

**Deanna Vicich-Cox – License #367**

**Date: March 15, 2023**

**Violation:**

Code of Alabama 1975, §34-8B-7 – The board shall promulgate rules necessary to implement and administer this chapter. The rules shall be adopted pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act. The rules shall be published in the standards of professional practice and made available to all licensees.

Code of Alabama 1975, §34-8B-8 – After January 1, 2007, any person who undertakes or attempts to undertake the practice of court reporting for remuneration without first having procured a license, or who knowingly presents or files false information with the board for the purpose of obtaining a license, or who violates this chapter shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. A person who is not licensed may not bring or maintain an action to recover fees for court reporting services that he or she performed in violation of this chapter. Whenever it appears to the board that any court reporter has violated this chapter, the board may, in its own name, petition the circuit court in which the violation occurred to enjoin the violation.

Code of Alabama 1975, §34-8B-13 – Each person licensed pursuant to this chapter shall apply for renewal of his or her license pursuant to dates established by the board. A renewal fee in an amount determined by the board shall be paid and thereupon the board shall issue a numbered license establishing that the holder is entitled to practice court reporting for the period determined by the board. The board shall require specific continuing education as a condition for license renewal. The board may provide for the late renewal of a license which has lapsed and may require the payment of a late fee or an examination, or both, prior to issuing a renewal license. Licensees shall notify the board in writing of any change of address within 30 days of the change.

Alabama Board of Court Reporting Administrative Code, r. 257-X-5-.03(1)(b) – The board may fine, suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline any court reporter or deny an application for renewal or reinstatement of a court reporter's license upon proof that the person is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license by misrepresenting or falsifying facts in applying for original licensure, renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license.

Alabama Board of Court Reporting Administrative Code, r. 257-X-6-.01(1) – Beginning with the September 30, 2008, renewal, and every renewal thereafter, every licensee who applies for a renewal of a license shall complete five (5) hours of continuing education (CE) relevant to the practice of court reporting. Additional CE hours obtained by be rolled over to the next renewal for up to thirty-six (36) months.

**Disposition:**

Board and respondent entered into a consent order under which respondent acknowledged certifying that she had obtained the minimum number of CE hours required by the board, but did not, in fact, have the required CE hours for 2022-2023 or for the preceding year. Respondent agreed to pay a fine in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per year of non-compliance with CE requirements) and to provide documentation of the required CE hours for the two years for which CE was lacking, as well as documentation of a board-approved minimum one-hour course/program on Ethics in Court Reporting.