



## Public Comment for Upcoming City Council and Homelessness Committee and Government Audit Committee and Budget & Finance Committee and Ethics Commission

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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE AND BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT AUDIT COMMITTEE - ATTORNEY MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT – KAHN ABRAHAM SCOLNICK #228686 – RULE 1.7 VIOLATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To whom it may concern,

This complaint of attorney misconduct pertains to Kahn Abraham Scolnick #228686, who at the time of this writing works as Partner for the Gibson Dunn law firm. From the Gibson Dunn publicly listed information, his email is [kscolnick@gibsondunn.com](mailto:kscolnick@gibsondunn.com) and his work phone number is +1 213.229.7656. He works at the Los Angeles branch of the Gibson Dunn law firm. Kahn Scolnick currently represents the City of Los Angeles as one of the lead defense lawyers in the city's defense for the Alliance vs City of Los Angeles federal civil lawsuit being presided over by Judge David Carter. The core of this federal lawsuit pertains to how the City of Los Angeles acted in concert with numerous actors to defraud the public of tax dollars meant to provide housing and shelter to low income and homeless individuals. The trial court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs over said claims and is currently undergoing contempt hearings into various individuals involved.

Kahn Scolnick also serves as a board officer for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. He has served as a board officer providing legal counsel to clients of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles at least from 2024 to present day 2026. Evidence of this claim comes directly from the public website of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles with the following URL:

<https://lafla.org/who-we-are/board-of-directors/>

To preserve this evidence, I have also attached a screenshot of this public website, which shows Kahn's full name, photo, and board officer title. In their own words, the "Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles' volunteer Board of Directors is committed to providing access to legal justice for low-income individuals who have nowhere else to turn. The Board of Directors is comprised of individual attorneys, those from private law firms, corporate leaders, and community members, including former LAFLA clients."

Rule 1.7 of the State Bar of California governs conflicts of interest. Mr. Scolnick is, at a minimum, in direct violation of Rule 1.7 due to his simultaneous roles. The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles represents low-income and unhoused individuals who have been directly harmed by the City of Los Angeles through the misappropriation and misuse of public funds intended for homelessness programs—the very conduct at issue in the Alliance v. City of Los Angeles litigation. At the same time, Mr. Scolnick serves as a lead defense

attorney for the City of Los Angeles in that matter while also serving as a board officer of LAFLA, an organization providing legal services and guidance to the same population harmed by the City's actions. This dual role places Mr. Scolnick in an irreconcilable conflict of interest, as he is positioned to provide legal advice and oversight within an organization whose clients' interests are directly adverse to those of a governmental entity he actively defends in ongoing federal litigation.

Mr. Scolnick should be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including fines and suspension, and Gibson Dunn, as well as LAFLA, should be formally investigated for their role in permitting or failing to address this flagrant conflict of interest.

Respectfully submitted January 16, 2026

Enri Marini

### EXHIBIT 1 OF 1 – SCREENSHOT OF KAHN SCOLNICK LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OFFICERS

