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Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel
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To the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel:

I am writing to you to submit a complaint regarding violations of the Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct by Attorney General Catherine Hanaway.

On October 15, 2025, Case No. 4:25-cv-01535-ZMB, *Missouri General Assembly, et al v. Richard von Glahn, et al.* was filed by Attorney General Hannaway. Although this lawsuit names the Missouri General Assembly as a plaintiff, I had no knowledge of the Attorney General's intent to initiate such suit prior to its filing. As Minority Floor Leader of the Missouri Senate, I am entitled to decide who represents me in my official capacity as a member of the General Assembly. I have written to Attorney General Hanaway in which I asked her to dismiss this case and I have not received a response.

In violation of the Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct, specifically Mo. Supreme Ct. Rule 4-1.2 and Rule 4-1.4, Attorney General Hanaway neither obtained consent from the Missouri General Assembly to represent it in this lawsuit nor sought any action from the Missouri General Assembly to participate in the objectives of such a suit.

An attorney's legal and ethical obligations are to represent the wishes of his or her client and the client shall have the "ultimate authority" to determine "the purposes to be served by legal

representation.”¹. Furthermore, according to the Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct, the client should have “sufficient information to participate intelligently in decisions concerning the objectives of the representation” by his or her attorney². Although I acknowledge the unique function of the Office of the Attorney General, the Missouri Supreme Court has ruled that the same ethics rules that apply to all attorneys also apply to the Attorney General.³

Additionally, Mo. Supreme Ct. Rule 52.01 provides that the Attorney General may only bring a civil action if authorized by statute. While Section 1.185, RSMo, allows the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to intervene in a civil action on behalf of the Missouri General Assembly, this statutory provision does not apply to this situation because the Missouri General Assembly never sought to obtain the legal counsel of the Attorney General to intervene in this lawsuit.

I request your office open an investigation into Attorney General Hanaway’s representation of the Missouri General Assembly and proceed with disciplinary action regarding her failure to adequately communicate or obtain permission by the Missouri General Assembly prior to her filing suit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doug Beck".

Senator Doug Beck
Minority Floor Leader

¹ Mo. Sup. Ct. Rule 4-1.2

² Mo. Sup. Ct. Rule 4-1.4.

³ *State v. Planned Parenthood*, 66 S.W.3d 16 (Mo. banc 2002).