

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

In re)
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Collection Actions filed by)
J. William Ray, Esquire.)
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C.A. No.: 01-CP-23-3694
01-CP-23-3758
01-CP-23-3912
01-CP-23-3914
01-CP-23-3917

ORDER

The attorney listed above is a practicing attorney in the State of South Carolina. He maintains his place of business in Greenville County. The Civil Action numbers are from collection cases filed by Mr. Ray.

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For the past two years, Judge Larry R. Patterson has refused to sign default orders in Mr. Ray's cases presented to him for signature. Also, Judge Henry Floyd has counseled with Mr. Ray and informed him he would not sign these orders. In these files, Mr. Ray, the attorney of record, signs the Verified Statement of Account, a document required by Rule 9(i) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. In fact, Mr. Ray signs every document in the files. Mr Ray has been repeatedly informed by Judges Patterson and Floyd that the Court believes such a document must be signed by the party itself and not by the attorney for the Plaintiff. Judges Patterson and Floyd have also informed Mr. Ray that no other attorney practicing collections work signs these Statements of Accounts himself. Both Judges have offered to make a record of this for Mr. Ray so that he might appeal the Judges' rulings if he so chooses. Instead, Mr. Ray continues to submit Orders for Default to the Court.

Mr. Ray has also attempted to refer these cases to the Master-in-Equity for Greenville County



in order to get around the Judges who have refused to sign his orders; the Court refuses to sign Orders of Reference in these matters, as they are legal and not equitable.


Mr. Ray continually refuses to follow the instruction of the Court or allow the Court to make a record for him. His practice of signing the Verified Statement of Account flies in the face of the Rules of Civil Procedure, the common law of this state, and the guidance of at least two Circuit Court judges. Countless hours have been wasted returning his orders because he refuses to get his client to sign the Verified Statement of Account.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED for every cause of action filed from this day forward by J. William Ray as attorney of record in which he signs the Verified Statement of Account, he will be **fin**ed \$100.00 and judicially **rem**oved as attorney of record for that case.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED that all Judges in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit receive a copy of this order and be made aware of the practices of J. William Ray.

IT IS SO ORDERED!



Larry R. Patterson
Chief Administrative Judge
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

August 31, 2001
Greenville, South Carolina