

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

In the Matter of:	)	
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CORY JAY ARONOVITZ,	)	
	)	Commission No. 2026PR00043
Attorney-Respondent,	)	
	)	
No. 6217268.	)	

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **July 10, 2026**, we filed with the Clerk of the Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission: **Answer to Complaint**, a copy of which is served upon you herewith.

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By: /s/ Monica Nunez

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ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

COMES the Respondent, Cory Jay Aronovitz, by his attorneys, James L. Lessmeister and Adrian Vuckovich, denying any prefatory allegations, pursuant to Commission Rule 231 states that he is a licensed NBA agent and was previously licensed to practice law in New Jersey and for his Answer to the Administrator's Complaint, states as follows:

(Plagiarism and Dishonesty)

1. At all times related to this complaint, Respondent was the sole owner of a law firm in Chicago styled as The Casino Law Group. Respondent was the only attorney at the law firm and focused his practice on advising clients who were engaged in, or planned to engage in, commercial gambling and online gambling.

ANSWER: Admitted, except as to the description of Respondent's law practice, which is not complete and therefore, denied.

2. In May of 2024, an online gaming company asked Respondent to provide it with a written legal opinion analyzing federal laws that applied to an online gaming product of the company's. Respondent and the company agreed that Respondent would write the opinion letter in exchange for a flat fee of \$5,000. On or about May 12, 2024, Respondent provided the company

with a seven-page written legal opinion which analyzed federal laws that applied to the company's product.

ANSWER: Admitted that a client requested an opinion letter.

3. In late May or early June, 2024, after Respondent had provided the company with his initial written opinion, the company contacted Respondent and asked for a revised written legal opinion in which Respondent would also provide a State-by State analysis of gambling laws that could or would apply to the company's product. The company and Respondent agreed that Respondent would provide the revised legal opinion for a flat fee of \$2,500, and that Respondent would additionally provide the company with a certificate attesting to the applicability of the opinion to the company's product for an additional flat fee of \$1,500.

ANSWER: Admitted that Respondent's client requested an additional letter. Admitted some fees were paid. In further answer, having already provided an opinion letter, Mr. Aronovitz' client provided Mr. Aronovitz with a more detailed opinion letter on Duane Morris stationery, stated that the bank/payment processor owned the Duane Morris letter and requested Mr. Aronovitz use the Duane Morris letter as the basis for his opinion letter.

4. Prior to June 12, 2024, Respondent obtained a copy of a legal opinion drafted by an attorney named William Gantz, who was employed at the law firm Duane Morris. Mr. Gantz authored the legal opinion in 2023 and provided it to his client, an online gaming company. The legal opinion was 181 pages long, and provided a State-by-State survey of the gaming laws that could affect Mr. Gantz's client. The first page of Mr. Gantz's legal opinion was on Duane Morris letterhead, and stated "confidential – attorney work product." The footer on each page stated, "[copyright] Duane Morris 2023." In his 2023 legal opinion, Mr. Gantz required that he be notified

before the legal opinion was disclosed to any third parties beyond his client and his client's payment processors.

ANSWER: Paragraph 4 of the Complaint violates 735 ILCS 5/2-606 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure (failure to attach necessary documents) but the violation cannot be raised by Motion according to the procedural requirements of this forum. Without waiving this objection to the Administrator's pleading, admitted that Mr. Aronovitz' client provided him with a copy of a letter on Duane Morris stationery and informed Aronovitz that use of the letter was authorized by the bank/payment processor who had paid for it. Denied the opinion letter was improperly obtained and denied that Respondent violated confidentiality requirements. Admitted that there was language in the Duane Morris letter referring to copyright. Admitted that there was language concerning notification to Mr. Gantz. Denied notification was required. Any remaining allegations are denied.

5. On or about June 12, 2024, Respondent copied Mr. Gantz's 2023 legal opinion to create what purported to be a 181-page written legal opinion for his client, the company. The purported written legal opinion was entitled, "Social IGaming Legal Opinion," and purported to contain Respondent's legal analysis of each State's gaming laws that could affect the operation of the company's product throughout the United States. In the June 12, 2024 purported written legal opinion, Respondent stated that the analysis of the various State laws, the legal opinions, conclusions, and research contained in the written legal opinion were The Casino Law Group's. On the same date, Respondent executed a document entitled, "Form Officers Certificate and Opinion of Counsel." In the document, Respondent certified that the June 12, 2024 legal opinion had been issued by the Casino Law Group. On June 12, 2024, Respondent provided both the purported written legal opinion and the certificate to his client, the company.

ANSWER: Admitted an opinion letter was given to Mr. Aronovitz' client and that the opinion letter was based on the 2023 Duane Morris opinion letter. The title is also admitted. Otherwise, denied as alleged. In further answer, use and reliance on the Duane Morris letter was requested by the client. Mr. Aronovitz did not portray himself as having authored the entire document in that Duane Morris letter was given to Mr. Aronovitz by his client who, along with others, desired that Mr. Aronovitz specifically use the Duane Morris letter because they intended to rely on it. Admitted Mr. Aronovitz did not contact Mr. Gantz about the Duane Morris letter. Denied such communication was required. Any remaining allegations are denied.

6. Respondent's statements which were contained in the June 12, 2024 legal opinion, described in paragraph five, above, were false. The work contained in the legal opinion was not Respondent's. Instead, Respondent copied the analysis of the various State laws, the legal opinions, conclusions, and research contained in the June 12, 2024 legal opinion directly from Mr. Gantz's 2023 written legal opinion, described in paragraph four, above. Respondent knew the statements were false when he made them, and that the written legal opinion was authored by Mr. Gantz, and not Respondent, because before passing the purported written legal opinion off to his client, Respondent deleted Duane Morris's name from header, deleted Duane Morris's copyright notation on each page of the written legal opinion, replaced Mr. Gantz's name and Mr. Gantz's client's name with his name and his client's name throughout the document, and removed Mr. Gantz's signature at the end of the document and replaced it with his own signature. In all other respects, the written legal opinions were identical.

ANSWER: Admitted that the letter (which is not attached to the pleading) did not contain a reference to Duane Morris or William Gantz. Denied the letter was identical to the

Duane Morris letter. Denied Respondent intentionally made false statements. Any remaining allegations are denied.

7. At the time Respondent provided the written legal opinion which purported to be his own, he knew that his client would provide the purported written legal opinion to its payment processors and banks, and that the payment processors and banks would rely on the purported written legal opinion in assessing the legality of the client's online gaming product. Respondent did not seek Mr. Gantz's permission to use Mr. Gantz's written legal opinion before Respondent provided it to his client.

ANSWER: Admitted that Respondent was aware his client and the client's bank would rely on the Duane Morris opinion letter because they specifically requested that Mr. Aronovitz rely on the Duane Morris letter. Admitted Respondent did not communicate with Mr. Gantz about the Duane Morris opinion letter. The remaining allegations are denied.

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

- a. conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, by conduct including falsely representing the June 12, 2024 legal opinion as containing the work and legal opinions of Respondent's law firm, and by plagiarizing the 2023 written legal opinion of William Gantz and the law firm Duane Morris, in violation of Rule 8.4(c) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

ANSWER: Denied.

WHEREFORE Respondent Cory Jay Aronovitz respectfully requests that the Complaint be dismissed.

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