

COMPLAINT AGAINST A LAWYER

Return your completed form to:

Alabama State Bar
Disciplinary Commission
P. O. Box 671
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT

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Name & Relationship of Person Who Can Always Contact
You

Telephone Number(s)

On what date did the alleged ethics violation occur? Jan. 10, 2017 _____

What was your fee arrangement with the attorney? None _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY AGAINST WHOM YOUR COMPLAINT IS MADE

Sessions, Jefferson Beauregard _____
Last Name, First Name

U.S. Department of Justice _____
Name of Law Firm Where Attorney is Employed

Robert F. Kennedy Building, 10th Street and
Constitution Ave., NW _____
Address

Washington, D.C. 20530 _____
City, State, ZIP Code

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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.

On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, I am filing this second amendment to the complaint I submitted on March 9, 2017 against Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, who is admitted to practice law in the State of Alabama. This amendment provides a recently released document relevant to the complaint.

The initial complaint alleges that Mr. Sessions, who now serves as the Attorney General of the United States, violated Rule 8.4 of the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct by making false statements during sworn testimony before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary on January 10, 2017, and in a subsequent written response to questions by the committee on January 17, 2017. In my first amendment to the complaint, on June 2, 2017, I provided the Disciplinary Committee with additional information about 1) reports of one or two additional meetings between Mr. Sessions and the Russian ambassador on the same day as a presidential campaign event, and 2) reports of Mr. Sessions failing to list any Russian officials on his application for a security clearance for work at the United States Department of Justice. Both events may be relevant to the Disciplinary Commission's investigation of whether Mr. Sessions violated Rule 8.4.

By this second amendment to the complaint, I am attaching the relevant, heavily redacted pages from the security clearance application form submitted and certified by Mr. Sessions to obtain a security clearance for his work as Attorney General of the United States. The document, attached as Exhibit J, was released by the Department of Justice in response to a federal court order resulting from a complaint under the Freedom of Information Act. The form, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Standard Form 86, "Questionnaire for National Security Positions," instructs applicants to list "any contact" they had with a "foreign government" or its "representatives" over the past seven years. In response to this question, the unredacted portion of the completed application indicates that Mr. Sessions answered, "No."

As stated in the earlier amendment to the complaint, while the Disciplinary Commission may decide to investigate the failure to disclose his meetings with Russian officials on the security clearance form as a separate, but related, violation of Rule 8.4, the Commission may also consider the question on the security clearance form as part of its investigation of the false statement made to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I stand ready to provide the Disciplinary Commission any additional information necessary for its investigation.

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.