

In the Supreme Court of the State of Utah

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In re: Application of Michelle Turpin PC

ORDER FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE LAW IN UTAH

Based upon the Utah Supreme Court's plenary and constitutionally granted authority to regulate the practice of law in Utah, and the tenets of Standing Order 15, the Utah Supreme Court orders that Michelle Turpin PC ("Turpin PC") is authorized to practice law in Utah within the regulatory sandbox and subject to the restrictions outlined below.

The Court has reviewed the recommendation of the Office of Legal Services Innovation ("Innovation Office") dated January 10, 2023 for Turpin PC to be authorized to practice law in Utah as an ABS + HALP.

Michelle Turpin is a tax lawyer who wishes to give ownership interest to her paralegal, an "enrolled agent" authorized to practice before the IRS and USTC of taxpayers. Ms. Turpin will oversee the enrolled agents and paralegals authorized to provide legal services to consumers but would like to allow her experienced paralegal the ability to perform all aspects of the practice except for appearing in state court on behalf of clients.

The Innovation Office has assessed Turpin PC's proposed entity structure, service methods, and legal areas, and has determined that Turpin PC is a Moderate Innovation entity and that the risk of harm to its targeted consumers, relative to the risk of harm they currently face, is acceptable for authorization.

In light of the Court's responsibility to the public to effectively regulate the practice of law in Utah and in keeping with the tenets of Standing Order 15, the Court now orders as follows:

1. Turpin PC is authorized to offer legal services through the following service **methods**:
 - a. ABS
 - i. Lawyers employed or managed by nonlawyer(s)
 - ii. Nonlawyer ownership (less than 50% or 50% or more)
 - b. HALP
 - i. Legal Advice
 - ii. Form Completion/ routine document assistance
 - iii. Pleadings/motion drafting
 - iv. Negotiation for consumer

- c. With legal professional involvement
 - i. Quality assurance process directed by a legal professional
 - ii. Legal professional involved in training development and/or implementation
 - iii. Regular legal professional initiated quality checks of services
2. Turpin PC is authorized to provide legal services across the following legal **areas**:
 - a. Key legal areas: Tax
3. No Rules of Professional Conduct are **waived** as none were requested.
4. Turpin PC shall conform to the Moderate Innovation reporting requirements imposed by the Innovation Office.
5. Turpin PC shall prominently display the following disclosure requirements:
 - a. Innovation Office Badge
 - b. Alternative Legal Provider disclosure
 - c. Nonlawyer ownership disclosure
6. This authorization is granted for the duration of the existence of the Sandbox, or until exit and permanent licensure at the discretion of the Court.
7. Authorization is subject to Turpin PC's compliance with the conditions and requirements set forth in the Innovation Office Manual and the Innovation Office Recommendation to the Court and to a verification by the Innovation Office that the entity's services are not causing material harm to consumers.
8. This authorization does not relieve Michelle Turpin, its employees, or any associated lawyer from compliance with applicable state and federal laws and any rules of another state or other governing body. Michelle Turpin is responsible for assuring that it is in compliance with the laws and rules of any other affected jurisdiction.

If Turpin PC wishes to alter these conditions or requirements, it must submit any such change to the Innovation Office for further assessment. The Innovation Office will assess the proposed change and may permit the change if it deems the change does not materially increase the risks to consumers. If the Innovation Office finds a material increase in risk, then it will present the issue to the Court for further consideration.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2023.



Matthew B. Durrant
Chief Justice