

The Republican Party of Wisconsin

August 7, 2009

Office of Lawyer Regulation
Keith Sellen, Esq.
110 E. Main St., Room 315
Madison, WI 53703

RE: Office of Lawyer Regulation Grievance

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby request investigation of Chandra Miller Fienen and James E. Doyle, Jr. on the basis of the following:

Office contact information for Ms. Miller Fienen & Governor Doyle is:

Office of the Governor
115 E. State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707-7863
(608) 266-1212

Statement of Facts:

Upon information and belief, Ms. Miller Fienen has been engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in violation of SCR 20:5.5 since July 2008. Ms. Miller Fienen is not admitted to practice law in Wisconsin. By holding herself out to the public and media and representing herself through official correspondence as "Chief Legal Counsel" for the Office of Governor Doyle, Ms. Miller Fienen is in violation of the Wisconsin Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys.

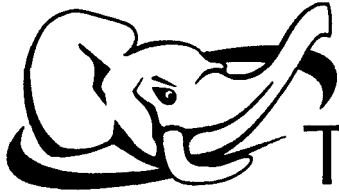
Section 757.30(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which provides penalties for practicing without a license, states that "every person who uses the words attorney at law, lawyer, solicitor, counselor, attorney and counselor, proctor, law, law office, or other equivalent words in connection with his or her name... or who in any other manner represents himself or herself either verbally or in writing, directly or indirectly, as authorized to practice law in this state, shall be deemed to be purporting to be licensed to practice law as an attorney within the meaning of this section. Ms. Miller Fienen specifically signs her name as "Chandra Miller Fienen, Chief Legal Counsel" in correspondence dated March 9, 2009 on official letterhead from the Office of the Governor in violation of this statute. Under SCR 20:8.4(f) it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to violate a statute regulating the conduct of lawyers.

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As the head of the Executive Branch, Governor Doyle has direct supervisory authority over Ms. Miller Fienen. As such, Governor Doyle is required under SCR 20:5.1(b) to make reasonable efforts to ensure that Ms. Miller Fienen conforms to the Rules of Professional Conduct. Upon information and belief, Governor Doyle failed to make such efforts to prevent the unauthorized practice of law.

Supporting Documentation

Attached please find correspondence from Ms. Miller Fienen in which she represents herself as “Chief Legal Counsel” on official letterhead from the Office of the Governor. (**Attachment A**)

Also attached is a copy of an article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. (**Attachment B**) Representatives for the Governor’s office claim in the article that her title is “senior advisor” an assertion refuted by Attachment A in which she clearly identifies herself instead as “Chief Legal Counsel”. In this article it is also acknowledged that the media, state officials and others believe Ms. Miller Fienen’s position to be that of chief legal counsel to the Governor.

Attached as (**Attachment C**) is a sample of documents produced by an internet search, in which Miller Fienen represents herself to the media as legal counsel to the Governor, is quoted making public statements on issues of a legal nature, and is listed on the Wisconsin State Government Agency Executive Roster and the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision roster as “legal counsel” to the Office of the Governor. These documents are provided as documentation that Miller Fienen holds herself out to the public as an attorney authorized to practice in Wisconsin.

Thank you for your attention to this grievance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Jefferson".

Mark Jefferson
Executive Director