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**Phillips Receives Additional Jail Time:
Continued Call for Independent Investigation of Misconduct by the North Carolina State Bar**

Columbus, OH: On May 9, 2019, the legal battle continued between the NC State Bar and Attorney Alan Phillips in a court hearing where Attorney Phillips had presented in good faith everything he believed met the court's order for discovery. However, the NC State Bar insisted that Phillips had omitted requested documentation. Phillips asked the court for clarification on what items were missing and for additional time to present the required items, but the court asserted that Phillips knew what was missing and ordered Phillips back to jail.

Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom (OAMF) contends that holding Attorney Phillips in contempt the first time was procedurally illegal, as Phillips was appealing the court order to begin with, and procedurally the court cannot enforce the court order until that appeal has been resolved.

On May 8, 2019 OAMF sent a letter, accompanied by 3779 signatures from across the county, to the NC Governor, NC Attorney General, and all NC legislators, which was CC'd to 400 NC media contacts, calling for an independent investigation into the multiple complaints (including the complaint OAMF filed on October 12, 2017) alleging misconduct by the NC State Bar, all of which have been dismissed by the Bar.

According to prior court precedence, the State Bar can't investigate complaints against its own employees, established: *Boyce v. N.C. State Bar*, 814 S.E.2d 127 (N.C. App., 2018) See concurring opinion: <https://www.leagle.com/decision/inncco20180403426>

OAMF is urging North Carolina television station's investigative reporting teams to look into this matter and pressure the Governor's office to initiate an independent investigation into the complaints against the Bar as required by law.

For more detailed information regarding Attorney Phillip's case and the associated complaints against the NC State Bar, visit: www.ohioamf.org/support-alan

About Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom: Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom (OAMF) is an organization of citizens from all walks of life and all corners of the state. We are more than 5,000 strong and growing. Our mission is to protect and preserve medical freedom and informed consent for all Ohio citizens. For further information: www.OhioAMF.org

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