

Oneida Appeals Commission
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Leah Sue Dodge, Petitioner
Michael T. Debraska, Petitioner
Cathy L. Metoxen, Petitioner
v.
Oneida Business Committee,
Respondents

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT
Request for Injunctive Relief

Docket # _____
Date _____

Petitioners:
Leah Sue Dodge, Michael T. Debraska,
Cathy L. Metoxen
% Leah Sue Dodge, P O Box 95
Oneida, WI 54155
920-321-8133

Respondent:
Oneida Business Committee
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Oneida, WI 54155
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1. **Jurisdiction** Establish who you are, who the respondent is, and the authority of the O.A.C. trial court to hear the case.
2. What happened? Give the facts surrounding your claim. Describe what happened, who did it, where it took place and when it occurred. List each statement in a separate, numbered paragraph.
3. **What laws apply?** Explain, in short numbered paragraphs which rule(s), law(s), regulations(s), etc. apply to your facts and exactly how each was violated.
4. **How were you harmed by the violation(s)?** Explain the causal link between the violation(s) and damages that you suffered.
5. **What damages did you suffer?** Explain how you were harmed and describe your damages in detail. What do you want?

Petitioner's Signature and Date _____

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I. Jurisdiction

We the petitioners, Leah Sue Dodge, Michael T. Debraska, and Cathy L. Metoxen are enrolled Oneida Tribal members and also members of the Oneida General Tribal Council. The Respondents are the Oneida Business Committee, namely Edward Delgado, Gregory Matson, Cristina Danforth, Patricia Hoeft, Vincent DelaRosa, Paul Ninham, David Jordan, Melinda J. Danforth, and Brandon Stevens.

The Oneida Appeals Commission has the authority to hear this case based on the Oneida Tribal Constitution, which states in Article IV - Powers of the General Tribal Council, Section 1. (b) General Tribal Council's power "to employ legal counsel, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees" and in IV.1.(h) "the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power," and by virtue of the Oneida Tribe's Chapter 1, Administrative Procedures Act.

Therefore, we the Petitioners as members of the Oneida General Tribal Council, are hereby requesting injunctive relief of the improper and illegal decision of the Respondents, the Oneida Business Committee, on October 9, 2013 by their retroactive approval of an e-poll authorizing the hiring of Mr. Layatalati "Lati" Hill as an Emergency Temporary Staff Attorney for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to provide legal services to Legislative Operating Committee effective September 30, 2013-February 28, 2014. In light of Mr. Hill's lack of a Wisconsin State Bar License, and possible lack of any type of license to practice law in any other jurisdiction, we are requesting the immediate reversal of the Oneida Business Committee's decision and immediate termination of the Emergency Temporary Attorney employment contract with Mr. Layatalati Hill.

II. Facts Surrounding Claim

1. On Tuesday, October 8, 2013, Chief Counsel Jo Anne House sponsored the agenda item for the Oneida Business Committee's Executive Session under section D. New Business/ Requests, item 1. "E-poll: Retro-approve Lati Hill Attorney ET Contract to provide legal services to Legislative Operating Committee, Sept. 30, 2013-Feb. 28, 2014" (Exhibit A).
2. On Wednesday, October 9, 2013 the Oneida Business Committee moved to approve this same agenda item during the open session of the Oneida Business Committee's regular meeting (Exhibit B, page 6 of the 10/9/2013 OBC Meeting Minutes).

3. On or around Thursday, October 10, 2013, Oneida Tribal Staff Attorney Michelle Mays reportedly told Oneida Elder Advisor Yvonne Metivier, that Mr. Hill was actually scheduled to take the Wisconsin Bar License Exam in February 2014.
4. All individuals licensed to practice law (and perform legal services) within the State of Wisconsin are listed by the Wisconsin State Bar in its online Lawyer Search located at <http://www.wisbar.org/Directories/LawyerSearch/Pages/Lawyer-Search.aspx>. As of the date of this filing, Mr. Layatalati Hill is not listed by the WI Bar Association's online listing of individuals licensed to practice law within the State of Wisconsin (Exhibit C).
5. As of October 13, 2013, Mr. Layatalati "Lati" Hill's LinkedIn page lists himself as "Staff Attorney - Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin" and lists his current occupation as "Attorney At Law at Oneida nation" (Exhibit D).
6. As of October 15, 2013, Mr. Hill was listed as "Staff Attorney" for the Oneida Law Office per the Oneida Tribal Intranet Employee Listing (Exhibit E).
7. On Tuesday, October 15, 2013 Petitioner Leah Sue Dodge reported the information that the Oneida Business Committee approved the hiring of a non-licensed individual as a Staff Attorney to the Wisconsin Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen, Outagamie County District Attorney Carrie A. Schneider, Brown County District Attorney David L. Lasee, WI Office of Lawyer Regulation Director Keith L. Sellen, and Senator Ron Johnson, with cc's to each member of the Oneida Business Committee and Chief Counsel Jo Anne House (Exhibit F).
8. On Thursday, October 17, 2013, Tribal Chairperson Edward Delgado, when questioned by one of the Petitioners regarding the hiring of Lati Hill, responded that Chief Counsel Jo Anne House had stated to him that the hiring was justifiable due to "sovereign immunity."
9. However, back in December 1995, Chief Counsel Jo Anne House was a staff attorney for the Oneida Law Office during the time in which former Oneida Tribal Staff Attorney Diane Danforth (House) was "relieved of all duties and responsibilities as an attorney employed by the Oneida Tribe" due to not being "an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin." (Exhibit G).
10. Given the fact that she has witnessed the precedent by the then-Chief Counsel Gerald L. Hill of the Oneida Law Office to terminate employment as an Attorney of those individuals who

do not hold a license by the State of Wisconsin to practice law, it is even more egregious that now-Chief Counsel Jo Anne House has knowingly requested and continued the employment for legal services of an individual who does not hold a Wisconsin State Bar License and who is representing himself to the world-at-large as being a "Staff Attorney" and "Attorney at Law," in violation of Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 757, "General Provisions Concerning Courts of Record, Judges, Attorneys and Clerks."

III. Applicable Laws

Oneida Tribal Attorney Contract Policy

1. Section 6.4 states the "Chief Counsel completes negotiation of contract contents and forwards final approval to the Oneida Business Committee. *Provided that, prior to final approval, professional qualifications are verified by the Oneida Law Office through receipt of confirmation of good standing, at a minimum, with the State Bar of Wisconsin through a copy of the annual bar card or original letter of good standing*" (italics added).

2. Chief Counsel Jo Anne House either deliberately or negligently failed to verify whether Mr. Hill had the requisite professional legal qualifications with the State Bar of Wisconsin before prematurely employing him as a Staff Attorney without official Oneida Business Committee approval, as is required by the Attorney Contract Policy. His employment is presumed to have begun on September 30, 2013.

3. Continuing this deliberate or negligent failure to verify, Chief Counsel Jo Anne House finally sought retroactive approval via "e-poll" of the Oneida Business Committee and sponsored this request for approval to the October 8, 2013 Oneida Business Committee's Executive Session meeting, which was voted upon and approved at the October 9, 2013 Regular Meeting. Chief Counsel's deliberate or negligent failure to verify this requisite credential before hiring of Mr. Hill is in violation of the Oneida Tribe Attorney Contract Policy and in either case her deliberate or negligent omission is completely unacceptable.

Wisconsin State Statute 757.30 757.30 Penalty for practicing without license.

4. From Section (1): "Every person, who without having first obtained a license to practice law as an attorney of a court of record in this state, as provided by law, practices law within the meaning of sub. (2), or purports to be licensed to practice law as an attorney within the meaning

of sub. (3), shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than one year in the county jail or both, and in addition may be punished as for a contempt."

5. Mr. Hill has indicated on his public LinkedIn page, open to the world at large, that he is a "Staff Attorney" and an "Attorney At Law," which is a direct violation of Wisconsin law for him to represent himself as an attorney within the State of Wisconsin without a State Bar License, irrespective of any employment as an attorney whether by the Oneida Tribe or any other organization within the State of Wisconsin.

6. By continuing his employment as an attorney, Chief Counsel Jo Anne House is violating the very law which she has sworn to uphold as a member of the Wisconsin State Bar and the Oneida Business Committee is aiding and abetting this violation of law by their refusal to address this very serious matter and immediately reverse their decision and terminate the ET Attorney Contract.

Oneida Tribal Constitution

7. Article IV.1.H, General Tribal Council's constitutional right "the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power." This provides for the Petitioners' right to redress the decision of the Oneida Business Committee to hire a non-licensed person as an Attorney, which is a violation of multiple Tribal, State and Federal laws, policies and regulations which cannot be justified or covered up by a claim of "sovereign immunity."

Chapter 3, Code of Ethics

8. Government officials as defined by section 3.3-2 are to "demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty, and fortitude in all public activities in order to inspire public confidence and trust in the governmental officials of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin." As of October 22, 2013, it has been one week since the Oneida Business Committee was informed of the non-licensure of Mr. Hill within the State of Wisconsin and has had ample opportunity to correct their illegal hiring of a non-licensed individual into a Staff Attorney position; yet have failed to do so, violating the public confidence and trust in their integrity, truthfulness, honesty and fortitude.

9. Program personnel in section 3.4-4 "shall demonstrate the highest possible standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty and fortitude in all public activities in order to inspire

public confidence and trust in public institutions, including but not limited to (a) dedication to the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships.” Chief Counsel Jo Anne House, by the hiring of an individual lacking State Bar licensure into a Staff Attorney position, is in clear violation of the Oneida Tribe’s Code of Ethics.

25 CFR 88.2, Employment by tribes or individual claimants.

10. From the Code of Federal Regulations, “All such attorneys or agents seeking approval of their employment by Indian tribes or desiring to represent individual claimants before the Indian Bureau shall be required to comply fully with the regulations of the Department promulgated September 27, 1917, governing admission to practice, and to take the oath of allegiance and to support the Constitution of the United States, as required by section 3478 of the United States Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 204).” By not terminating the illegal employment contract of Mr. Hill, the Oneida Business Committee and Chief Counsel Jo Anne House are both in violation of Federal Code governing the employment of attorneys by Tribes.

IV. Harm Caused by Violation

1. The Oneida Business Committee has acted inappropriately by retro-actively approving the contract for the alleged attorney Lati Hill and has, therefore, violated the rights of the petitioner(s) thus denying the ability to participate in the economic resources and activities of the tribe as accorded under the Oneida Constitution, Article VI, Bill of Rights.

2. Action taken by the Oneida Business Committee and Chief Counsel has also breached their fiduciary obligation to the Tribe and its citizenry by paying more monies to a single individual with no justification as this individual clearly does not meet the qualifications for his position, which is a State Bar License. In addition, other applicants have been denied their due process rights to work for the Tribe and participate in the economic advantages of the Tribe through gainful employment because of the actions of the Business Committee and Chief Counsel in making such an arbitrary and capricious decision as to hire one unlicensed, inexperienced individual in a position requiring a State license over multiple individuals.

3. To allow the Oneida Business Committee and the Chief Counsel to continue in this manner violates the directives of the September 21, 2013 General Tribal Council meeting, in which an individual GTC member (Tonya Boucher) made a motion prohibiting the lay-off of any

Oneida Tribal member during the FY 2014 budget cycle, which motion was approved by the General Tribal Council. Neither the Oneida Business Committee nor the Chief Counsel asked for clarification on the motion which was passed by the General Tribal Council but rather rendered a faulty opinion after the fact instead of requesting clarification of the intent from the actual motioner. All of the actions or rather inactions by both the Oneida Business Committee and Chief Counsel violate processes and create undue economic hardship for petitioners and those individuals denied job(s) or subsequently laid off in favor of hiring a non-licensed individual in a Staff Attorney position.

4. Perhaps gravest of all is the damage to the credibility and public trust and confidence in the Oneida Business Committee and by extension the Oneida people as a whole based on the wrongful actions and inaction by the Oneida Business Committee and its Chief Counsel Jo Anne House. The public's negative perception of the Oneida Tribe's honesty and integrity (or lack thereof) could very well result in a substantial reduction of patronage of the various Oneida Tribal enterprises such as gaming, retail areas, gasoline, grocery and farm products, etc. due to the public's concerns over the legitimacy of products, claims, payouts at the casino, etc.

V. Damages Suffered

1. As Oneida Tribal members, we the Petitioners are directly negatively impacted by the improper and illegal decision by the Oneida Business Committee in approving the employment as an Attorney-at-Law of an individual who does not have a Wisconsin State Bar License. Their illegal act and failure to correct by immediately terminating this employment contract jeopardizes the credibility of the entire Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and indicates contempt for the rule of law at the highest level.

2. The Oneida Business Committee's act of employing individuals who do not possess the required State licensure for their positions is an extremely dangerous precedent which could very well open the door for the employ of other individuals lacking the necessary state licensing for their positions. For example, the employment of physicians and other health practitioners without licenses, could potentially result in misdiagnoses and malpractice in our Health Center by these unlicensed professionals and possibly fatalities as a result of this illegal employment.

3. Another example would be the liabilities arising from suits and claims against these unlicensed legal professionals for legal malpractice, which in the wake of *Vann v. DOI*, “sovereign immunity” is no longer a convenient “out” for Indian Tribes against individuals or classes seeking redress for wrongful acts by Tribes.

4. By approving the employment of a non-licensed individual for professional legal services, the Oneida Business Committee is not inspiring public confidence and trust in the government officials of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and rather engenders distrust, suspicion and damages the very credibility of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin as a whole, including the Petitioners as Oneida Tribal Members and General Tribal Council members. Simply put, the Oneida Business Committee is making all Oneidas look bad; especially those involved in the legal profession with actual licenses to practice law.

5. Petitioners wish to see all policies and procedures which the Oneida Business Committee and Chief Counsel believe support their assertion that they all acted within the scope of their authority and within the bounds of law by hiring alleged attorney Lati Hill, and, if no policies and/or procedures or laws are provided to Petitioners, to have the decision made by both the Oneida Business Committee and Chief Counsel overturned and have the motion for injunctive relief granted until such time as Oneida General Tribal Council can hear the issues since constitutional rights are at stake, especially the ability of individuals to participate in the economics of the tribe; and

6. Petitioners seek to review and redress all policies and procedures, if any, as passed by the Oneida Business Committee and Chief Counsel as policies and procedures versus those reviewed and passed by the Oneida General Tribal Council at a duly authorized and properly noticed meeting; and

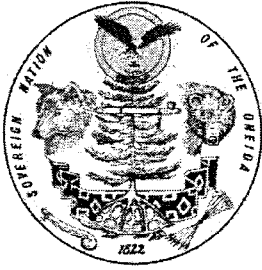
7. Let it be so noted that Petitioners’ inability to see all policies and procedures as passed by the Oneida Business Committee and Chief Counsel prevents Petitioners as well as all other General Tribal Council members from seeking fairness and consistency with accountability from elected and appointed individuals.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2013

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ATTACHMENT A

Oneida Business Committee

Executive Session Discussion Meeting
9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013
Executive Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

Agenda

To get a copy of the agenda, go to: <http://oneida-nsn.gov/>

I. Call to Order and Opening

II. Approve the agenda

In accordance with provisions of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Open Records and Open Meetings Law, Chapter 7, section 7.17-1. Closed meeting sessions, or executive sessions, are permissible, if they relate to personnel matters or contract discussion or other exceptions enumerated in section 7.4-1 of Subchapter I of this law. Any action on executive session items discussed on this agenda will be taken in open session at the Committee's regular meeting Oct. 9, 2013.

A. Reports

1. Chief Counsel report – Jo Anne House
2. Oneida Retail Enterprise – Michele Doxtator

B. Audit Committee – Councilman Brandon Stevens, Chairman

1. Aug. 14, 2013 Audit Committee minutes
2. Internal Audit report August w/ Attachment A
3. Parimutuel Wagering audit and lift the confidentiality requirement allowing Tribal members to view the audit
4. Surveillance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement allowing Tribal members to view the audit

C. Unfinished Business/BC directives

D. New Business/Requests

1. E-poll: Retro-approve Lati Hill Attorney ET contract to provide legal services to Legislative Operating Committee, Sept. 30, 2013-Feb. 28, 2014
Sponsor: Jo Anne House
2. Approve limited waiver of sovereign immunity for releasing for personal information for releasing personal information from Behavioral Health Program as requested under Brown County Circuit Court case # 13-CM-823 and # 13-CM-1054
Sponsor: Jo Anne House
3. Approve procedural exception to BC directive 05-08-13 suspending all land purchases for land acquisitions
Sponsor: Pat Pelky
4. Approve limited waiver of sovereign immunity for Wisconsin Medical Society Consulting Inc. contract
Sponsor: Debra Danforth
5. FY2013 Employment, Compensation & Benefits – Geraldine Danforth, HR Area Manager
 - a. Children & Family Services: Additional duty pay of 15 percent for Case Manager
Sponsor: Ed Delgado
 - b. Oneida Housing: Procedural exception to extend the limited term contract for two Rehab Worker Trainees with an end date of Oct. 1, 2014
Sponsor: Ed Delgado
6. E-poll: Retro-approve limited waiver of sovereign immunity for Pitney Bowes Contract #2013-1079
Sponsor: Joanie Buckley

For the record: Tina Danforth stated I am opposing because the committee has not taken a position on any proposed casino development here or with any other Tribes. We have not taken a position on that and so I don't support an elected official going out and having conversations independent of the council. Thank you.

XIV. Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of Oct. 8, 2013

A. Reports

1. Chief Counsel report – Jo Anne House

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Chief Counsel verbal report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens
 Not present: Greg Matson
 For the record: Tina Danforth stated there was no written report and you're referencing the approval of a verbal report.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Law Office to continue to monitor the Michigan v Bay Mills litigation, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

2. Oneida Retail Enterprise – Michele Doxtator

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Oneida Retail Enterprise report, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

B. Audit Committee – Councilman Brandon Stevens, Chairman

1. Aug. 14, 2013 Audit Committee minutes

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Aug. 14, 2013 Audit Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

2. Internal Audit report August w/ Attachment A

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Internal Audit report August w/ Attachment A, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

3. Parimutuel Wagering audit and lift the confidentiality requirement allowing Tribal members to view the audit

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve Parimutuel Wagering audit and lift the confidentiality requirement allowing Tribal members to view the audit, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

4. Surveillance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement allowing Tribal members to view the audit

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve Surveillance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement allowing Tribal members to view the audit, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

C. Unfinished Business/BC directives

D. New Business/Requests

1. E-poll: Retro-approve Lati Hill Attorney ET contract to provide legal services to Legislative Operating Committee, Sept. 30, 2013-Feb. 28, 2014

Sponsor: Jo Anne House

Motion by Paul Ninham to retro-approve Lati Hill ET contract to provide legal services to Legislative Operating Committee, Sept. 30, 2013-Feb. 28, 2014, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

2. Approve limited waiver of sovereign immunity for releasing personal information from Behavioral Health Program as requested under Brown County Circuit Court case # 13-CM-

ATTACHMENT C



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Layatalati

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Hill

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Lati Hill

Staff attorney, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

ATTACHMENT D

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Lati Hill's Overview

Attorney At Law at Oneida nation

Insurance Agent at Bankers Life and Casualty

University of Kansas School of Law

Haskell Indian Nations University

80 connections

Lati Hill's Experience

Attorney At Law

Oneida nation

October 2013 – Present (1 month) Oneida, Wisconsin

Insurance Agent

Bankers Life and Casualty

December 2012 – March 2013 (4 months)

Lati Hill's Skills & Expertise

Legal Research Legal Writing Westlaw Research Litigation

Lati Hill's Education

University of Kansas School of Law

Doctor of Law (J.D.), Tribal Lawyer

2009 – 2012


Haskell Indian Nations University

business, management

2002 – 2007

Lati Hill's Additional Information

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ATTACHMENT F (1 of 2)

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Request for Investigation of Possible Violation of 757.30

To: Wisconsin Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen
Outagamie County District Attorney Carrie A. Schneider
Brown County District Attorney David L. Lasee
Keith L. Sellen, Office of Lawyer Regulation
Senator Ron Johnson

Re: Request for Investigation of Individual Possibly Lacking WI Bar License yet advertised as Attorney At Law

This is to inform you that an individual believed to be bereft of a Wisconsin State Bar license is now employed as Staff Attorney by the Oneida Law Office of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

The individual in question is Mr. Layatalati Hill, aka "Lati Hill," DOB 1/24/1983, address W1225 Fish Creek Road, DePere, WI 54115.

Mr. Hill's LinkedIn page advertises him as "Attorney At Law" and "Staff Attorney" for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin (see <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/lati-hill/b/825/597>).

The Wisconsin State Bar's "Lawyer Search" identifies no such individual (<http://www.wisbar.org/Directories/LawyerSearch/Pages/Lawyer-Search.aspx?fname=Layatalati&lname=Hill&county=>).

Hill's hiring was requested by Oneida Chief Counsel Jo Anne House (Bar #1021514) at the October 9, 2013 Oneida Business Committee meeting via agenda item XIV.D.1, "E-poll: Retro-approve Lati Hill Attorney ET contract to provide legal services to Legislative

ATTACHMENT F (2 OF 2)

Operating Committee, Sept. 30, 2013-Feb. 28, 2014" (https://oneida-nasn.gov/uploadedFiles/wwwroot/Government/Business_Committee/Meeting_Agendas/01.1%2010-09-2013%20agenda.pdf).

Another Oneida Tribal Staff Attorney, Michelle Mays (Bar #1035517), reportedly said that Mr. Hill is scheduled to take the Wisconsin State Bar exam in February 2014, which indicates awareness by the Oneida Law Office that Mr. Hill currently lacks a Wisconsin State Bar license and thereby demonstrates blatant disregard for Wisconsin State Law regulating legal representation of oneself as Attorney At Law.

From Wisconsin State Statute 757.30
(<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/757/30>):

757.30 Penalty for practicing without license.

(1) Every person, who without having first obtained a license to practice law as an attorney of a court of record in this state, as provided by law, practices law within the meaning of sub. (2), or purports to be licensed to practice law as an attorney within the meaning of sub. (3), shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than one year in the county jail or both, and in addition may be punished as for a contempt.

(2) Every person who appears as agent, representative or attorney, for or on behalf of any other person, or any firm, partnership, association or corporation in any action or proceeding in or before any court of record, circuit or supplemental court commissioner, or judicial tribunal of the United States, or of any state, or who otherwise, in or out of court, for compensation or pecuniary reward gives professional legal advice not incidental to his or her usual or ordinary business, or renders any legal service for any other person, or any firm, partnership, association or corporation, shall be deemed to be practicing law within the meaning of this section.

(3) 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 any sign, advertisement, business card, letterhead, circular, notice, or other writing, document or design, the evident purpose of which is to induce others to believe or understand the person to be authorized to practice law 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.

Please inform me as to your investigation of this serious matter and whether further information is needed.

Sincerely,

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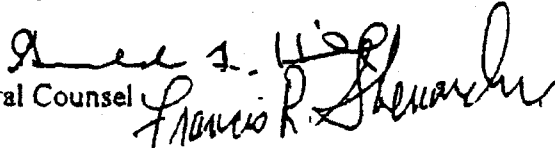
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To: Deborah Doxtator, Tribal Chairwoman
Loretta Metoxen, Vice-Chairwoman
Art Skenandore, General Manager
Z. Ron Skenandore, HRD Manager

From: Gerald L. Hill, Chief Counsel
Francis R. Skenandore, General Counsel



Date: January 11, 1996

Re: Diane Danforth

This is to advise you that the above person was relieved of all duties and responsibilities as an attorney employed by the Oneida Tribe on December 7, 1995. Ms. Danforth submitted a resignation which was accepted by this office. Ms. Danforth is not an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin.

If you have any questions regarding this Memo please contact, Attorneys Jerry Hill or Jo Swamp at 869-2345 or Francis Skenandore at 869-1530.