

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

In the Matter of:

CLAYTON CURCIO,

Attorney-Respondent,

No. 6338855.

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Commission No. 2026PR00053

NOTICE OF FILING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 3, 2026, I will submit the attached ANSWER and this notice to the Clerk of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, One Prudential Plaza, 130 East Randolph, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois 60601, for filing by electronic means through the Odyssey eFileIL system.

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/s/William F. Moran, III
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ANSWER

Respondent, CLAYTON CURCIO, by his attorney, William F. Moran, III, for his answer to the Complaint filed in this cause by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, LEA S. GUTIERREZ, states as follows:

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Respondent was admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois on November 10, 2021. Respondent has not been admitted to practice in any other jurisdiction.
2. Respondent has no other professional license.

ALLEGATIONS IN THE COMPLAINT

COUNT I

(Commission of Criminal Acts – Criminal Trespass to a Residence and Criminal Damage to Property)

1. At all times alleged in this complaint, there was in effect a criminal statute in Illinois, Chapter 720, Section 5/19-4(a)(2) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, entitled “criminal trespass to a residence,” which made it a Class 4 felony offense for a person to without authority knowingly enter the residence of another and know or have reason to know that one or more persons is present or knowingly enter the residence of another and remain in the residence after knowing or having reason to know that one or more persons is present.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 1 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

2. At all times alleged in this complaint, there was in effect a criminal statute in Illinois, Chapter 720, Section 5/21-1(a)(1) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, entitled "criminal damage to property," which made it a Class 4 felony offense for a person to knowingly damage any property of another when the damage to the property exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$10,000.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 2 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

3. At all times alleged in this complaint, there was in effect a criminal statute in Illinois, Chapter 720, Section 5/19-4(a)(1) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, entitled "criminal trespass to a residence," which made it a Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to, without authority, knowingly enter or remain within any residence that is the dwelling place of another.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 3 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

4. Beginning approximately October 2022 until approximately December 2023, Respondent rented the second-floor unit of a three-flat building on Clybourn Avenue in Chicago. From at least October 2022 until approximately September 2023, an individual with the initials "J.L." rented the third-floor unit located directly above the unit that Respondent rented.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 4 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

5. On Saturday, August 19, 2023, at approximately 12:40 p.m., Respondent entered J.L.'s apartment without permission through a rear door that opened into a bedroom. At the time Respondent entered J.L.'s apartment, J.L. was present in the unit with his girlfriend. After

Respondent entered J.L.'s apartment, J.L. confronted Respondent, grabbed a machete his girlfriend kept by the bed, and struck Respondent multiple times with the machete. Shortly thereafter, at approximately 12:51 p.m., J.L. called 9-1-1.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 5 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

6. At approximately 1:15 p.m. on August 19, 2023, Respondent was transported by ambulance to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center where he received treatment for his injuries. That same day, while Respondent remained hospitalized, Chicago Police placed Respondent under arrest for the offense of criminal trespass to a residence. While Respondent remained hospitalized, the Honorable William Fahy set a \$10,000 Deposit Bond on Respondent's criminal charge, which required that Respondent or someone on his behalf post \$1,000 to secure his release from custody.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 6 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

7. When Illinois Masonic Hospital discharged Respondent from its medical care on August 21, 2023, Chicago Police transported him to the Cook County Department of Corrections, located on California Avenue in Chicago ("CCDOC"). CCDOC released Respondent from custody on August 22, 2023, after his mother posted his bond.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 7 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

8. On September 12, 2023, a grand jury in Cook County indicted Respondent on two counts of criminal trespass to a residence in violation of Chapter 720, Section 5/19-4(a)(2) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, a Class 4 felony—because two individuals were present in the residence he trespassed—for his actions described in paragraph five, above. Respondent's matter

was docketed as *People of the State of Illinois v. Clayton K Curcio*, Cook County case number 23CR0998401.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 8 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

9. Also on September 12, 2023, at approximately 6:46 p.m., Respondent used a sharp object to scratch the side of a Dodge Ram pickup truck owned by an individual with the initials "L.S." when the truck was parked on the 2800 block of Clybourn Avenue in Chicago, causing approximately \$1,500 in damage to the vehicle. Respondent mistakenly believed the vehicle belonged to J.L., whose interactions with Respondent are described in paragraph five, above.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 9 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

10. On or around September 26, 2023, at approximately 11:00 p.m., without authority, Respondent entered the building where he lived on Clybourn Avenue and then entered into the first-floor unit, where he did not live. The first-floor unit was owned by an individual with the initials "J.G." No one else was present when Respondent entered the unit. However, an individual with the initials "L.K.", who is J.G.'s son-in-law and an officer with the Chicago Police Department, observed Respondent inside the unit through the window. Respondent left the first-floor unit and returned to the second-floor unit where he lived. As Respondent was going up the stairs to his unit, L.K. called out Respondent's name. Respondent ignored him. L.K. then entered the unit on the first floor and found it to be in disarray.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 10 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

11. On October 23, 2023, a grand jury in Cook County indicted Respondent for the crime of criminal damage to property between \$500 and \$10,000, in violation of Chapter 720,

Section 5/21-1(a)(1) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, a Class 4 felony, for his conduct described in paragraph nine, above, and for the crime of burglary in violation of Chapter 720, Section 5/19-1(a) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, a Class 2 felony, for knowingly and without authority entering the property of J.G. with the intent to commit therein a theft, for his conduct described in paragraph ten, above. Respondent's matter[s] were docketed as *People of the State of Illinois v. Clayton Curcio*, Cook County case numbers 23CR6025301 and 23CR6025401, respectively.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 11 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint.

12. Each of Respondent's three pending criminal cases—case number 23CR0998401 (Respondent's August 19, 2023 criminal trespass to J.L.'s residence), case number 23CR6025301 (Respondent's September 12, 2023 criminal damage to L.S.'s property), and case number 23CR60251 [*sic*, should be, "23CR6025401"] (Respondent's September 26, 2023 criminal trespass to J.G.'s residence)—were ultimately assigned to the Honorable Timothy Joyce.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 12 of Count I of the Administrator's Complaint, as corrected.

13. On September 5, 2025, pursuant to a negotiated agreement, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office agreed to reduce the felony burglary charge in case number 23CR60251 [*sic*, should be, "23CR6025401"] to the misdemeanor charge of criminal trespass to residence, a Class A misdemeanor, and Respondent pled guilty before Judge Joyce to two felony counts of criminal trespass to a residence in case number 23CR60251 [*sic*, should be, "23CR6025401"], one felony count of criminal damage to property in case number 23CR602531 [*sic*, should be, "23CR6025301"], and to the reduced charge of criminal trespass to residence in case number 23CR0998401. On the same day, Judge Joyce sentenced Respondent to a term of 24 months of conditional probation pursuant to Chapter 730, Section 5/5-6-3.4 of the Illinois Compiled

Statutes, entitled “Second Chance Probation,” on the two felony cases, and a concurrent period of 24 months of court supervision on the misdemeanor case.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 13 of Count I of the Administrator’s Complaint, as corrected.

14. The terms of Respondent’s probation were identical to the terms of his supervision, and included that Respondent pay fees, fines and other costs, not violate criminal statutes of any jurisdiction, not possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon, notify the monitoring agency of any change of address, not leave the State of Illinois without permission, and complete a mental health evaluation and comply with the treatment recommendations. Judge Joyce’s sentence further provided that upon Respondent’s successful fulfillment of the terms and conditions of his probation, the court would discharge and dismiss the felony criminal cases without entering a judgment of conviction against Respondent.

ANSWER: Respondent admits the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 14 of Count I of the Administrator’s Complaint.

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

- a. Committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, by conducting including committing the criminal offenses of criminal trespass to a residence, in violation of Chapter 720, Section 5/19-4(a)(2) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, criminal damage to property between \$500 and \$10,000, in violation of Chapter 720, Section 5/21-1(a)(1) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, and criminal trespass to a residence, in violation of Chapter 720, Section 5/19-4(a)(1) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in violation of Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

ANSWER: The allegations as set forth in Paragraph 15(a) of Count I of the Administrator’s Complaint are not allegations of fact, but rather, are conclusions of law which

fall within the purview of the members of the Hearing Panel assigned to this case to decide whether the same have been proven by the Administrator, so an answer is not required.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, CLAYTON CURCIO, would request that an evidentiary hearing be held on the Complaint filed in this cause by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, LEA S. GUTIERREZ, and Respondent's Answer thereto; that subsequent to the hearing, the Hearing Board make such findings of fact and conclusions of law that are supported by the record and a recommendation for any appropriate discipline to the Supreme Court of Illinois; and for any and all further relief which is just and equitable based upon the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON CURCIO, Respondent

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