lisson Road property. Respondent rented space in the Lisson Road property to at least four tenants, and those tenants resided in the Lisson Road property simultaneously.

5. On August 26, 2019, Frederick filed a complaint against Respondent and Wayman, both individually and as Trustee of the Wayman Trust, alleging, in part, various violations of City of Naperville zoning violations, including those involving the operation of a boarding house. The complaint also alleged public nuisance claims and violations related to operating a parking and storage facility. This matter was docketed as *Thomas J. Frederick v. Terry L. Gaca and Janet L. Wayman*, 2019 CH 1237 (Will County Circuit Court).

6. Prior to February 24, 2020, Respondent began staying at the Lisson Road property, although he did not stay there every night.

7. On February 24, 2020, Respondent filed a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion to dismiss stated that Respondent lived in the home as an owner-occupant with only two other tenants and that all other occupants, including Sean Sealy ("Sealy"), had moved out of the property.

8. Respondent's signed affidavit attached to the motion to dismiss stated:

"Upon moving back into the Lisson Road property, I served thirtyday notices on Sean Sealy, Peter Salerno, and Adrian Rittenhouse, who were residing at the Lisson Road property. As a result of the January 16, 2020 notices, these three individuals no longer reside at the residence. A true and accurate copy of the notice to the Lisson tenants is attached hereto, it is marked Exhibit 1 as incorporated here by reference. A Julien Green vacated the Lisson property of his own accord prior to January 16, 2020." 9. Respondent's affidavit in paragraph eight, above, was false, because Sealy had not vacated the Lisson Road property on or before February 24, 2020 and still resided at the Lisson Road property.

10. When Respondent signed the affidavit referenced in paragraph eight, above, stating that Sealy had vacated the Lisson Road property, he knew that it was false.

11. On February 26, 2020, Judge Theodore Jarz denied Respondent's motion to dismiss and to dissolve the preliminary injunction. Furthermore, Judge Jarz granted Frederick's motion for partial summary judgment and entered a preliminary injunction prohibiting Respondent from operating a boarding house, operating a parking facility, or engaging in unlawful home occupations.

12. On March 25, 2020, Respondent and Wayman filed an interlocutory appeal from the order denying their motion to dismiss and granting Frederick's motion for partial summary judgment. In the appeal, Respondent stated that he lived in the Lisson Road property with only two other individuals, August Brooks and Jeffrey Byron; that he was in compliance with the municipal code; and that the court should have granted his motion to dismiss and denied Frederick's motion for partial summary judgment.

13. Respondent's statement in the interlocutory appeal in paragraph 12, above, that he lived in the Lisson Road property with only two other tenants, not including Sealy, was false, because Sealy had not vacated the property on or before March 25, 2020.

14. When Respondent made the statement in paragraph 12, above, he knew that it was false.

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

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- a. making a false statement of fact or law to a tribunal or fail to correct a false statement of material fact or law previously made to the tribunal by the lawyer, by conduct including filing an affidavit described in paragraph eight, above, stating that Sealy had vacated the Lisson Road property when he had not, in violation of Rule 3.3(a)(1) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010), and
- b. engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, by conduct including knowingly making the false statements in court pleadings as described in paragraphs eight and 12, above, in violation of Rule 8.4(c) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010), and
- c. engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, by conduct including knowingly violating the court's preliminary injunction in 2019 CH 1237, in violation of Rule 8.4(d) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

#### COUNT II

(guilty plea to two counts of indirect criminal contempt – 2020 CC 7, Will County Circuit Court)

16. The Administrator realleges and incorporates paragraphs one through 14, above.

17. On June 22, 2020, Frederick filed a petition for adjudication of indirect criminal contempt and constructive direct criminal contempt against Respondent, and he alleged that Respondent perpetuated a fraud on the court by knowingly violating the court's injunction and knowingly filing false affidavits stating that Sealy no longer lived at the Lisson Road property. The matter was docketed as *Thomas J. Frederick v. Terry L. Gaca*, 2020 CC 7 (Will County Circuit Court).

18. On May 17, 2022, Respondent pled guilty in 2020 CC 7 to one count of indirect criminal contempt (violation of an injunction) and one count of indirect criminal contempt (false swearing) in 2020 CC 7. Respondent was sentenced to two years of supervision and ordered to pay \$10,000 of Frederick's attorney's fees.

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

a. committing criminal acts that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, by conduct including committing and pleading guilty to two counts of indirect criminal contempt including violating an injunction entered by the court and by violating Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure by knowingly and willingly singing a false affidavit to be submitted in 2020 CC 7, as described in paragraph 18, above, in violation of Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

#### COUNT III

#### (filing of frivolous pleadings and unauthorized practice of law – 2021 SC 3287, DuPage County Circuit Court)

- 20. The Administrator re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs 16 through 18.
- 21. At all times related to this complaint, Illinois Supreme Court Rule 756(a)(6) stated that an attorney placed on retirement status "shall no longer be eligible to practice law or hold himself or herself out as being authorized to practice law in this state, except as provided in paragraph (k) of this rule."

22. On January 12, 2021, Respondent changed his registration status with the Commission to retired.

23. On May 20, 2021, Respondent, acting as an attorney for the Terry L. Gaca Trust ("Gaca Trust"), filed a complaint for slander of title against Frederick in DuPage County alleging, in part, that Frederick recorded a *lis pendens* with the DuPage County Recorder against 422 Carriage Hill in Naperville ("Carriage Hill"), that Carriage Hill was held in trust by the Gaca Trust, and that the Gaca Trust was not a party in 2019 CH 1237. This matter was docketed as *Terry L. Gaca Trust v. Thomas J. Frederick*, 2021 SC 3287 (DuPage County Circuit Court).

24. On September 20, 2021, Frederick filed a motion for sanctions based on Respondent's allegedly frivolous pleadings.

25. On December 9, 2021, the court entered an order granting Frederick's motion for sanctions and ordering Respondent to pay \$7,336 of Frederick's attorneys' fees. The court found that Respondent's pleadings were "particularly egregious in light of similar pleadings and findings in similar matters filed in Will County [2021 SC 4850, in Count IV, below] such that the Court will enter sanctions based upon the filing of false, frivolous and baseless pleadings in the consolidated cases."

26. On December 29, 2021, Frederick filed a motion for rule to show cause as to why Respondent should not be held in contempt for the unauthorized practice of law.

27. On April 22, 2022, Judge Thomas Else found Respondent to be in minor direct criminal contempt and sentenced him to pay a \$500 fine.

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

- a. bringing a proceeding, or asserting an issue therein, without a basis in law and fact for doing so that was not frivolous, by conduct including filing a complaint for slander of title in a matter docketed as 2021 SC 3287 in DuPage County, despite similar pleadings and filings in 2021 SC 4850 in Will County, in violation of Rule 3.1 of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010), and
- b. practicing law in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal professional in that jurisdiction, by representing the Gaca Trust after he assumed retirement status, in violation of Rule 5.5(a) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010), and
- c. committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, by conduct engaging in the authorized practice of law, as described in paragraph 23, above, and being held in indirect

criminal contempt, as described in paragraph 27, above, in violation of Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

d. engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, by conduct including engaging in the unauthorized practice of law in 2021 SC 3287, in violation of Rule 8.4(d) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

#### COUNT IV

(unauthorized practice of law – 2021 SC 4850, Will County Circuit Court)

29. The Administrator re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs 20 through 27.

30. On July 2, 2021, Respondent filed a complaint against Frederick alleging slander of title arising from Frederick recording a *lis pendens* with the Will County Recorder on the Lisson property. This matter was docketed as *Terry L. Gaca Trust v. Thomas J. Frederick*, 2021 SC 4850 (Will County Circuit Court).

Between July 27, 2021 and October 1, 2021, Respondent filed pleadings in 2021SC 4850 on behalf of the Gaca Trust.

32. Between July 27, 2021 and October 1, 2021, Respondent appeared in court for 2021SC 4850 on behalf of the Gaca Trust.

33. On October 1, 2021, the court entered an order stating that the Gaca Trust "may appear in this action only through counsel authorized to practice law."

34. Between October 1, 2021 and October 15, 2021, Respondent appeared in court for2021 SC 4850 on behalf of the Gaca Trust.

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

a. knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal, by conduct including appearing in court on behalf of the Gaca Trust, as described in paragraph 34, above,

despite the court entering an order that the Gaca Trust may appear only through counsel authorized to practice law, in violation of Rule 3.4(c), of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010), and

- b. practicing law in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal professional in that jurisdiction, by appearing on behalf of the Gaca Trust despite being non-compliant with Rule 756, in violation of Rule 5.5(a) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010), and
- c. engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, by conduct including engaging in the unauthorized practice of law in 2021 SC 4850, in violation of Rule 8.4(d) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

#### COUNT V

(committing three counts of indirect criminal contempt – 2021 CC 11, Will County Circuit Court)

36. The Administrator realleges and incorporates paragraphs 29 through 34.

37. On October 26, 2021, Frederick filed a petition for adjudication of minor indirect criminal contempt against Respondent in which he alleged Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in filing and prosecuting 2021 SC 4850. The matter was docketed as *Thomas J. Frederick v. Terry L. Gaca*, 2021 CC 11 (Will County Circuit Court).

38. On December 2, 2022, Respondent pled guilty to three counts of indirect criminal contempt, including a count of filing a complaint in 2021 SC 4850 despite not being authorized to practice law, a count for appearing in court on behalf of the Gaca Trust on October 14, 2021, and a count for appearing in court on behalf of the Gaca Trust on October 15, 2021.

39. On December 9, 2022, court entered an order of conditional discharge and sentenced Respondent to pay \$700 in fines. The court also sentenced Respondent to 30 days in jail, which was suspended subject to a motion to vacate upon payment of the fines and Frederick's attorneys' fees accrued in 2021 SC 4850.

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

a. engaging in conduct involving committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, by conduct including pleading guilty to three counts of indirect criminal contempt related to the unauthorized practice of law as described in paragraph 40, above, in violation of Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

WHEREFORE, the Administrator requests that this matter be assigned to a panel of the

Hearing Board, that a hearing be held, and the panel make findings of fact, conclusions of fact and

law, and a recommendation for such discipline as is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Larkin, Administrator Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission

By: <u>/s/ Rachel C. Miller</u> Rachel C. Miller

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## Exhibit 2

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

In the Matter of:

#### TERRY L. GACA,

Attorney-Respondent,

Commission No. 2023PR00019

No. 6196963.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held in this matter on July 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Participating were Rhonda Sallée, Chair; Rachel C. Miller, Counsel for the Administrator; and Respondent, *pro se*. The parties advised the Chair of the status of the matter. Accordingly,

#### **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Respondent failed to file an answer to the <u>Complaint</u> or a response to the Administrator's <u>Motion to Deem the Allegations of the Complaint Admitted Pursuant to</u> <u>Commission Rule 236</u> (<u>Motion</u>). Furthermore, during the pre-hearing conference, Respondent declined to provide a reason for his failure to timely answer the complaint and declined to explain why he needed additional time to do so. For these reasons, the Administrator's <u>Motion</u> is granted. All factual allegations and disciplinary charges in the <u>Complaint</u> are deemed admitted, and no further proof is required. At hearing, the parties shall be limited to presenting evidence of aggravating and mitigating factors and arguments regarding the form and amount of discipline to be imposed;

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2. The parties shall exchange lists of the witnesses they intend to call at hearing on or before September 15, 2023;

3. The parties shall exchange the exhibits they propose to offer at hearing and lists of their proposed exhibits on or before September 15, 2023;

4. The default hearing in this matter is scheduled for September 22, 2023, commencing at 9:30 a.m., and will be held remotely via Webex videoconference. The Clerk of the Commission shall provide the parties with Webex access information; and

5. The parties shall prepare exhibits in conformance with Commission Rule 276 and the Clerk of the Commission's procedures regarding electronic exhibits.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Michelle M. Thome, Clerk of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois and keeper of the records, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the order, approved by the Hearing Board Chair, entered in the above entitled cause of record filed in my office on July 24, 2023.

/s/ Michelle M. Thome Michelle M. Thome, Clerk of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois

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#### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Andrea L. Watson, hereby certify that I served a copy of this Order on the Attorney-Respondent listed at the address shown below by regular mail by depositing it with proper postage prepaid, by causing the same to be deposited in the U.S. Mailbox at One Prudential Plaza, 130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601 on July 24, 2023, at or before 5:00 p.m. At the same time, a copy of this Order was sent to Counsel for the Administrator by e-mail service.

Terry L. Gaca Attorney-Respondent 2401 Lisson Road Naperville, IL 60565

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that she verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Andrea L. Watson

Andrea L. Watson

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## Exhibit 3

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

In the Matter of:	)
Terry L. Gaca,	)
Attorney-Respondent,	)
No. 6196963.	)

Commission No. 2023PR00019

#### AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RULE 214(a)

I, MARK J. POINTER ("Affiant"), being duly sworn, hereby state:

1. Affiant is over 18 years of age, possesses firsthand knowledge of the facts presented in this Affidavit and, if called as a witness, Affiant will testify to the truth of the facts as presented in this Affidavit.

2. Affiant is an Investigator for the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois ("the Commission") and, as such, is authorized to serve process.

3. On April 25, 2023, Affiant phoned the Respondent to inquire about service of a complaint and accompanying documents via electronic means. The Respondent verbally agreed to accept electronic service.

4. On April 25, 2023, at 10:45 A.M., Affiant sent an email using the address of <u>terrygaca@gmail.com</u> requesting the Respondent to acknowledge acceptance of electronic service of a complaint and accompanying documents via electronic means.

6/13/2023 9:49 AM ARDC Clerk 5. On April 25, 2023 at 4:15 P.M., Respondent acknowledged to accept electronic service of a complaint and accompanying documents via email.

6. On April 26, 2023 at 7:28 A.M., Affiant sent an email to <u>terrygaca@gmail.com</u> which contained the complaint and accompanying documents.

7. On May 3, 2023 at 2:33 P.M., Affiant sent an email to <u>terrygaca@gmail.com</u> to confirm receipt of the complaint and accompanying documents. Affiant did not receive a confirmation from the Respondent. Affiant then utilized investigators from the ILARDC Chicago division to attempt to serve the complaint and accompanying documents in person.

8. As of the date of this Affidavit, the Respondent has not confirmed receipt of the complaint and accompanying documents or been served in person by ILARDC personnel.

9. Further Affiant sayeth not.

#### CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Mark J. Pointer Mark J. Pointer

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

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In the Matter of:	
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No. 6196963.	

Commission No. 2023PR00019

#### AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RULE 214(a)

I, EDGAR A. LEON ("Affiant"), being duly sworn, hereby state:

1. Affiant is over 18 years of age, possesses firsthand knowledge of the facts presented in this Affidavit and, if called as a witness, Affiant will testify to the truth of the facts as presented in this Affidavit.

2. Affiant is an Investigator for the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois ("the Commission") and, as such, is authorized to serve process.

3. On May 4, 2023, Affiant was asked to serve a complaint and accompanying documents in person.

4. On May 5, 2023, at approximately 11:47 A.M., Affiant appeared at 202 Pepperidge Road, Naperville, Illinois 60540. The door was answered by an individual identifying himself as Shaik Raheem. Mr. Raheem reported being a tenant in the house he was renting. Mr. Raheem claimed not to know the Respondent.

FILED 6/13/2023 7:43 AM ARDC Clerk 5. On May 5, 2023, at approximately 12:10 P.M., Affiant appeared at 2401 Lisson

Road, Naperville, Illinois 60565; however, the property appeared vacant and abandoned.

6. Further Affiant sayeth not.

#### CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Edgar A. Leon Edgar A. Leon

Dated: June 12, 2023

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

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In the Matter of:	
Terry L. Gaca,	
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Commission No. 2023PR00019

#### AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RULE 214(a)

I, Carrie Iser ("Affiant"), being duly sworn, hereby state:

1. Affiant is over 18 years of age, possesses firsthand knowledge of the facts presented in this Affidavit and, if called as a witness, Affiant will testify to the truth of the facts as presented in this Affidavit.

2. Affiant is an Investigator for the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois ("the Commission") and, as such, is authorized to serve process.

3. On May 4, 2023, Affiant was asked to serve a complaint and accompanying documents in person.

4. On May 5, 2023, at approximately 9:42 A.M., Affiant appeared at 2817 W. Augusta Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60622. This is a multi-unit apartment building that has the units identified by floors and east/west. Affiant pushed buzzers for both unit 2E and 2W and was met with negative results.

5. Further Affiant sayeth not.

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#### CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Carrie Iser Carrie Iser

Dated: June 13, 2023

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

In the Matter of:

TERRY L. GACA,

Commission No. 2023PR00019

Attorney-Respondent,

No.6196963.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rachel Miller, an attorney, hereby certifies the Administrator served a copy of the Complaint, Notice of Complaint, Order assigning Chairperson of Hearing Panel and Pre-hearing Conference Procedures Memorandum on the Respondent, Terry L. Gaca., at the address 2401 Lisson Road, Naperville, Illinois, sent via U.S. Mail on June 13, 2023 at or before 4:00 p.m.

Under penalties as provide by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that she verily believes the same to be true.

> /s/ Rachel C. Miller Rachel C. Miller

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