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The Grievance Committee
The North Carolina State Bar
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Dear Director Committee Members:

I write to you on behalf of Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom (OAMF), which is an organization of citizens from all walks of life and all corners of the state. We are more than 3,700 strong and growing. Our mission is to protect and preserve medical freedom and informed consent for all Ohio citizens. Many of our members work in the health care field and include nurses, therapists, chiropractors, and physicians.

I saw the online posting by Sharon Brown of the NC State Bar Grievance Committee's Letter of Warning to Attorney Alan G. Phillips dated February 10, 2017, NC State Bar file number 16G0756. This letter indicates that Attorney Phillips engaged in unauthorized practice of law in California.

It is our understanding that only the California State Bar can make a determination that someone has practiced law unauthorized in that state. As such, we question whether the North Carolina State Bar Grievance Committee Chair, who signed the letter, and possibly others supporting the letter, may have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in California and, therefore, possibly violated North Carolina ethical rules. We ask that the matter be investigated.

We respectfully request that appropriate steps be taken to address any conflicts of interests arising from this, as well as reassurance that this complaint will be addressed appropriately – ideally via an outside, independent process because it is unreasonable for the North Carolina Bar to investigate itself.

Further, it is our understanding that there is a current investigation of Attorney Phillips in progress. We respectfully request that any conflicts of interest there be addressed as well. In particular, it seems unreasonable for the Bar to investigate Attorney Phillips while Attorney Phillips has an open, good faith complaint against the North Carolina Bar or while the open, good faith complaint described in this letter is pending.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Donna Jo Kazee
Secretary