



# Complaint Form Virginia State Bar



**Mail to:**  
**VIRGINIA STATE BAR**  
**INTAKE OFFICE**  
 707 East Main St., Suite 1500  
 Richmond, VA 23219-2800  
 Telephone (804) 775-0570

NOTE: Send in this form if you wish to file a formal complaint that a lawyer has acted unethically. The complaint might result in discipline to the lawyer. If you are seeking other remedies against the lawyer; you may need to seek legal advice from a lawyer in private practice. Also, the bar may require your further involvement in an investigation of your complaint by asking you to be interviewed by a bar investigator and/or to participate at a hearing.

YOUR  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms

NAME: **Donna J. Hockman**

YOUR ADDRESS: **FCCW  
 P.O. Box 1000  
 Troy, Va 22974**

LAWYER'S  
 NAME: **Marsha L. Garst**

LAWYER'S  
 ADDRESS: **Commonwealth Attorney  
 53 Court Square  
 Harrisonburg, Va 22801**

Lawyer's Telephone No.:  
**(540) 564-3350**

**LAWYER'S ACTIONS COMPLAINED OF:**

In 2011, I filed several complaints that the state bar failed to investigate.

I am writing to ask for a full investigation into the willful and deliberate violation of my due process rights that resulted in my wrongful conviction.

Marsha Garst has violated several of the rules set forth by the Virginia Supreme Court, Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 8.4, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 that mandates the state bar to launch an investigate.

Garst has withheld exculpatory evidence, pre-trial and continues to withhold post-trial. Garst has altered, tampered, fabricated, not-tested and had evidence destroyed or did not ask for it to be kept, so that it could be used for future testing, which would have impacted the jury's decision resulting in me receiving a life sentence without parole in 2009.

I have previously sent documentation to back up my allegations. These documents can be found at **commonwealthcoverup.com** or by meeting with me in person, once an investigation has been started. I continue to receive documents that back up my allegations that Garst has violated my constitutional rights to due process.

I know previous and similar complaints have been filed against Garst for the same allegations I am making. The outcome of those complaints is unknown. These complaints need to be taken seriously, as lives and liberty are at stake.

List the names, addresses, and phone numbers of persons who might be able to give additional information about your complaint:

**I have wrote the Department of Justice, The Attorney General, The Governor, and other various agencies and attorneys who have said that the Virginia State Bar is the agency that should be investigating my complaint first.**

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Have you or a member of your family complained to us about this lawyer before? Yes No  
If yes, please state when you complained, and the outcome of that complaint.  
**In 2011 and 2012 I filed three separate complaints relating to the same issues with this same attorney and no investigation was started, despite providing numerous documents showing misconduct by this prosecutor.**
2. Have you filed a complaint or legal action about this matter anywhere else? Yes No  
If yes, state where and the outcome. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did you hire this lawyer? Yes No  If yes, give the approximate date you employed him/her, the nature of your legal case, and estimate how much money, if any, you paid him/her. \_\_\_\_\_
4. If you did not hire the lawyer, what is your connection with the lawyer?  
**This lawyer was the prosecutor who convicted me in 2009**
5. Is your complaint only that you think the lawyer charged you too much? Yes No  
If yes, you should contact the Virginia State Bar at (804) 775-0500 and ask for information on fee dispute resolution.
6. Have you read the pamphlet describing the bar's complaint process? Yes NO

YOUR  
SIGNATURE:



DATE: 11/10/16

COMPLAINT MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED