COMPLAINT AGAINST A LAWYER

Return your completed form to:

Alabama State Bar
Disciplinary Commission
P. O. Box 671
Montgomery, AL 36101-0671

NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT

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Last Name, First Name

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Address

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Fairhope, AL 36532
City, State, ZIP Code

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Carolyn Amick
Name & Relationship of Person Who Can Always Contact You

334-220-2272
Telephone Number(s)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY AGAINST WHOM YOUR COMPLAINT IS MADE

MR TOM ALBRITTON
Last Name, First Name

ETHIC'S COMMISSION
Name of Law Firm Where Attorney is Employed

100 N UNION ST. #104
Address

MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
City, State, ZIP Code

334-242-2997
Telephone Number(s)

THE Ripp REPORT

On what date did the alleged ethics violation occur? TRUST ACCOUNT NOT TRUSTEE

What was your fee arrangement with the attorney? -0-

COMPLAINT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If you have a complaint against more than one attorney, use a SEPARATE complaint form for each attorney, with the details and relevant exhibits attached to each separate complaint. If you are filing more than one complaint, do not combine your complaint details or your exhibits into one document, or make a specific comment about a complaint filed against another attorney, or it will be returned to you. We will not accept complaints against law firms.
2. Send your complaint with an original notarized signature. We will not accept a copy of your signature.
3. State specifically, on each individual complaint, what the attorney did or failed to do which you believe constitutes unethical conduct, and when it occurred.
4. Attach **COPIES** of any receipts, contracts, or other documents which are important to the complaint, to the back of each individual complaint. Keep your own original documents.
5. Please, do not bind your complaint. Type or write your complaint legibly in ink so it can be copied.
6. You may add more pages to this form if necessary.
7. If you believe that drugs, alcohol or mental disability affected the lawyer's representation, please state what facts support your belief.
8. This matter is confidential at this stage of the proceedings, until the Disciplinary Commission or Board has acted.

9. The Alabama Bar Association does not represent you in this matter but acts to investigate complaints on behalf of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

If there is a court case related to your complaint, please provide the case name and file number, and the lawyer representing you?

N/A

DETAILS OF YOUR COMPLAINT

Explain your complaint in your own words. Include the following: all important dates, times, places, and court file numbers. Please be advised we cannot return documents submitted to this office. You should retain a copy of all materials you submit. Do not send cassette tapes unless requested by the Bar to do so. The Alabama State Bar cannot be held responsible for lost, misdirected or damaged documents.

SUBMITTED: ETHICS COMPLAINT / WRIT of MANDAMUS

DETAILS of COMPLAINT ON SEPARATE SHEET, SAME AS STATED IN WRIT of MANDAMUS.

INCLUDED IS COPY OF LAGNIAPPE ARTICE THAT LED TO COMPLAINT

The attorney you are filing the complaint against will receive a copy of your complaint, and may be asked to respond to your allegations.

I hereby certify that the information I am providing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I will voluntarily appear and testify to the facts in the complaint if called upon by the Alabama State Bar.

[redacted]
Name (signature)

Date: July 14, 2021

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 **day of** July, 2021.

[SEAL]

Natalie Metzger
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Notary Public
Alabama State at Large

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 1/29/2025

DETAILS of COMPLAINT

THE ISSUES

3. The Director of the Alabama Ethics Commission, who directs the day to day work of the Commission Staff is also an attorney. Prior to becoming Director he was appointed as one of three Trustees that administers the Mabel Amos Memorial Fund, a scholarship trust created by her Will which also demands that two members of Albritton's Law Firm in Andalusia, Alabama, sit as Trustees. Alabama State Ethics Commission Director Thomas Albritton continues to serve as a Trustee.

4. The Trust document has two simple Ethical Provisions: "The Trustee shall not engage in any self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d), and shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 5489", referring to the Internal Revenue Code.

5. Director Thomas Albritton's children received scholarships from the Mabel Amos Memorial Fund, in violation of sections 4941 (d) and 5489.

ALLEGATIONS

7. Director Thomas Albritton has stated publicly that he abstained from any votes related to scholarships awarded to his children. This does little to negate the violation of the Trust related to Internal Revenue Code 4941(d) and 5489.