



The State Bar of California

OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

845 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017

April 21, 2023

Christine N. Grab

Delivered via email: [REDACTED]

RE: Case Number: 23-O-13982
Respondent: Anna Barsegyan

Dear Ms. Grab:

The State Bar's Office of Chief Trial Counsel has reviewed your complaint against Anna Barsegyan to determine whether there are sufficient grounds to prosecute a possible violation of the State Bar Act and/or Rules of Professional Conduct.

You stated that Ms. Barsegyan is an attorney with the US Attorney General's office and represents The California Franchise Tax Board. You filed a Federal Criminal Complaint against Ms. Barsegyan and employees of the FTB. You stated that Ms. Barsegyan assisted her clients in criminal misconduct, including concealing unlawful business practices. During litigation, you stated that Ms. Barsegyan posted your private information. You also stated that Ms. Barsegyan used legal proceedings, including a motion for sanctions, to silence you and keep you from collecting evidence. You also stated she made misrepresentations to the court during hearings and in her motions and made misrepresentations to you during discovery.

Based on our evaluation of the information provided, we are closing your complaint. The court having jurisdiction over this matter is the appropriate venue for determining the facts and merits of the case. In particular, the court will decide if Ms. Barsegyan committed fraud and assess the truthfulness of statements made by Ms. Barsegyan in court documents and during hearings. Likewise, the court will adjudicate any issues relating to the litigation process, including addressing the discovery issues you raise and concerns over your private information. If that court were to find any impropriety by the attorney, please forward such written findings to our office for review. However, the facts as presented do not support an investigation into attorney misconduct.

For these reasons, the State Bar is closing this matter.

If you have new facts and circumstances that you believe may change our determination to close your complaint, or if you have or receive additional documentation that you wish to provide for our review, you may submit a written statement with the new information to the Intake Unit for review. If you have any questions about this process, you may call Trial Counsel Roy Kim at [REDACTED] or send the additional information via email to [REDACTED]. If you leave a voice message, be sure to clearly identify the lawyer complained of, the case number assigned, and your telephone number including the area code. We should return your call within two business days.

If you have presented all of the information that you wish to have considered, and you disagree with the decision to close your complaint, you may request that the State Bar's Complaint Review Unit review your complaint. The Complaint Review Unit will recommend that your complaint be reopened if it determines that further investigation is warranted. To request review by the Complaint Review Unit, you must submit your request in writing, either:

- 1) Via email: Within 90 days of the date of this letter, by email to: CRU@calbar.ca.gov; or
- 2) Via United States Mail: Post-marked within 90 days of the date of this letter, by United States Mail to:

The State Bar of California
Complaint Review Unit
Office of General Counsel
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1617

If you decide to send new information or documents to this office, the 90-day period will continue to run during the time that this office considers the new material. You may wish to consult with legal counsel for advice regarding any other available remedies. You may contact your local or county bar association to obtain the names of attorneys to assist you in this matter.

The State Bar cannot give you legal advice. If you wish to consult an attorney about any other remedies available to you, a certified lawyer referral service can provide the names of attorneys who may be able to assist you. In order to find a certified lawyer referral service, you may call our automated Lawyer Referral Services Directory at 1-866-442-2529 (toll free in California) or

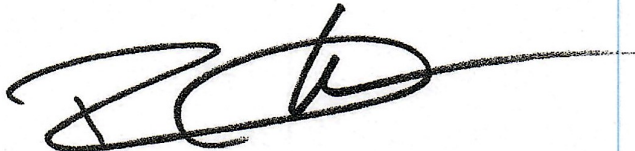
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415-538-2250 (from outside California) or access the State Bar's website at www.calbar.ca.gov and look for information on lawyer referral services.

We would appreciate if you would complete a short, anonymous survey about your experience with filing your complaint. While your responses to the survey will not change the outcome of the complaint you filed against the attorney, the State Bar will use your answers to help improve the services we provide to the public. The survey can be found at <http://bit.ly/StateBarSurvey1>.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the State Bar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Roy Kim", written over a horizontal line.

Roy Kim
Trial Counsel