

BUREAU OF ETERNAL COMPLIANCE

Form MC-31 - Contracted Mortal Counsel Record

PUBLIC COPY - ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT MATERIAL

COUNSEL NAME: Amelia M. Harker
AGE: Thirty-one
CLASSIFICATION: Mortal
PROFESSION: Paralegal
FIRM: Harker & Steed, LLP, Pittsburgh
RESIDENCE: Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh
CLIENT HOUSEHOLD: Blackthorn Estate
BUREAU ENGAGEMENT: 4471-D

STATUS: CREDENTIALLED - AUTHORIZATION CONFIRMED

I EXECUTIVE FINDING

Amelia Harker entered Blackthorn carrying a hard-shell roller bag, a tablet, professional skepticism, and advance notes on all three resident vampires. She had been billing in fifteen-minute increments since parking in the hedge.

Within her first hour she identified seventy-three pages of trouble, established that no resident possessed uncomplicated government identification, and discovered a Bureau officer missing since 1884.

Her continued presence is the principal reason Engagement 4471-D resembles a legal matter rather than an avoidable haunting with exhibits.

II PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Amelia serves as contracted mortal counsel through Harker & Steed, LLP. Her practice experience includes supernatural compliance, haunting-trust dissolution, threshold etiquette, evidence preservation, and Bureau filing conventions obscure enough to make ordinary civil procedure seem hospitable.

She completed mandatory mixed-practice training during her first week at the firm. She has since learned that every supernatural client believes its emergency is unprecedented and that most unprecedented emergencies still require an index.

She reads documents from the back. Her formal explanation is that settlements live in endings. Her practical explanation is that consequential disclosures are often hidden in the last paragraph by people who have become tired of concealing them.

III BLACKTHORN INTAKE

Amelia arrived after a message from Zach described the audit as a real thing. This required clarification because Zach had previously applied the same phrase to a Spirit Halloween employee.

She entered without waiting for invitation, correctly applying current mixed-practice threshold guidance. She then reviewed the household, the notice, the resident raven, and the western crypt in that order.

Her first operational instruction was simple: walk me through it. The household has been attempting to comply ever since.

IV EQUIPMENT

The hard-shell roller bag contains a laptop, legal pads, color-coded highlighters, manila folders, a flashlight, writing instruments, forms, and at least one document prepared before anyone else knew it would be necessary.

The bag should be understood as professional infrastructure, mobile filing cabinet, and warning.

V ENGAGEMENT 4471-D

Amelia was confirmed as paralegal of record under direct household authorization. Her responsibilities expanded rapidly from notice review to identity reconstruction, resident disclosure, evidence control, procedural strategy, and management of two very different officers named Pemberton.

She coordinated the reconstruction of Zach Marino's missing identity file, secured supporting documentation, and kept intimate family correspondence outside Bureau circulation.

When the household could not complete a bloodline affidavit, she prepared a Tier Two disclosure request under Subdivision Four, Section 11(b)(iii). The request moved the dispute into parallel adjudication and prevented an incomplete filing from becoming a substantially worse conversation.

VI OBSERVED CAPABILITIES

DOCUMENT REVIEW: Begins at the signature line and works backward toward the problem.

PROCEDURAL RESEARCH: Retains the relevant rule, threshold, filing route, and the cost of the typeface auditors respect.

INTERVIEW CONTROL: Uses silence until the other person answers the question they were hoping she had forgotten.

EVIDENCE PRESERVATION: Trained; careful; resistant to household improvisation.

CRISIS TRIAGE: Converts supernatural catastrophe into numbered tasks.

CLIENT MANAGEMENT: Adjusts method to the client; written instructions are preferred for Zach.

VII HABITS AND RECURRING IRREGULARITIES

Pushes her glasses up with one finger at the bridge, particularly when a fact has become professionally inconvenient.

Uses *mhm* as acknowledgment, warning, reservation of judgment, and occasionally sentence.

Reads contracts, menus, audit notices, and institutional disaster from the back.

Secures her hair with a binder clip during ordinary work. Its absence indicates that the morning is about to ask something of someone.

Maintains a south-wall arrangement of seventeen pieces of vintage taxidermy: fourteen birds, two squirrels, and one ermine, each named and labeled in her own hand.

Reserves Padrón cigars and Verdelho Madeira for Sundays. Ordinary Tuesday wine belongs to Tuesday.

Owns a licensed typeface solely because auditors take it seriously.

Does not mistake composure for indifference or procedural fluency for obedience.

VIII ASSOCIATED PERSONS

ZACHARY MARINO: Initial contact; client; reliable when given an exact task and deadline.

VALERIUS DRAKENFELD: Head of household; direct authorizing party; increasingly accepts that a filing strategy may outperform a sword.

AMBROSE: Resident scholar; irregularly cooperative annotator; generally responds to courtesy.

MR. PEMBERTON: Historic Bureau officer; procedural resource; addresses counsel as Madam Harker.

GREG WALSH: Harker & Steed documentation specialist; fast, discreet, and appropriately expensive.

THE HOUSE: Client premises; offers selective resistance and no useful testimony.

IX CURRENT ASSESSMENT

CLASSIFICATION: Mortal counsel; cleared for classified supernatural practice

THREAT LEVEL: Low physical threat; severe procedural threat to anyone relying on an unsigned memo

PRIMARY STRENGTH: Calm attention applied until the problem reveals its usable shape

PRIMARY VULNERABILITY: Assumes responsibility faster than she admits concern

RECOMMENDED INTERVIEW PRACTICE: Answer the question asked; expect that she has read the final page

DOCUMENTARY STATUS: Active for the duration of Engagement 4471-D

X REVIEWING NOTE

Amelia is not impressed by age, title, atmosphere, perfect stillness, household mythology, or the production value of a Bureau raven. She is impressed by complete records, defensible procedure, careful work, and people who tell the truth before she has to identify which form contains it.

The household called a paralegal. It received counsel, strategy, incident command, and a very patient account of why the basement should have been disclosed first.

FILE STATUS: ACTIVE - DISCLOSURE INCOMPLETE

PUBLIC RELEASE NOTICE

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CENTRAL AUDIT RESOLUTION OMITTED

I MATERIAL WITHHELD

The public copy excludes sealed authorization material, final audit disposition, privileged strategy, intimate household observations, and personal correspondence unrelated to Bureau need.

II MATERIAL RETAINED

This record preserves Amelia's canonical identity, professional role, Blackthorn intake, procedural methods, documented habits, and status as paralegal of record for Engagement 4471-D.

III READER ADVISORY

The subscriber archive contains Algernon, the Squirrel Hill apartment, the Jonathan Harker family connection, and the private life maintained around work that refuses to remain ordinary.

END OF PUBLIC FILE