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14 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
15 COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

16 In the Matter of the Assumption of  
17 Jurisdiction over the Law Practice of  
18 FRANK C. CARSON  
19 No. 136261

Case No. 2016630

**DECLARATION OF NOLA ALFORD**

20 I, Nola Alford, declare:

21 I am over the age of 18 years old. If called as a witness I would and could testify  
22 competently to the following.

- 23 1. My son, Joshua Cardenas, was represented by Mr. Carson. His case number was  
24 1456452.
- 25 2. My son's case was closed on September 25, 2013.
- 26 3. He is serving a five year sentence.
- 27 4. To assist my son prepare for his upcoming one-year hearing, I called Revenue  
28 Reimbursement on August 31, 2014. I was advised to call the Clerk of Court for the Stanislaus  
County Superior Court, Criminal Division.
5. I called the Clerk of Court for the Criminal Division on August 31, 2015 at 209-  
530-3100. The woman I spoke with told me Mr. Carson's office was closed and that his office

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1 was not "handling anything" or doing any work on cases. I attempted to explain I had not yet  
2 called Mr. Carson's office, but the Court employee told me not to bother. Instead, she advised me  
3 to call the State Bar and lodge a complaint against Mr. Carson. The employee gave me an 800  
4 number for the Bar for lodging a complaint – 800-843-9053.

5 6. I asked for the number for the District Attorney's office. I was provided the  
6 number 209-525-5550.

7 7. When I called the District Attorney's office later in the morning of August 31,  
8 2015, I was told Mr. Carson's office was closed. I was advised to file a complaint with the State  
9 Bar and was given the same 800 number to call to lodge a complaint. I was then transferred to a  
10 Deputy District Attorney "in charge of Mr. Carson's cases." I reached voicemail, but did not  
11 leave a message. It was a male voice on the voicemail message.

12 8. I then called Mr. Carson's office at approximately 11:00 a.m. on August 31, 2015.  
13 Ms. Jessica Duran answered my call, told me the office was open and is in the process of sending  
14 discovery to my son at my request.

15 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the  
16 foregoing is true and correct.

17 Executed this 1 day of September, 2015, at Modesto, California.

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