

The Supreme Court of Ohio

Ohio State Bar Association,
Relator,
v.
Legally Mine, LLC, et al.,
Respondents.

Case No. 2025-0037

ORDER

The Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law filed its final report in this court on January 9, 2025, recommending that pursuant to Gov.Bar R.VII(13), the Supreme Court of Ohio issue an order approving the amended consent decree proposed by relator, Ohio State Bar Association, and respondents, Legally Mine, LLC and Daniel McNeff.

On consideration thereof, this court finds that respondents have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law and approves the proposed amended consent decree submitted by the parties. It is further ordered by the court that respondents are enjoined from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law in Ohio.

It is further ordered by the court that respondents are to complete the following within 30 days of the date of this order:

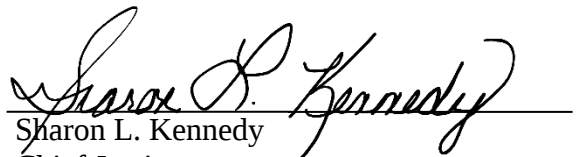
1. Provide to relator a list of every Ohio client, along with all contact information for each client.
2. Contact, in writing, via certified mail and email when available, every Ohio client. The written notice shall be in a form and content agreed to in advance by relator and respondents and shall contain the following:
 - a. A statement notifying the customer that relator filed a complaint against Legally Mine, and its sole member/manager, alleging that certain services provided by Legally Mine constitute the unauthorized practice of law in Ohio. Legally Mine has entered into a Consent Decree admitting to the unauthorized practice of law, which has been adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The client has been identified as a current or former customer of Legally Mine and is receiving this correspondence as a term of the Consent Decree.
 - b. The written statement shall further:
 - i. Explain that an Ohio attorney was not involved in the preparation or review of the legal advice and documents received from Legally Mine.
 - ii. If legal entities were created in other states, inform the Ohio client whether an attorney licensed in those states was involved in the preparation or review of the legal advice and documents provided by Legally Mine.
 - iii. Offer each client the option of either:
 1. At Legally Mine's expense, a review by an Ohio-licensed attorney (or other state-specific attorney when applicable), selected by the client, of all asset protection plans and documents prepared and provided to the client by Legally Mine, or
 2. A termination of Legally Mine's services and a refund of all payment made by the client to Legally Mine.

- iv. Inform the client of their right to seek independent counsel regarding Legally Mine and their services.
3. Confirm receipt of written contact by each Ohio client. If receipt is not confirmed, respondents shall make every effort to locate and provide notice to the client.
4. Provide relator with a copy of the written notice sent to each client along with verification of receipt by the client.
5. File an affidavit with the court confirming compliance.

It is further ordered that a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 is imposed, jointly and severally, upon respondents. The civil penalty shall be paid to this court by cashier's check or money order on or before 30 days from the date of this order. If respondents fail to pay said fine on or before 30 days from the date of this order, the matter will be referred to the Attorney General for collection, and this court may find respondents in contempt. It is further ordered that respondents are liable for all collection costs pursuant to R.C. §131.02 if the debt is certified to the Attorney General for collection.

It is further ordered that respondents, jointly and severally, provide reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred by the board and relator in the amount of \$1,220.00, which costs shall be payable to this court by cashier's check or money order, on or before 30 days from the date of this order. It is further ordered that if these costs are not paid in full on or before 30 days from the date of this order, interest at the rate of 10% per annum shall accrue on the balance of unpaid board costs, effective 30 days from the date of this order. It is further ordered that if costs are not paid in full on or before 30 days from the date of this order, this matter will be referred to the Attorney General for collection, and respondents may be found in contempt. It is further ordered that respondents are liable for all collection costs pursuant to R.C. §131.02 if the debt is certified to the Attorney General for collection.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. VII(18)(E) and that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. VII(18)(F).


Sharon L. Kennedy
Chief Justice