



SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-21 September Term 2011  
069287

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROOSEVELT HAIRSTON, JR.,  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
(Attorney No. 035921990)

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ORDER

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ROOSEVELT HAIRSTON, JR., of MALVERN, PENNSYLVANIA, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1990, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since June 3, 2011, having tendered his consent to disbarment as an attorney at law of the State of New Jersey, and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that ROOSEVELT HAIRSTON, JR., is disbarred by consent, effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent's name be stricken from the roll of attorneys and that he be permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

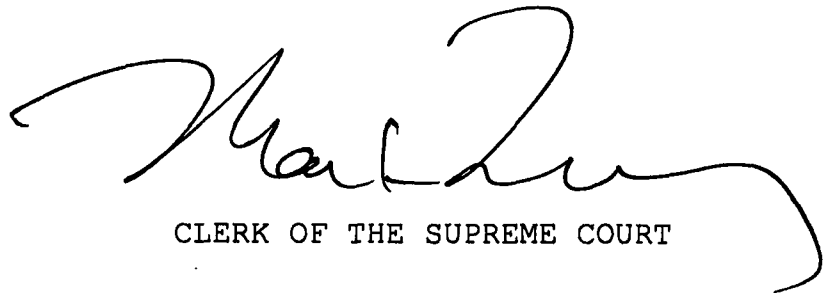
ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by ROOSEVELT HAIRSTON, JR., pursuant to Rule 1:21-6 shall be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court for good cause shown and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund

pending further Order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with  
disbarred attorneys; and it is further

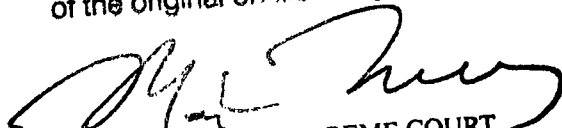
ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight  
Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses  
incurred in the prosecution of this matter, as provided in Rule  
1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice,  
at Trenton, this 12th day of October, 2011.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

The foregoing is a true copy  
of the original on file in my office.



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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I, Denise McCollum, hereby certify:

1) I am employed by the State of New Jersey as an Administrative Specialist with the Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

2) On October 13, 2011, I personally mailed to respondent's counsel, Tracey Salmon Smith, Esq., Bressler, Amery & Ross, 325 Columbia Turnpike, Suite 301, Florham Park, NJ 07932, by regular mail and certified mail, a copy of an Order filed October 13, 2011.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.



Denise McCollum  
Administrative Specialist



# OFFICE OF ATTORNEY ETHICS



## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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### MEMORANDUM

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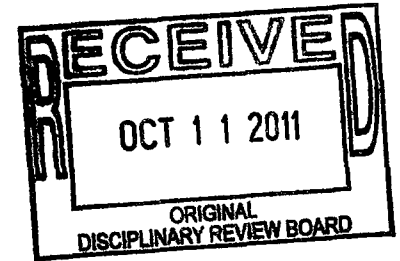
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**TO:** Mark Neary, Clerk  
Supreme Court of New Jersey

**FROM:** Melissa A. Czartoryski *mc*  
Deputy Ethics Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Office of Attorney Ethics vs. Roosevelt Hairston, Jr.  
Docket No. XIV-2011-0165E

**DATE:** October 11, 2011



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In accordance with *R:1:20-10(a)*, I enclose the original Disbarment by Consent bearing the original signature of Roosevelt Hairston, Jr. of Malvern, Pennsylvania.

#### SUMMARY

On March 31, 2011, Jeffrey Kahn, Esq., as acting General Counsel and Senior Vice-President for The Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP), filed a grievance against the respondent alleging that he engaged in a pattern of fraudulent and unethical activity over a period of twelve years to misappropriate over \$1.7 million of CHOP's funds for his personal enrichment. The respondent is now the former General Counsel of CHOP.

On June 2, 2011, the respondent was criminally charged with various offenses including mail fraud, money laundering and filing a false tax return. On or about June 13, 2011, the respondent pleaded guilty to stealing \$1.7 million from the institution. He admitted to preparing 126 fake invoices to obtain checks from CHOP that were sent to fake entities respondent set up to launder the money for his own use. The respondent has not been sentenced as of yet.

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**COUNSEL**

Respondent is represented by Tracey Salmon-Smith, Esq. Attached is Ms. Salmon-Smith's letter of October 5, 2011, which contains the representations required by *R.I:20-10(a)* as to respondent's capacity and the knowing and voluntary execution of the form of Disbarment by Consent.

**ANNUAL ATTORNEY REGISTRATION FORM**

I enclose Mr. Hairston's Registration Form for the Deputy Clerk's use in recording this matter with the National Disciplinary Databank.

MAC/mbb  
Enclosure

cc: Tracey Salmon-Smith, Esq, Respondent's Counsel (w/encl.)  
Daniel Hendi, Director, New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (w/encl.)  
Julianne K. DeCore, Chief Counsel, Disciplinary Review Board (w/encl.)  
Charles Centinaro, Director, Office of Attorney Ethics (w/encl.)  
Michael J. Sweeney, First Assistant Ethics Counsel, Office of Attorney Ethics (w/encl.)  
William M. Ruskowski, Chief of Investigations, Office of Attorney Ethics (w/encl.)  
Greg Kulinich, Disciplinary Investigator, Office of Attorney Ethics (w/encl.)

**DISBARMENT BY CONSENT  
FROM THE BAR OF  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
[R. 1:20-10(a)]

To The Honorable Chief Justice and  
Associate Justices of the Supreme Court

1. I, Roosevelt Hairston, Jr., presently residing at 385 Conestoga Road, Malvern, Pennsylvania, 19355, state that I was admitted to the Bar of the state of New Jersey in 1990 and am admitted to the Bar of the following additional states: Pennsylvania.

2. I have consulted with counsel prior to completing this form.

3. I hereby submit to the Supreme Court of New Jersey my consent to disbarment from the Bar of the state of New Jersey. This consent is freely and voluntarily given by me and I represent that no person in the disciplinary structure has subjected me to coercion or duress. The implications of submitting to disbarment are fully known to me.

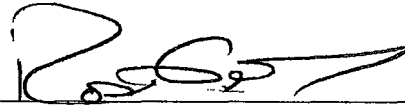
4. I am not under any disability, mental or physical, nor under the influence of any medication, intoxicants or other substances that would impair my ability to knowingly and voluntarily execute this form.

5. I am aware that there is presently pending against me under Docket No. XIV-2011-0165E an investigation into allegations concerning my knowing misappropriation of client funds.

I acknowledge that these allegations are true and if I went to a hearing on this matter, I could not successfully defend myself against those charges.

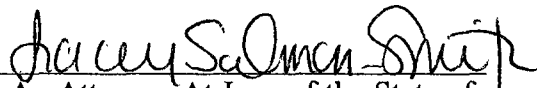
6. I consent to disbarment with full knowledge that it is an absolute barrier to my ever seeking reinstatement to the Bar of the state of New Jersey, and that the Supreme Court may enter an Order accepting this Disbarment by Consent, which order will include the assessment of disciplinary costs pursuant to R. 1:20-17.

7. I am consenting to disbarment with the understanding that, although this document will become a matter of public record if accepted by the Court, it may not be entered into evidence in any legal proceeding as an admission or as giving rise to an inference of wrong doing, other than in a disciplinary or Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection proceeding in this or any other jurisdiction.



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Roosevelt Hairston, Jr.

Sworn to and Subscribed to  
before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of October, 2011.



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An Attorney-At-Law of the State of  
New Jersey or a Notary Public

October 5, 2011

Melissa Czartoryski, Esq.  
Deputy Ethics Counsel  
Office of Attorney Ethics  
PO Box 963  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Roosevelt Hairston, Jr.

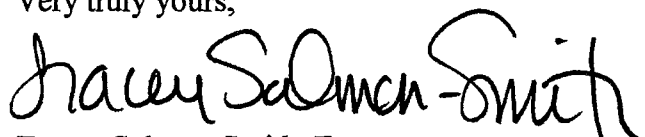
Dear Ms. Czartoryski:

I have at all times, been the only attorney representing Roosevelt Hairston, Jr., Esq.  
As required by *R.1:20-10(a)(2)(H)*, I hereby certify as follows:

1. I have explained the terms of the Consent to Disbarment Form to the Respondent, Roosevelt Hairston, Jr., Esq.
2. It is my opinion that the consent of the Respondent is knowingly and voluntarily given.
3. In my opinion, Respondent is not under any disability affecting his capacity to knowingly and voluntarily consent to disbarment.

If anything further is required, please advise.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Salmon-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracey Salmon-Smith, Esq.