Jane Doe – Notification Letter –

Respondent

Curators Appointed by the Court

19th Judicial District Court

Parish of East Baton Rouge

300 North Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

 August 26, 2019

Curators: CERTIFIED MAIL

 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John Doe Jane Smith

Jane Doe P.O. Box 123

Jack Doe Baton Rouge, LA 70802

 Re: Respondent

 Dear Ms. Doe:

I am writing to inform you that Respondent, an attorney we understand rendered legal services on your behalf, permanently resigned from the practice of law.

Pursuant to Louisiana Supreme Court Rules, several lawyers have been appointed by the authority of the Louisiana Supreme Court to act as curators to carry out the following:

1. Inventory Respondent’s files;
2. Deliver these files, including any papers or other property, to the client and notify them, and any counsel representing them, of a suitable time and place where the papers and other property may be retrieved. (Confirming your conversation with John Doe yesterday, all of you are going to meet him on the 6th Floor of the East Baton Rouge Parish, 19th Judicial District Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 2, 2019 to get your file.) Please note that the papers or property can only be delivered to the actual person who hired Respondent, another lawyer hired by that person, or someone authorized by a written document executed before a Notary Public to pick up the papers and property. Additionally, it is important that you bring a photo ID with you when you retrieve your file; and
3. The curators have not, and will not, retain copies of any file, including any papers or other property, and do not have any file in storage on behalf of Respondent.

***It is very important that you hire another lawyer to replace Respondent***, as there is no suspension of any statute of limitation and no automatic continuance of any legal delays or court dates, deadlines, or proceedings.

The court appointed curators CANNOT give you legal advice or recommend another attorney. If you do not know what lawyer to hire, contact the Baton Rouge Bar Association; Its lawyer referral service will arrange a low-cost initial $50 consultation between you and a lawyer who accepts the type of case you have. At this initial consultation, the lawyer will provide advice about your specific legal issue.

The court appointed curators also DO NOT have the authority to refund any fees or other money given to Respondent. You may contact the Louisiana State Bar Association Client Assistance Fund (“CAF”) for more information regarding the return of unearned fees. The CAF’s mission is to protect the public and maintain the integrity of the legal profession by reimbursing, to the extent deemed appropriate, losses caused by the dishonest conduct of any licensed Louisiana lawyer practicing in this state. The CAF does not cover losses resulting from a lawyer acting incompetently or failing to take certain action. Any reimbursement from the CAF is a matter of grace in the sole discretion of the committee administering the fund, and not as a mater of right. Before you can seek reimbursement, you will need proof that your money or property was given to Respondent. In addition, the CAF is considered a fund of last resort, and you must submit proof that all other means of reimbursement have been exhausted. Claim applications are available by contacting the Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130-3427, 504-619-0108.

Again, the appointed curators DO NOT have the authority to render any legal advice concerning any matter for which Respondent was retained.

 Sincerely,

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