



# Virginia State Bar

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## PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Re: Your information about Marsha Leigh Garst

Dear Ms. Hockman:

The Virginia State Bar received your correspondence. The bar disciplines lawyers who violate the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct. This office reviewed your correspondence to ascertain whether it described conduct that might violate a provision of the Rules.

We have determined that we will not take further action on your matter for the following reason(s): The bar is not the appropriate forum to litigate issues that turned upon evidence at trial. Your remedy was to seek redress before the appellate courts or pursue a petition for writ of habeas corpus.

Please note that the bar has limited authority and cannot address all situations through its disciplinary process. For more information about the bar's disciplinary process please visit our website at: [www.vsb.org](http://www.vsb.org).

Very truly yours,

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Intake Counsel

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*There is no formal appeal process if you disagree with our decision not to initiate a formal investigation into your inquiry. However, if you wish us to review our decision, you should write us a brief letter stating new facts supporting your inquiry. **We cannot receive this letter by e-mail or the information by telephone. Please mail your request to the address on the letterhead. Please do not call this office for a status report.***

*The review process may take several weeks; however, the facts and circumstances alleged in your inquiry may require us to devote additional time to the review process before we can render a decision. In the event of such a second review, we will notify you in writing of our decision. Please be aware that our limited resources do not allow us to review the same information numerous times. Normally, after we have reviewed your inquiry twice, we will not continue to communicate with you about the same inquiry. Again, if you do request a second review of your inquiry, you should state new facts that you believe we may not have reviewed in our initial analysis of your inquiry. Please be brief. Merely asking us to review the same material again is not helpful in evaluating your inquiry.*

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