

Colorado Supreme Court 101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800 Denver, CO 80202	
Original Proceeding in Unauthorized Practice of Law 09UPL87	
Petitioner: The People of the State of Colorado, v.	Supreme Court Case No: 2010SA156
Respondent: Greg Slaughter, d/b/a TicketSlayer.	
ORDER OF COURT	

Upon consideration of the Petition for Injunction, the Order and Rule to Show Cause, the Answer to Show Cause Action 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,

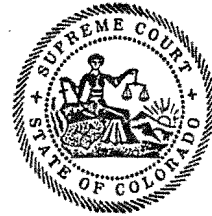
IT IS ORDERED that the Recommendation of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge is ACCEPTED. Respondent, GREG SLAUGHTER d/b/a TICKETSLAYER shall be, and the same hereby is ENJOINED from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law in the State of Colorado.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said Respondent, GREG SLAUGHTER shall pay administrative costs in the amount of \$91.00. Said costs to be paid to the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, within (30) thirty days from the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said Respondent, GREG SLAUGHTER shall pay Restitution to Wendy Gossett in the amount of \$75.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a fine be imposed in the amount of \$250.00.

BY THE COURT, FEBRUARY 15, 2011.



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Caption: People v Slaughter, Greg

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies mailed via the State's Mail Services Division on February 16, 2011. ^{11/20}

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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	
Petitioner: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO Respondents: GREG SLAUGHTER, d/b/a TICKETSLAYER	Case Number: 10SA156
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 7, 2010. In its order, the Supreme Court referred this matter to the PDJ "for findings and recommendations."

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 18, 2010, Kim E. Ikeler, Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel ("the People"), filed a "Petition for Injunction" against Greg Slaughter, d/b/a TicketSlayer ("Respondent") alleging he engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. On May 21, 2010, the Supreme Court issued an "Order and Rule to Show Cause" and ordered Respondent to show cause within twenty days "why he should not be enjoined from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law in the State of Colorado."¹ Respondent filed an "Answer to Show Cause Action" with the Supreme Court on July 6, 2010. The Supreme Court then referred the matter to the PDJ on July 7, 2010.

The PDJ thereafter ordered the parties to schedule this matter for a status conference in its "Order of Hearing Master Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234-236" issued on July 26, 2010. On August 24, 2010, the PDJ held a status conference in this matter. Mr. Ikeler appeared on behalf of the People and Respondent failed to appear.

The People advised the PDJ that they had attempted to reach Respondent by e-mail, telephone, and first class mail. In addition, the PDJ called Respondent at the time of the hearing, but only received Respondent's voicemail. In light of Respondent's failure to appear at the Status Conference,

¹ The People filed a "Proof of Service" with the Supreme Court on June 2, 2010.

the PDJ ordered the People to file a dispositive motion with the PDJ on or before September 24, 2010. The PDJ also gave Respondent the opportunity to file a response within fifteen days of the date of the motion but no later than October 11, 2010.

The People filed "Petitioner's Combined Motion for Summary Judgment and Response to Motion to Dismiss" on September 23, 2010. Respondent did not file a response. Accordingly, on October 22, 2010, the PDJ granted the People's motion for summary judgment and denied Respondent's motion to dismiss. The PDJ also ordered the People to file a motion detailing their requested recommendations on restitution, fines, and costs on or before November 22, 2010. The People filed their request on November 1, 2010. Respondent did not file a response.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

The PDJ finds the following facts, established by summary judgment, and set forth in greater detail in the People's "Petition for Injunction" filed on May 18, 2010.

Respondent is not licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado. Nevertheless, he operated a website known as "Ticketslayer" that held itself out as offering legal assistance to persons with traffic violations. For a fee, Ticketslayer provided its customers with a series of pleadings intended to challenge the jurisdiction of the traffic court through its "common law default method." Ticketslayer also instructed the customer on how to customize the pleadings to match the particular requirements of the court to which the customer had been summoned in order to delay and frustrate the prosecutor and/or judge into dismissing the case.

On March 7, 2009, Wendy Gossett, a Colorado resident, received a ticket for speeding. The police office that wrote the ticket erroneously listed the date for her court appearance as April 14, 2008 (rather than April 14, 2009). Ms. Gossett decided to research the issue on the Internet and found the Ticketslayer website.

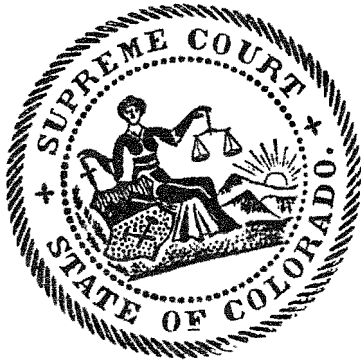
Ms. Gossett thereafter paid Ticketslayer \$75.00 by credit card. Ms. Gossett spoke to Respondent several times by telephone as they discussed the strategy of her case in great detail. Respondent also sent Ms. Gossett form pleadings along with instructions for their use and suggested requesting a jury trial in order to "bog down" the system. The form pleadings contained paragraphs asserting Respondent's "common law default" legal theory. Ms. Gossett completed the pleadings and filed them with the Littleton Municipal Court and sent a copy to the prosecutor.

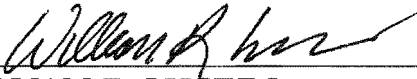
III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Respondent, a non-lawyer, advised a Colorado resident on how to defend her traffic case, including drafting, selecting, and providing forms for use in her case. By engaging in this conduct, Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.² He does not fall within any of the statutory or case law exceptions in this case. Accordingly, the PDJ **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court **ENJOIN** Respondent Greg Slaughter, d/b/a Ticketlayer from the unauthorized practice of law.

The PDJ further **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court order Respondent to pay administrative **COSTS** in the amount of \$91.00 within thirty (30) days of its order of injunction. In addition, the PDJ **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court order Respondent to pay **RESTITUTION** to Wendy Gossett in the amount of \$75.00. Finally, the PDJ **RECOMMENDS** that the Supreme Court **FINE** Respondent a total of \$250.00 for the single incident of the unauthorized practice of law pursuant to C.R.C.P. 236(a).

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2011.





WILLIAM R. LUCERO
PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

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² 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).