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Invoice 649143

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Tyrone Township
123 Brighton Lake Rd., Ste. 205
Brighton, MI 48116

Re: In Re: Chris Ropeta
Claim #:

Client 8126
Matter 1

For Legal Services Rendered Through 7/31/2025

Date	Timekpr	Description of Services Performed	Hours
07/03/25	JJG	Review and analysis of Certification of the Record on Appeal filed with the Circuit Court	.20
07/16/25	BTIGA	Conference with John Gillooly regarding due dates for response brief to plaintiff's coming brief in support of complaint for superintending control.	.30
07/16/25	BTIGA	Analyze submitted record, court notice of record receipt, court's order regarding due dates for briefs and length and form of briefs with notes on brief due dates and composition of brief and potential exhibits.	.30
07/16/25	JJG	Conference with Benjamin Tigay regarding strategy going forward	.30
07/22/25	JJG	Correspondence from / to counsel for Mr. Ropeta regarding his brief in support of order for superintending control	.20
07/22/25	JJG	Correspondence to Township Clerk and Township Attorney regarding Plaintiff's brief in support of order for superintending control	.30
07/26/25	BTIGA	Analyze prior affidavit and submissions from Ropeta in first lawsuit to compare prior statements and arguments against arguments made at hearing in which he was removed from the PC.	.80
07/26/25	BTIGA	Analyze Board exhibits and prepared items that were used at the removal hearing and other citizen letters and items submitted to the Board with notes on facts or items to cite in written response brief in opposition to superintending control.	.90
07/26/25	BTIGA	Analyze Ropeta affidavit and submitted materials from Ropeta with notes on items to cite and identify in response brief written arguments in opposition to superintending control.	.90
07/26/25	BTIGA	Begin review of transcript of removal hearing, reading transcript while watching portions of removal hearing video on youtube, with notes on arguments made in opening statements and statements made during proceedings relevant to response brief.	1.10
07/28/25	BTIGA	Analyze court's order related to the governance of proceedings for superintending control and requirements as to any briefs as part of response brief preparation.	.30
07/28/25	BTIGA	Analyze court rules relating to superintending control and extraordinary writes to check for Ropeta's compliance with all court rules in proceeding with his action.	.80
07/28/25	BTIGA	Analyze court rules and case law opinions related to stay of judgments pending appeal, in consideration of possible appellate options after the decision of the	1.20

		circuit court.	
07/28/25	BTIGA	Further analysis of hearing transcript while watching select events on hearing recording video, including remarks from John Gillooly and vote on Ropeta's removal, with notes on relevant facts and arguments to use in response brief in opposition to superintending control.	1.40
07/29/25	BTIGA	Analyze case cited by Ropeta related to evidentiary standard for quasi-judicial hearings on review by circuit court.	.70
07/29/25	BTIGA	Analyze case law opinions related to evidentiary review of quasi-judicial proceeding to counter case and proposed standard of review by Ropeta in his brief.	1.00
07/29/25	BTIGA	Analyze case law opinions related to superintending control and a party seeking that relief after a removal from office in some capacity and legal standards to apply.	1.10
07/29/25	BTIGA	Critical review of Ropeta brief for superintending control with notes on factual arguments and legal arguments and items to address in response brief.	1.40
07/30/25	BTIGA	Analyze 1800s Supreme Court case cited by Ropeta for the proposition that he cannot be removed without acts done in this specific office, with notes on distinguishing facts and other arguments to use in response brief.	.80
07/30/25	BTIGA	Analyze principal case cited by Ropeta related to alleged mens rea standard for malfeasance and high proposed standard for the court.	.80
07/30/25	BTIGA	Analyze other case law opinions related to similar factual scenarios and other instances of malfeasance to refute high standard claimed by Ropeta for a mens rea type requirement.	.90
07/30/25	BTIGA	Analyze case law opinions discussing the definition of malfeasance to refute arguments and cases cited from Ropeta based on the charges and required evidence.	1.00
07/31/25	BTIGA	Analyze case law opinions discussing the distinction between criminal and civil definitions and causes of action to rebut principal case cited by Ropeta relating to the definition of malfeasance.	.80
07/31/25	BTIGA	Analyze case law opinions discussing the standard for superintending control with notes and outlining parts of brief related to those cases and argument.	.90
07/31/25	BTIGA	Analyze case law opinions involving OMA violations and similar facts as part of supporting argument for Ropeta's acts of malfeasance in his conspiracy, with notes on useful cases and arguments for response brief.	1.50
Total Hours			<u>19.90</u>
Total Value of Services			<u>\$6,965.00</u>

Time Summary by Timekeeper	Hours	Amount
Benjamin Tigay	18.90	6,615.00
John J. Gillooly	1.00	350.00

Costs Advanced:

Date	Description	Amount
Total Costs Advanced		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Due This Invoice		<u>\$6,965.00</u>

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