PROBABLE CAUSE COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,

No. 23-1985

PROBABLE CAUSE ORDER

BRYAN J. BLEHM Bar No. 023891

Respondent.

The Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona ("Committee") reviewed this matter on December 8, 2023, pursuant to Rules 50 and 55, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., for consideration of the State Bar's Report of Investigation and Recommendation and Respondent's Response.

By a vote of 6-1-2¹, the Committee finds probable cause exists to file a complaint against Respondent in File No. 23-1985.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED pursuant to Rule 55(c) and 58(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., authorizing the State Bar counsel to prepare and file a complaint with the Disciplinary Clerk.

Parties may not file motions for reconsideration of this Order.

DATED this __11___ day of December, 2023.

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Judge (ret.) Lawrence F. Winthrop,

Chair, Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court

¹ Committee member Judge Cynthia Bailey and Brent Vermeer did not participate in this matter.

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December 11, 2023

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Bryan J. Blehm Blehm Law, PLLC 10869 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 103256 Scottsdale, AZ 85254-5280

Re: File No: 23-1985

Complainant: State Bar of Arizona

Dear Mr. Blehm:

The Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona has entered, in the above-referenced matter, the enclosed Probable Cause Order.

Before a formal complaint is filed and litigation commenced, this matter may be resolved by an agreement for discipline by consent. Rule 57, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., allows a Respondent to tender conditional admissions to a charge in exchange for a stated form of discipline. An agreement for discipline by consent saves time and costs and provides an opportunity for you to participate in developing a formal statement of the case for the record.

To prevent unnecessary delay, I plan on continuing to prepare our file for adjudication. In the meantime, if you wish to speak to me about possible settlement, or wish to discuss the case further, please feel free to contact me at (602)340-7386. I welcome the opportunity to further discuss this matter with you.

I understand that you are, at this point, unrepresented. This letter is not intended to provide legal advice. If you have any questions about the process, I urge you to seek counsel.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

/s/Hunter F. Perlmeter

/s/Kelly A. Goldstein

Hunter F. Perlmeter Bar Counsel Kelly A. Goldstein Bar Counsel

HFP/mq

Enclosure

From: Melissa Quintana

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:08 PM

To: 'bryan@blehmlegal.com'

Subject: State Bar File No. 23-1985 - Blehm

Attachments: Letter to R Transmitting ADPCC Order.pdf; 23-1985 Blehm - Order of Probable Cause.pdf

Dear Mr. Blehm,

Attached is a letter from Bar Counsel Hunter F. Perlmeter and Kelly A. Goldstein, regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is a copy of the Probable Cause Order.

Thank you,



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Re: File Nos: 23-1165 and 23-1985 **Complainant:** State Bar of Arizona

Dear Mr. Blehm:

We have completed our investigation into the matters listed above. Attached is the investigative report that we intend to submit to the Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee ("ADPCC"). As you can see, we recommend an Order of Probable Cause. ADPCC will consider this report at its next available agenda.

You have until November 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., if you wish to submit a written summary of your response to the charge to persuade the ADPCC the recommended disposition is not warranted or to record your agreement with the recommended disposition. We will send such a submittal to ADPCC with the report of investigation. If you wish to submit such a statement, please mail or deliver it to my attention, but addressed to Members of the Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee. A letter format is satisfactory, and I must receive it by the date listed above. We may not extend this time period unless you establish substantial good cause, in writing to me. Thank you for your cooperation.

If the ADPCC imposes a sanction, you will also be charged costs pursuant to Rule 60(d), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. The Supreme Court of Arizona's schedule of costs is online at https://www.azbar.org/media/fy2ahbcl/fee-schedule.pdf.

Sincerely,

/s/Kelly A. Goldstein

/s/Hunter F. Perlmeter

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Enclosure

From: Melissa Quintana

Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 11:19 AM

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Attached please find a Letter to you from Senior Bar Counsel Hunter F. Perlmeter.

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Dear Mr. Blehm:

This acknowledges receipt of your written response dated October 8, 2023, to the State Bar of Arizona's charge. An investigator may contact you for more information or to schedule an interview if more information is needed.

After our investigation is completed, we may dismiss the charge, enter into a diversion agreement, or recommend discipline to the Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee. We will advise you of our recommendation and provide you an opportunity for input.

Sincerely,

/s/Kelly A. Goldstein

/s/Hunter F. Perlmeter

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October 8, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Mr. Hunter F. Perlmeter Ms. Kelly A. Goldstein State Bar of Arizona 4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85016-6266

Re: File No. 23-1985

Dear Mr. Perlmeter and Ms. Goldstein:

This letter responds to your letter to me dated August 14, 2023, regarding the screening investigation and bar charge in the above-referenced matter. As requested, I address the tweet at issue with respect to each of the Rules identified.

Introduction

I have been a member of the Arizona Bar since 2005 and a member of the State Bar of Nevada since 2006. I am also authorized to practice before the U.S. District Courts in the Districts of Arizona and Nevada as well as the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Throughout my adult life, I have strived to live a life of integrity, and I hold truth and honesty as my guide stones. I have proudly and honorably served my nation and local communities wherever I happen to reside. Presently, this includes doing work on behalf of the Modest Means Project and other low-income charities as well as a substantial amount of pro bono work on behalf of election integrity groups seeking to rectify election related issues of which there are many.

Summary of Argument

To begin with, it is not clear whom I am defending against. Is it Tom Ryan who should be investigated for his complete lack of intellectual rigor in challenging my mental health as a response to my public policy tweet? He should know better than to resort to base *ad hominem* attacks. If it is Mr. Ryan, it should also be noted that I have been conducting a comprehensive investigation with my investigative teams on behalf of multiple clients into the 2020 and 2022 elections, and Mr. Ryan represents a person of interest in that investigation. As a result, I will not include documents with this response as bar complaints are not a proper tool for political

discovery. It should also be noted that Mr. Ryan is a left leaning lawyer associated with attorneys like Marc Elias whose firm represents the opposition in two significant election cases in which I represent the other side. I do not care what their politics are as I do not believe everyone needs to be on the same team so to speak. It does raise the question as to whether this bar complaint is nothing more than a neo-McCarthyism political hit job to remove counsel for the opposition so that my clients are no longer represented? If the State Bar of Arizona ("SBA") is an apolitical entity, why did it not screen this case to ensure its' attorney discipline department is not being used to deny clients representation of counsel for political purposes as I believe this is a politically motivated complaint.

If it is an issue raised *sua sponte* by the SBA? I was warned by other attorneys prior to making the post that the SBA was following my tweets. Their claims were buttressed when I saw the SBA respond to individuals replying to tweets from those hoping that I am sanctioned by the bar for my political tweets.

If in fact the SBA is following my Twitter ("X") account, it well knows that I actively tweet about what happened in the United States during 2019 and 2020. Namely, the use of COVID to manipulate election rules by members of the executive branch and the efforts by federal health and intelligence agencies to crack down on all forms of dissent, especially in the medical and political arenas. The tweet in question focuses on the crackdown on dissent as it applies to Arizona's judicial branch of government, which includes the SBA.

The very fact that I must atone for a public policy tweet aimed at raising awareness with respect to the proper role of our judicial system as an apolitical body may be evidence enough to show that the SBA behaves in a politicized manner. Is this the continued result of the disinformation board? After all, Arizona's disinformation board was brought into existence as a result of a campaign focused on Russia interference in the 2016 election originating from a national intelligence apparatus. Given the timing of events, its focus was clearly on the outcome of the 2020 election and not the election itself. Shortly thereafter, an Arizona attorney was elected as Maricopa County Recorder. He immediately joined the anti-free speech crusade joining with CISA to suppress claims of election fraud being made by Arizona residents.

Was the creation of the court's disinformation board at the request of the national security apparatus meant to stifle legitimate claims of election fraud from being brought before Arizona's courts on behalf of Arizona candidates for local, state and national office? After all, the national security state was saying claims of

election fraud were "disinformation" and the new county recorder was working to have election related claims censored from social media. A simple coincidence? Maybe. We are still investigating.

The fact of the matter is that few lawyers are willing to practice election law and even fewer would be willing to bring election fraud claims in the face of overwhelming pressure not to do so for political and professional reasons. This is the problem. Even if the Arizona Supreme Court and SBA did not designate any specific speech as out of bounds, the mere existence of a disinformation board in an neo-McCarthyism environment of rampant censorship and claims that election fraud are invalid would itself cause lawyers to self-censor. After all, who wants to write one of these responses.

This is the disease my tweets aim to remedy through public knowledge and debate. Though many consider them political, they are not. I am affiliated with no political party and have not been for some time. My tweets are aimed at nothing more than restoring our state judiciary to sovereignty and independence from the federal executive branch of government whose agencies sought to subvert it and by extension those who represent Arizonans before the courts. Those candidates who may have sought representation to bring claims of election fraud in their contests would have little to no luck even with valid claims following November 2020.

The public and our bar need to debate what happened in 2019 and 2020 and the negative ramifications it has for our courts and the rule of law. The influence has been pervasive as the individuals working for or with the national security organizations actively influenced the American Bar Association, which published a how-to manual with respect to disinformation in the Courts. Those same individuals reached out to the states' bar associations, including the SBA, and the state Supreme Courts and urged them to create disinformation boards to target Russian disinformation.

This took place during a time in which our nation's public health institutions were actively and very publicly attacking doctors for expressing opinions on the origins of COVID-19 and for offering treatments not approved/mandated by those institutions for COVID-19. It stands to reason that attorneys, watching this process unfold, would be leery of risking sanctions and their licenses to speak against the "disinformation" of the day being put out by our nation's national security institutions. Especially when those institutions are actively pushing the narrative that the 2020 elections were the fairest in history and there was no election fraud.

When our nation's national security apparatus worked with the American Bar Association, an already anti-Trump organization, to quell disinformation related to our elections and more importantly, the outcome of those elections, it intentionally set in motion a system of self-censorship designed to prevent lawyers from raising valid election challenges and conduct actual investigations into our electoral systems and how they were manipulated in the 2020 election. There is a significant amount of information available regarding what took place and will actually make an excellent book to help future generations avoid making the same mistakes.

This is supported by a comparison of the ongoing election challenges brought by Kari Lake and Abe Hamadeh. Both of these matters are still active before Arizona courts almost one full year after the election. It is well known that both candidates raised significantly different allegations in their challenges with Hamadeh's attorneys refusing to raise allegations of election fraud. What may have been the outcome in the Hamadeh matter had he been able to find counsel willing to bring the same claims as those pursued by Lake?

Simply put, he was not and with an initial vote total difference of approximately 500, now just over 200, the Lake claims would have been much easier to prove in his case. It is clear from the fact that Lake's lawyers were rightly not sanctioned for bringing frivolous claims that Hamadeh's attorneys would not have either. Given the closeness of Hamade's race, had his attorneys not feared bringing such claims, Hamadeh could be the Arizona Attorney General. Such is not the case and there is a clear argument that the residue left from Arizona's experimentation with attorney censorship denied Hamadeh effective representation of counsel.

Argument

• Rule 41(b)(3): To maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers.

I have a great deal of respect for our courts and judicial officers. This does not mean they are free from making mistakes. Nor does it mean they should not be challenged when they do. Arizona's Supreme Court overstepped its bounds when it created a disinformation board. In truth, this board was pushed by the federal national security apparatus to stifle speech on the subject of our elections. It is akin to the medical boards stifling speech on behalf of the national health agencies as it applied to the origins of COVID-19 and the use of ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine as treatments. Now, of

course, these treatments are deemed valid. Challenging our courts is no sign of disrespect as we as attorneys have a duty to ensure the rule of law is upheld. When our courts take actions designed to limit speech absent an actual case or controversy, especially speech related to our very essence of self-government, respect for our system of law requires healthy debate regarding the merits of the policy.

• Rule 41(b)(7): To avoid engaging in unprofessional conduct and to advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or a witness unless required by the duties to a client or the tribunal.

I am not sure which party or witness I have tainted the honor of so I am not sure how to address this allegation. This tweet was not made in connection with any specific case though I do have them. This tweet was made to begin a public policy debate, now that we can freely do so on X (Twitter) without fear of reprisals sanctioned and sponsored by those same national security institutions responsible for Arizona's creation of a disinformation board. It is also important to point out freedom from the County Recorder's CISA disinformation censorship campaign as well.

• ER8.2(a): A lawyer shall not make a statement that the lawyer knows to be false or with reckless disregard as to its truth or falsity concerning the qualifications or integrity of a judge, adjudicatory officer or public legal officer, or of a candidate for election or appointment to judicial or legal office.

My tweet did not call into question the qualifications or integrity of any member of the Arizona judiciary. My tweet was intended to say that the Arizona judiciary was hoodwinked by the national security apparatus specifically to limit attorney speech and willingness to bring valid claims on behalf of their clients. At the time the Chief Justice approved the disinformation board, he himself expressed his hesitancy to do so in a videotaped interview. The Chief Justice knew that creating such a board could have significant negative ramifications for our system of jurisprudence and his concerns were valid.

• ER8.4(c): A lawyer shall not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

I do not see where this rule applies. My tweet was based on a significant amount of research conducted by me and my investigative teams. This research was obtained for purposes of future litigation and is not being produced with this response. It should be noted that Tom Ryan currently represents a former employee of the Maricopa County Election Department who is a witness to the events being investigated. I will not release information obtained on behalf of the clients I represent in this investigation. It is their information and shall be released in due course.

• ER8.4(d) A lawyer shall not engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

I do not know how my tweet prejudices the administration of justice. My tweet is intended to improve the administration of justice to ensure that contemporary McCarthyism does not take a solid foothold. What prejudices the administration of justice is attorney unwillingness to engage in debates surrounding the administration of justice and proper role for the courts in our system of government. Debate, especially debate that sheds light on issues surrounding our courts, can only help improve the system of justice. This is especially true when courts take it upon themselves to censor speech absent an actual case or controversy. That tweet, my subsequent tweets, and my future tweets were, are and will be designed to improve the administration of justice by ensuring that our courts and the public are aware of what took place and are able to identify similar issues in the future. Our courts should never, absent a case or controversy, be engaged in boards that have the effect of censoring speech, especially political speech. Doing so with the bar associations active participation serves to quash attorney willingness to fully represent their clients on significant issues involving our elections.

Conclusion

My goal has never been to harm the administration of justice. That said, when justice is ill attorneys need to render first aid and ensure the cancer does not return. Justice under the Arizona constitution is meted out by Arizona courts pursuant to Arizona law. It should never be meted out on behalf of the national security state's fancy of the day. The national security state does not make law but when our courts grant it leave to limit speech, especially about elections, the courts and national security state have made themselves judges, jury and executioner. Unless the goal is to move from a constitutional republic to an autocracy ruled by the federal bureaucracy, the independence of our court's must be maintained.

It is well known that The 65 Project has a goal of destroying "the pool of available legal talent" willing to challenge elections. It is less well known that The 65 Project works with the ABA in an effort to modify and/or enact ethical rules designed to discourage attorneys from bringing election challenges. Doing so, however, is nothing more than an ethical witch hunt designed to separate the judiciary from its role deciding election challenges. The real impact of such conduct on behalf of bar organizations would be to nullify the legislature's law-making authority while stripping the court of its judicial function. As an officer of the court, I am ethically compelled to ensure that the political efforts to undermine what is supposed to be an a-political judiciary are exposed, debated, and left in the dustbin. When lawyers can no longer debate the law and/or the role of our courts, we will become nothing more than cogs in an administrative machine.

Sincerely,

Blehm Law PLLC

Bryan James Blehm

Attorney at Law

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I hate to ask again but all this is timed very poorly with big trial and a big appellate finally do this week. Could I ask for another 10 days?
On Wed, Aug 30, 2023, 9:04 AM Bryan Blehm < bryan@blehmlegal.com > wrote:
Thank you.
On Wed, Aug 30, 2023, 8:58 AM Melissa Quintana < Melissa.Quintana@staff.azbar.org > wrote:
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We can definitely grant the 2-weeks. I will note your new response date as September 18.
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To: Melissa Quintana < Melissa. Quintana@staff.azbar.org >

Subject: Re: State Bar File No. 23-1985 - Blehm

Good evening. I am working on my response but wanted to ask for a two week extension. When this hit my inbox, I was going into the wild in Alaska so missed it for the first 9 or 10 days. It would be much appreciated.

Bryan James Blehm

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August 14, 2023

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Bryan J. Blehm Blehm Law, PLLC 10869 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 103256 Scottsdale, AZ 85254-5280

Re: File No: 23-1985

Complainant: State Bar of Arizona

Dear Mr. Blehm:

The State Bar has received information concerning your professional conduct that warrants a screening investigation pursuant to Rule 55(b), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. At this point, the matter is not considered a formal complaint, but rather a "bar charge" that is being investigated through a "screening investigation." Your participation in the screening investigation is extremely important, as Bar Counsel will make a recommendation at the end of the investigation as to the disposition of this matter. Pursuant to ER 8.1(b) and Rule 54(d), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., you have a duty to cooperate with this investigation. Failure to fully and honestly respond to, or cooperate with, the investigation is, in itself, grounds for discipline.

A copy of the information received by the State Bar has been included with this letter. Please assure that a written response to the enclosed information is in the State Bar's office, directed to my attention, by:

5:00 pm, September 4, 2023.

In addition to your written response, an investigator from our office or I may contact you to discuss this matter. If you cannot file a timely response, you should contact my office immediately. Please also include the above-referenced file number on all correspondence concerning this matter. You must submit **an original and one copy** of your written response. If you do not submit a copy with your response, you will be charged \$.25 per page for copying your response.

The ethical rules you should address in your response include but are not limited to:

- a. Rule 41(b)(3), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.,
- b. Rule 41(b)(7), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.,
- c. ER 8.2(a),
- d. ER 8.4(c),
- e. ER 8.4(d).

A copy of your response may become public record upon disposition of the matter. You may make a request that certain information in your response remain confidential pursuant to Rule 70(g) Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. **Any such request must be made in a letter separate from your response** and must set forth the reason for the request. We will forward your request to the Presiding Disciplinary Judge who will rule on it. At the time you make such a request, you must submit the information for which confidentiality is requested as part of your request. You should also submit a redacted copy to remain in the public portion of the file, as the rules require some type of response to remain in the public portion of the file. Requests for confidentiality are only granted sparingly and only upon good cause shown. If your request for confidentiality is denied, the information or documents in question will not be returned to you but will become public upon disposition of the matter.

The State Bar has a diversion program which, in some cases, may provide an alternative to traditional discipline. Diversion is a confidential rehabilitative program available to lawyers whose ethical misconduct is of a non-serious nature and who may benefit from one or more of the State Bar's remedial programs, such as the Member Assistance Program (MAP) or the Law Office Management Assistance Program (LOMAP). diversion is not available in cases of serious misconduct or for conduct involving dishonesty, self-dealing, or breach of a fiduciary duty. Participation in diversion is voluntary. If you would like more information about the State Bar's diversion program, you may review the Diversion Guidelines on-line at:

http://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/22/admorder/Orders10/2010-127.pdf

If, after reviewing the guidelines, you believe your case may qualify for diversion, please submit a written request with a statement of why you believe diversion is appropriate along with your response.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/Hunter F. Perlmeter

Hunter F. Perlmeter Bar Counsel

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Enclosure

/s/Kelly A. Goldstein

Kelly A. Goldstein Bar Counsel

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Tom Ryan @tomryanlaw · Aug 12

Sadly, this is confirmation that Kari Lake's attorney has lost it. I am not a psychiatrist but I am pretty sure there is an appropriate medical diagnosis for this kind of paranola and delusional belief. He needs help. Seriously



America, why did the Central Intelligence Agency and Department of Justice feel the need to induce the Arizona Supreme Court and other state judicial systems to create misinformation boards in the run up to the 2020 election? The answer is simple, they were conspiring to do what they had been doing to other countries for decades, to overthrow the government of the United States of America and once they executed their plan, which they did, they needed to control the media and judicial narrative to convince the public that all was well. You see, if the State Supreme Court and its enforcement arm, the state bar association, formed committees to control misinformation and the misinformation narrative of the day is election fraud, it tames attorneys willingness to bring legitimate election fraud claims on behalf of their clients. There was significant election fraud in 2020 and it was repeated in 2022. 2024 is a foregone conclusion because the federal government security and intelligence agencies will do anything to prevent Donald Trump from taking office as president of the United States. America, you are no

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Of course, I must be crazy. I mean how else do you explain it when people no longer believe your lies. Keep up the good work defending your team. Everyone now knows what team you are on.