

IN THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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IN RE: )  
THE HONORABLE LU ANN BALLEW )  
CHILD SUPPORT MAGISTRATE )  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT )  
COCKE COUNTY, TENNESSEE )  
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Docket No. M2013-02345-BJC-DIS-FC  
File No. B13-5426

ANSWER

Comes now the Respondent, Lu Ann Ballew, by and through counsel, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 17-5-307, and submits this Answer to the Formal Charges brought against her:

- 1.) Paragraph one (1) of the Formal Charges is admitted.
- 2.) Paragraph two (2) of the Formal Charges is admitted.
- 3.) In response to paragraph three (3) of the Formal Charges, Respondent avers that the Petition speaks for itself.
- 4.) Paragraph four (4) of the Formal Charges is admitted.
- 5.) The first sentence of paragraph five (5) of the Formal Charges is admitted. In response to the second sentence of paragraph five (5) of the Formal Charges, Respondent avers that the Statement of Facts and Reasons Supporting Name Change speaks for itself.
- 6.) In response to paragraph six (6) of the Formal Charges, Respondent avers that the television interview with WBIR-TV took place on August 9, 2013. Respondent further avers that

“The word Messiah is a title, and it’s a title that has only been earned by one person, and that one person is Jesus Christ” was one of the reasons given for her decision to change the child’s name.

- 7.) Paragraph seven (7) of the Formal Charges is admitted.
- 8.) Paragraph eight (8) of the Formal Charges is admitted.
- 9.) Paragraph nine (9) of the Formal Charges is denied.

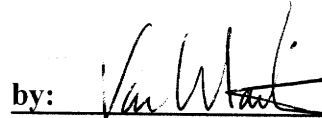
Having fully answered the Formal charges against her, the Respondent requests that, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 17-5-308(a), any hearings held regarding the Formal Charges be in Jefferson County, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013.

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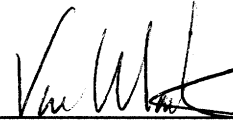
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that pursuant to TRCP 5.02 a true and exact copy of the foregoing instrument has been delivered to all parties of interest or their attorneys as listed below  by placing the same in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid,  by hand-delivery,  by email in PDF format, or  by sending the document via facsimile. This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013.

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