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RE: Bar Examination Application

Dear Mr. Prince:

This letter is in response to your letter dated March 23, 2014, in which you requested a determination as to whether your client may lawfully and ethically not respond to a question on the application for admission to the Pennsylvania bar as to whether he had applied for or obtained a concealed weapons permit. While the section that you cited, 18 Pa. C.S.A. §6111(i), precludes public disclosure of information provided by an applicant for a concealed weapons permit, it is not clear that this section would preclude an applicant himself from disclosing that fact to someone else, especially as part of a process such as applying for admission to the bar which is itself confidential. However, the confidentiality provisions applicable to a concealed weapons application raise a legitimate issue that will require a further evaluation of the appropriateness of the question on the bar application dealing with the disclosure of an application for a concealed weapons permit.

Your client will not be able to simply not respond to the question at issue because the electronic application procedure will not permit an applicant to submit an application with unanswered questions. However, due to the unresolved issues with respect to the confidentiality of the information concerning a concealed weapons permit, you are advised that your client in completing his July 2014 Pennsylvania bar application may answer the question dealing in part with whether he had ever applied for a concealed weapons permit in the negative (assuming that he had not applied for any of the other applicable permits or licenses) notwithstanding the fact that he had in fact applied for and was issued such a permit. Your client should then indicate in response to the last question on the electronic application which requires disclosure of other relevant information, that it was his intent to not provide any response to the question dealing with concealed weapons permits due to confidentiality concerns but that since this was not an available option for him in completing the application, he answered no to the question. Given

the constraints of the electronic application process which do not permit an applicant to not answer a question, the fact that your client answered no to the question about having applied for a concealed weapons permit with the accompanying explanation noted above will not be considered to be an untruthful response to that question on the bar application.

The Board will evaluate whether the question relating to disclosure of an application for a concealed weapons permit needs to be modified or clarified on future applications based on the concerns that you raised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph S. Rengert".

Joseph S. Rengert  
Counsel to the Board

cc: Executive Director