

Jun. 30, 2025

BEFORE THE LIMITED LICENSE LEGAL TECHNICIAN BOARD
OF WASHINGTON STATELLLT
Board

In re

MIKA 'IL RASHID,

Limited License Legal Technician

(License No. 155LLLT).

Proceeding No. LF23#00001

Docket # III

LLLT BOARD DECISION ADOPTING IN
PART AND MODIFYING IN PART
HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION

This matter came before the Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) Board (the Board) at its May 12, 2025 meeting, on automatic review of Hearing Officer Randolph O Petgrave III's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Hearing Officer's Recommendation, recommending that Respondent Mika'il Rashid be suspended for a period of six months following a hearing.

The Board reviews the hearing officer's findings of fact for substantial evidence. The Board reviews conclusions of law and sanction recommendations de novo. Evidence not presented to the hearing officer or panel cannot be considered by the Board. ELLLTTC 11.12(b).

Having reviewed the materials submitted, and considered the applicable case law and rules;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and the Hearing Officer's Recommendation (FFCLR) are adopted in part and modified in part as follows:¹

¹ The vote on this matter was 8-0. Those voting were: Stephen Crossland, Nancy Ivarinen, Sarah Bové, Jennifer Ortega, Jen Bull, Crystal Lambert, Miryam Gordon, and Amy Riedel. Board members not in attendance to vote included Theodore Cropley, John Darling and Margaret Bridewell.

1 1. The Board modifies the Hearing Officer’s FFCLR ¶ 35 by replacing “2023” with
2 “2022”, the year reflected on EX A-111.

3 2. The Board modifies the Hearing Officer’s FFCLR ¶ 101 by adding “(k) illegal
4 conduct” as an aggravating factor applicable in this case so that FFCLR ¶ 101 states: “The
5 following aggravating factors set forth in Section 9.22 of the ABA Standards are applicable in
6 this case: (d) multiple offenses and (k) illegal conduct.”

7 The Hearing Officer’s well-reasoned findings of fact and conclusions of law support that
8 Respondent Mika’il Rashid practiced well outside of Respondent’s authorized scope of practice
9 as a LLLT provided in APR 28, Appendix APR 28 Regulation 2(B), and the LLLT Rules of
10 Professional Conduct. Respondent filed a civil action as a LLLT (FFCLR ¶¶ 14, 15, and 16);
11 identified himself as a LLLT using the signature line “Mikail Rashid, WSBA #155LLLT” in
12 pleadings filed with the court (FFCLR ¶¶ 17, 18, and 19); and purported in the pleadings to
13 represent parties in the civil action (FFCLR ¶ 20). In addition, Respondent held himself out as a
14 “Lawyer-LLLT” then as a “solicitor” to others. (FFCLR ¶¶ 33, 44, 49, 51, and 52). Respondent
15 misrepresented his license. Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. (FFCLR
16 ¶43).

17 Respondent’s conduct was unlawful. *See* RCW 2.48.180(1)(b) (defining “nonlawyer” as
“a person to whom the Washington supreme court has granted a limited authorization to
practice law but who practices law outside that authorization”) and RCW 2.48.180(2)(a)
(providing it is unlawful practice of law when “a nonlawyer practices law, or holds himself ...
out as entitled to practice law”).

 Even though Respondent was not criminally charged for the unlawful practice of law,
illegal conduct as an aggravating factor applies here. *See In re Kamb*, 177 Wn.2d 851, 868; 305

1 P.3d 1091, 1099 (2013) (applying aggravating factor of illegal conduct, even when respondent
2 was not charged with or convicted of crime, to counts of misconduct where statutory violation
3 did not form part of the basis of the count).

3 3. The Board modifies the sanction recommendation in FFCLR ¶ 106. The Board
4 recommends that Respondent Mika'il Rashid be suspended for a period of eleven (11) months.

5 The American Bar Association's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions ("ABA
6 Standards") (1991 ed. & Feb. 1992 Supp.) and Washington Supreme Court lawyer-discipline
7 cases are applicable by analogy to LLLT discipline cases. The minimum sanction, in this case a
8 six-month suspension (FFCLR ¶¶ 99 and 100), is appropriate only when the mitigating factors
9 outweigh the aggravating factors. *In re Behrman*, 165 Wn.2d 414, 426, 197 P.3d 1177, 1182-83
10 (2008) (citing *In re Trejo*, 163 Wn.2d 701, 722, 185 P.3d 1160 (2008)). Although the mitigating
11 factor of "inexperience in LLLT practice" technically applies here, it should be given little to no
12 weight in this case because even the most inexperienced LLLT should know that a LLLT is not
13 authorized to file a civil action, to represent parties in a civil action, or to identify themselves as
14 a lawyer or solicitor.² Therefore, inexperience as a LLLT is not the cause of the misconduct
15 here. *See In re Poole*, 164 Wn.2d 710, 734, 193 P.3d 1064, 1074-75 (2008) (providing that "the
16 weight accorded a mitigating factor is determined by the totality of the circumstances" and
17 concluding that little weight to be given to mitigator that "merely impacted but did not cause the
misconduct").

14 As a result, the aggravating factors outweigh the mitigating factors. Respondent's
15 misconduct was serious, knowing, and unlawful. There were multiple offenses. Respondent's
16 misconduct was far outside of and in direct contradiction to the authorized limited scope of

17 ² Although not applicable here, a LLLT who is in law school, or the APR 6 law clerk program could become
eligible to apply for and be granted a limited license to practice as an APR 9 limited license legal intern.

1 practice for LLLTs. Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. Respondent's
2 misconduct caused harm to the public, the administration of justice, and the legal profession. In
3 this case, the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and analysis as modified support an 11-month
4 suspension.

5 Dated this 30 day of June 2025.

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8 Stephen Crossland
9 LLLT Board Chair
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that I caused a copy of the **LLLT Board Decision Adopting in Part and Modifying in Part Hearing Officer's Decision** in regards to **In re Mika'il Rashid (LLLT License No. 155LLLT)**, **Proceeding No. LF23#00001**, to be emailed by agreement on the date shown below to:

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