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Petitioner: The People of the State of Colorado, v. Respondents: Yasmeen Watson and Advantage Legal Services, LLC.	Supreme Court Case No: 2009SA65
ORDER OF COURT	

Upon consideration of the Petition for Injunction, the Order to Show Cause, the Response to Petition for Injunction, the Order Appointing Hearing Master and the Report of Hearing Master Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 236(a) filed in the above cause, and now being sufficiently advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that said Respondent, YASMEEN WATSON shall be, and the same hereby is, ENJOINED from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent, ADVANTAGE LEGAL SERVICES, LLC shall be and the same hereby is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent, YASMEEN WATSON is assessed costs in the amount of \$91.00. Said costs to be paid to the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, within (90) days of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent, YASMEEN WATSON pay restitution to Dennis Williams in the amount of \$399.00 and June Estala in the amount of \$493.00. Said restitution payments would begin in June 2010 in the amount of \$50.00 a month to Dennis Williams and \$50.00 a month to June Estala for a total of \$100.00 a month until repayment is complete.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this court WAIVES any fines in this matter pursuant to C.R.C.P. 236(a).

BY THE COURT, JANUARY 6, 2010.



Case Number: 2009SA65
Caption: People v Watson, Yasmeen

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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SUPREME COURT, STATE OF COLORADO ORIGINAL PROCEEDING IN THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE 1560 BROADWAY, SUITE 675 DENVER, CO 80202		ATTORNEY REGULATION
Petitioner: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,	Case Number: 09SA065	
Respondent: YASMEEN WATSON and ADVANTAGE LEGAL SERVICES, LLC.		
REPORT OF HEARING MASTER PURSUANT TO C.R.C.P. 236(a)		

This matter is before the Presiding Disciplinary Judge ("PDJ") on an "Order Appointing Hearing Master" issued by the Colorado Supreme Court ("Supreme Court") on July 23, 2009. The Supreme Court remanded this matter to the PDJ "to determine the facts and to make recommendations to the Court" pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234(f).

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

April M. McMurrey, Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel ("the People"), filed a "Petition for Injunction" with the Supreme Court on March 17, 2009. On March 19, 2009, the Supreme Court issued an "Order to Show Cause" and ordered Yasmeen Watson and Advantage Legal Services, LLC ("Respondents") to answer in writing and show cause within twenty days "why they should not be enjoined from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law in the State of Colorado." Respondents filed a response to the petition on June 16, 2009. The Supreme Court remanded the matter to the PDJ on July 23, 2009.

On August 13, 2009, the PDJ held a Status Conference. Ms. McMurrey appeared on behalf of the People and Respondent Yasmeen Watson appeared *pro se* by telephone. The PDJ set various deadlines and scheduled the matter for a one-day hearing to commence on January 5, 2010. On December 22, 2009, the parties filed a "Stipulation, Agreement and Affidavit Consenting to an Order of Injunction" with the PDJ.

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II. FINDINGS OF FACT

For purposes of this report, and in the interests of judicial economy, the PDJ accepted the following findings of fact set forth in the stipulation.

Respondent Yasmeeen Watson is not licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado. Respondent Advantage Legal Services, LLC ("ALS") was registered with the Colorado Secretary of State as a Limited Liability Company. ALS and its agents are not licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado. Ms. Watson was the registered agent of ALS. At all time pertinent hereto, Ms. Watson directed and supervised ALS activities. ALS advertised that the services it provided included document preparation and the opportunity to retain an attorney.

In the first client matter, Ms. Watson, through ALS, selected and prepared legal pleadings for Dennis Williams and collected \$399.00 for legal services. In the second client matter, Ms. Watson, through ALS, selected and prepared legal pleadings for June Estala and collected \$493.00 for legal services.

Ms. Watson is no longer directing, supervising or operating ALS. Therefore, as a part of the stipulation, the People stipulated to the dismissal of ALS, a defunct Colorado corporation. Ms. Watson also agreed to pay administrative costs and restitution related this matter.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

By selecting and preparing legal pleadings for others, Ms. Watson engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.¹ She does not fall within any of the statutory or case law exceptions.

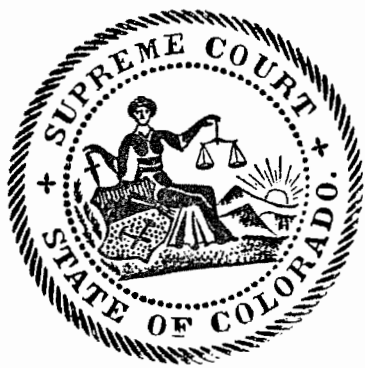
The parties stipulated to an order of injunction as well as an order requiring that Ms. Watson pay administrative costs and restitution related to this matter. The PDJ reviewed the stipulation, and in the interests of judicial economy, **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court **ACCEPT** it and **ENJOIN** Respondent Yasmeeen Watson from the unauthorized practice of law. The PDJ also **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court **DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE** Respondent Advantage Legal Services, LLC, a defunct Colorado corporation, as requested by the People.


¹ See *People v. Shell*, 148 P.3d 162 (Colo. 2006); *Denver Bar Assn. v. P.U.C.*, 154 Colo. 273, 391 P.2d 467 (1964) (The unauthorized practice of law includes acting as a representative in protecting, enforcing or defending the legal rights and duties of another and/or counseling, advising and assisting that person in connection with legal rights and duties).

The PDJ further **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court order Respondent to pay administrative **COSTS** in the amount of \$91.00 within ninety (90) days of the Supreme Court's order of injunction. In addition, the PDJ **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court order Respondent to pay **RESTITUTION** to Dennis Williams in the amount of \$399.00 and June Estala in the amount of \$493.00. Restitution payments would begin in June 2010 in the amount of \$50.00 a month to Dennis Williams and \$50.00 a month to June Estala for a total of \$100.00 a month until repayment is complete.

Finally, the PDJ **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court **WAIVE** any **FINES** in this matter pursuant to C.R.C.P. 236(a).²

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.




WILLIAM R. LUCERO
PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

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² See C.R.C.P. 236(a) (A report from the Presiding Disciplinary Judge approving the parties' stipulation to injunction may be exempt from a fine).