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Attorney General of Texas  
Mr. Abbott  
P.O. Box 12548, Capital Station  
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RE: Unlicensed Attorney Practicing in the State of Texas

Dear Mr. Abbott:

I am trying to determine if a woman named, Michelle Ward (a.k.a. Michelle LaBorde, Michelle Clayton, Michelle Battaglia, and Michelle Ghetti) was ever a Licensed Attorney in the State of Texas or authorized to practice law in the State of Texas from the years 1984 through 1987. I was married to this woman from 1985 through 1987 and she represented to me as well as her law firm, Akin, Gump, Stuas, Haur and Feld in Dallas, Texas, as well as a number of Texas and Federal Judges and prosecutors that she was an "Officer of the Courts" and a Licensed Attorney in Texas.

I have written the State Bar of Texas on a number of dates (please see the enclosed letter dated June 28, 2005 to Assistant General Counsel, State Bar of Texas) and they have only written me that "records did not find attorney by name Michelle LaBorde (6/29/4)" and "unable to find an attorney by the name of Michelle Ghetti (7/9/4)." I do not know if the State Bar is giving me the "run-around" or if this Michelle Ward (also above alias) was never a Licensed Attorney in the State of Texas in the years 1984 to 1987. Would the Attorney General of Texas be able to determine if the above named woman was ever a Licensed Attorney in Texas during the period of 1984 and 1987 as she represented to me and her law firm, Akin Gump et. al, in Dallas, Texas ?

If I can provide any additional information please let me know and thank you for your assistance in determining the status of the above named attorney.

Sincerely,

  
John David Battaglia

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