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**Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested and Email ([discipline@azbar.org](mailto:discipline@azbar.org))**

**Re: Complaint Against Bradley Beauchamp, Gila County Attorney, for Ethical Violations**

Dear State Bar of Arizona,

I, Michelle Pettitt, am filing this complaint as a self-represented individual against Bradley Beauchamp, Gila County Attorney, for violating the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct. Mr. Beauchamp acted unethically by failing to recuse himself from prosecuting my criminal case despite multiple conflicts of interest and by withholding critical exculpatory evidence, causing me significant harm. These actions occurred during criminal proceedings against me in Gila County Superior Court (misdemeanor charges filed September 2022, dismissed October 2022; felony charges filed November 2022, resulting in a July 2024 mistrial and January 31, 2025 acquittal). I am also pursuing related claims against the Miami Unified School District, which are detailed in a Notice of Claim to be filed on July 29, 2025, but this complaint focuses on Mr. Beauchamp's ethical misconduct.

**Statement of Facts**

1. **Background of Case:** In February 2021, I filed a complaint with the Arizona State Board of Education (AZ SBE investigator, Kerry Maloney, opened the investigation in August 2021) against former Miami Unified School District Principal Glen Lineberry and posted on social media about his 2010 Bentley Gallery embezzling verdict, both protected speech activities. In response (8 days after posting), the District imposed a Parent Contact Management Plan (PCM) on August 25, 2021, without due process, and Lineberry initiated an Injunction Against Workplace Harassment (filed in Maricopa County) against me in June 2022, served June 30, 2022, prohibiting emails outside business hours. Mr. Beauchamp, as Gila County Attorney, prosecuted misdemeanor (September 2022) and felony (November 2022) charges against me for alleged

violations of the injunction, based on three automated Boomerang emails sent after hours due to a UTC time zone error, as verified by Boomerang logs. The charges lacked probable cause, resulting in dismissal or acquittal, but caused me significant harm, including more than \$200,000 in legal expenses and emotional distress from constant court appearances, live streamed trials, and front-page newspaper coverage.

2. **Beauchamp's Conflicts of Interest:** Mr. Beauchamp had multiple conflicts of interest that required recusal from my case, but he failed to withdraw, violating ethical standards:
  - **Protected Party Under Injunction:** Mr. Beauchamp was a named protected party under the June 2022 Injunction Against Workplace Harassment, creating a personal interest in the outcome of my prosecution, as a conviction would benefit his protected status.
  - **District Employee:** Mr. Beauchamp was employed by the Miami Unified School District as a football and baseball coach during the prosecution, creating a financial and professional interest in supporting the District, which initiated the PCM and injunction through former Principal Lineberry and Superintendent Sherry Dorothy. Beauchamp's employment is proven by the District's Governing Board minutes.
  - **My Son's Football Coach:** Mr. Beauchamp was my son's football coach, giving him personal knowledge of and influence over my family, which compromised his impartiality, especially given the custody dispute context of my case.
  - **Failure to Recuse:** Unlike Judge Bryan Chambers, who recused himself from my case because his wife was a District employee, Mr. Beauchamp did not recuse despite these significant conflicts, which mirrored or exceeded Chambers' in scope and impact. His continued prosecution biased the proceedings, as he pursued charges lacking probable cause.
  - The State argued against disqualification stating that it is not important that Beauchamp was a protected party under the IAWH, then shortly after filed a motion to recuse Judge Chambers on the same basis, completely contradicting their own position.
3. **Withholding Exculpatory Evidence:** Mr. Beauchamp withheld critical exculpatory emails from the grand jury and the first trial (July 2024), which showed my communications were lawful and unintentional (due to the Boomerang error). This omission led to a mistrial in July 2024 and was corrected in the second trial, resulting in my acquittal on January 31, 2025. I requested court records from the District on May 13, 2025, to confirm this misconduct, with a response expected by May 20, 2025. I also requested Sheriff's Office records from Officers Adam Wingett and Steven Shaw, and confirmation from Kayla Evans, on May 13, 2025, to verify related evidence, with responses due by May 20, 2025.
4. **Supporting Evidence:**
  - I have evidence of an email from Lineberry to Kayla Evans, GCAO expressing intent to "shut [me] down," requested for confirmation from Evans, showing Lineberry's retaliatory motive, which Beauchamp ignored.

- Recorded meetings with Lineberry and Dorathy, admissible under A.R.S. § 13-3001, confirm no investigation preceded the PCM, supporting my claim of baseless charges, with District records requested.
  - Officer Wingett's statement that Lineberry "want[ed] an arrest out of this" during my June 30, 2022 questioning, captured in my recorded evidence and requested for confirmation, indicates Lineberry's influence on charges, which Beauchamp pursued despite conflicts, and without investigation.
  - Officer Shaw's investigative records, or lack-thereof, requested from the Sheriff's Office, may reveal Lineberry's complaints or coordination, further evidencing Beauchamp's biased prosecution.
  - Felony charges were initiated after I lawfully voted on District Campus on November 8, 2022.
  - Communication between my attorney, Rachel Moss and Bradley Beauchamp revealed that Bradley re-filed felony charges *because* I was on District campus to vote. He was unaware that the ban had been lifted and filed charges without an investigation. He simply took Lineberry's word (Beauchamp's friend and co-worker).
5. **Harm Caused:** Mr. Beauchamp's failure to recuse and withholding of evidence prolonged baseless prosecutions, costing me over \$200,000 in legal fees, lost income, emotional distress, and reputational harm from media exposure and constant court appearances. His conflicts and misconduct exacerbated the District's retaliation, violating my rights and causing undue hardship.

## Alleged Ethical Violations

I believe Mr. Beauchamp violated the following Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct:

1. **ER 1.7: Conflict of Interest – Current Clients:**
  - Mr. Beauchamp had a concurrent conflict of interest by prosecuting my case while being a protected party under the injunction, a District employee, and my son's football coach. These roles created personal and financial interests that materially limited his ability to act impartially, adversely affecting his representation of the State. Unlike Judge Chambers, who recused due to a similar conflict, Beauchamp continued, violating ER 1.7(a)(2).
2. **ER 3.8: Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor:**
  - As a prosecutor, Mr. Beauchamp had a duty to refrain from prosecuting charges without probable cause (ER 3.8(a)) and to disclose exculpatory evidence (ER 3.8(d)). He violated these duties by pursuing charges lacking probable cause, as shown by the Boomerang error and acquittal, and by withholding exculpatory emails from the grand jury and first trial, causing a mistrial and prolonging my prosecution.
3. **ER 8.4: Misconduct:**

- Mr. Beauchamp engaged in conduct involving dishonesty and prejudice by withholding exculpatory evidence, violating ER 8.4(c). His failure to recuse, despite conflicts, was prejudicial to the administration of justice, violating ER 8.4(d), as it undermined public trust in the fairness of my prosecution, especially given Chambers' recusal for a comparable conflict.

## **Requested Action**

I respectfully request that the State Bar of Arizona investigate Mr. Beauchamp's conduct for violations of ER 1.7, ER 3.8, and ER 8.4. I ask for appropriate disciplinary action, which may include reprimand, suspension, or other sanctions, to address the harm caused and prevent future misconduct. I am willing to provide my evidence (Lineberry's email, recorded meetings, Wingett's statement, trial details including motions to disqualify, the elements of the Gomez Factors, governing board minutes and my counsel's testimony) upon request and cooperate fully with your investigation, including submitting to interviews or hearings. I also request that you consider responses from Kayla Evans and the Sheriff's Office, Wingett, Shaw, due by May 20, 2025, which may further substantiate my allegations.

It is my intention to continue to work with investigators and file a formal complaint against Bradley Beauchamp with the Attorney General's Office.

## **Supporting Evidence and Witnesses**

- **Evidence:**
  - Lineberry's email to Evans, confirmation requested May 20, 2025.
  - Recorded meetings with Lineberry and Dorathy, confirming no investigation.
  - Recorded evidence of Wingett's statement, confirmation requested May 20, 2025.
  - Boomerang app logs, verifying UTC error.
  - Court records (mistrial, acquittal, motions to disqualify, motion for change of venue, gomez factors).
  - Sheriff's Office records (Wingett, Shaw), requested May 13, 2025.
  - Joel Sannes (Udall Shumway) testimony.
- **Witnesses:**
  - Kayla Evans, received Lineberry's email.
  - Adam Wingett, stated Lineberry's arrest intent.
  - Steven Shaw, investigated charges.
  - Travis Shields, noted dropped charges.
  - Judge Bryan Chambers, recused due to conflict.
  - My sons, community members (reputational harm).

- Attorneys Rachel Moss, Andy Mercantel and Jeffrey Cloud (my criminal defense team)
- Joel Sannes (the District's counsel)
- Miami Unified School District Governing Board

## **Harm Caused**

Mr. Beauchamp's actions caused me over \$200,000 in legal expenses, lost income, emotional distress, and reputational harm from media coverage, as detailed in my Notice of Claim against the District to be filed on July 29, 2025. His failure to recuse and evidence suppression prolonged baseless prosecutions, undermining justice and causing undue hardship to me and my family.

## **Compliance with State Bar Procedures**

I understand this complaint initiates an investigation under the State Bar's disciplinary process. I have provided all relevant facts and evidence to the best of my knowledge and believe Mr. Beauchamp's conduct violates Arizona's ethical rules. I am prepared to provide additional information, including my evidence, upon request, and I authorize the State Bar to contact me at the above address, email, or phone number.

Sincerely,

Michelle Pettitt

**Attachments:** None (evidence available upon request to avoid premature disclosure).