

STATE OF GEORGIA

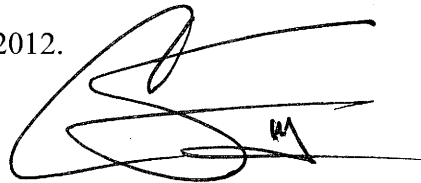
COUNTY OF CHATHAM

AFFIDAVIT

CHRISTIAN J. STEINMETZ III, having first being sworn before the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 years, am of sound mind, and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
2. I am a duly licensed Attorney at Law and am a current member of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia in good standing.
3. I make this affidavit in support of Attorney Joseph R. Neal, Jr.'s Motion to Vacate and Annul his provisional suspension in said Court issued June 22, 2012.
4. I have known Mr. Neal as a practicing lawyer in Augusta Georgia for many years and can attest that he is an ethical person of good moral character, good conduct, and professional responsibility.

Further affiant sayeth not on this day, July 10, 2012.



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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME THIS 10th DAY OF
JULY, 2012

Mary K McKenney
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: June 26 2016

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