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ORDER OF COURT

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IN THE MATTER OF: RONALD REECE

Upon consideration of the Order to Show Cause to which no response was filed, and now being sufficiently advised in the premises,

IT IS THIS DAY ORDERED that Ronald Reece is enjoined from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law and assessed the costs and expenses of \$119.00 Said costs to be Remitted to the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel within thirty Days of the date of this order.

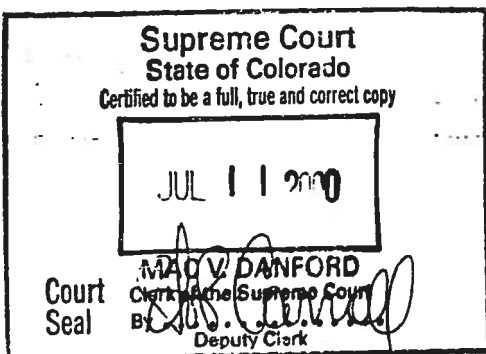
BY THE COURT, JULY 11, 2000.



cc:

Ronald Reece  
1479 Fillmore St., #303  
Denver, CO 80218

James Coyle  
Assistant Regulation Counsel



SUPREME COURT, STATE OF COLORADO

Case No.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING IN UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

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PETITION FOR INJUNCTION

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,

Petitioner,

vs.

RONALD L. REECE,

Respondent.

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Petitioner, by and through James C. Coyle, Assistant Regulation Counsel, respectfully requests that the Colorado Supreme Court issue an order pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234 directing the respondent to show cause why he should not be enjoined from the unauthorized practice of law. As grounds therefore, counsel states as follows:

1. The respondent, Ronald L. Reece, is not licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado. His last known residential and business addresses are 2940 East Colfax, #283, Denver, Colorado 80206; 1776 Williams Street, Denver, Colorado 80218-1702; and 1479 Fillmore Street, #303, Denver, Colorado 80218.

2. In early December 1998, the United States Automobile Association obtained judgments by default against defendant Elias Botello and other individuals, jointly and severally, for approximately \$20,600.00 in *USAA v. Elias Botello, et al.*, 98CV2983, Adams County District Court. Attorney Roger

Moore represented USAA in this matter.

3. On or about January 6, 1999, the Botellos submitted a motion to vacate and set aside the default judgment, a notice of setting for hearing on the motion to vacate, and affidavits prepared for and signed by Delilah Botello and Patsy Botello. These documents were prepared by the respondent.

4. On or about January 8, 1999, the respondent called Mr. Moore and introduced himself as an attorney working with "the death penalty project," and stated that he would be representing the Botello family in this lawsuit.

5. Subsequently, the Botellos and the respondent met with Mr. Moore in mid January to discuss settlement of the case. At no time did the respondent represent that he was not licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado.

6. After the first settlement meeting, Mr. Reece continued to speak with Mr. Moore on several occasions regarding settlement of the USAA case. The parties once again met on February 2, 1999 where they reached a settlement. At that time, Mr. Moore told the respondent that he would list him as the attorney of record on the motions to dismiss and to set aside entry of default judgments, even though the respondent had not filed an entry of appearance. Again, the respondent failed to notify Mr. Moore that he was not licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado.

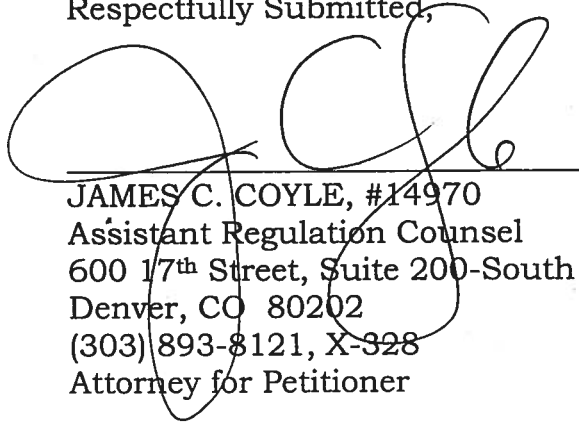
7. Pursuant to *Denver Bar Association v. Public Utilities Commission*, 391 P.2d 467 (Colo. 1964), "generally one who acts in a representative capacity

in protecting, enforcing, or defending the legal rights and duties of another and in counseling, advising and assisting him in connection with these rights and duties engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.” The respondent by advising his clients on the default judgment, holding himself out as an attorney to opposing counsel, drafting pleadings on behalf of his clients, and asserting legal positions on issues of law on behalf of his clients, has engaged in conduct which is properly described and characterized as the practice of law.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that the court issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why he should not be enjoined from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, and assess the costs and expenses of these proceedings including reasonable attorney’s fees against the respondent.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that copies of the PETITION FOR INJUNCTION was mailed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2000, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the respondent at the following address:

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Denver, CO 80218-1702

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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TO: RONALD L. REECE, Respondent, GREETINGS:

You are hereby ordered and directed to appear before the Colorado Supreme Court, 2 East 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver, Colorado 80203, within twenty (20) days from service hereof and show cause, if any you may or can have, why you should not be enjoined from the unauthorized practice of law pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234; and also submit a written answer admitting or denying the allegations stated in the attached Petition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner may have ten (10) days from receipt of the answer within which to file a reply. A true copy of the Petition for Injunction pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234 is attached hereto and served herewith.

WITNESS, the Honorable Mary J. Mullarkey, Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, in the City and County of Denver, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

BY THE COURT

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Mac V. Danford, Clerk