

SO ORDERED



IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(Baltimore Division)

In re

BRITONY SHENETTA FORD

Debtor.

Bankruptcy Case No.: 24-13517-DER

Chapter 7

**ORDER ENJOINING TAMEIKA POLLARD
FROM ACTING AS A BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER**

Bankruptcy petition preparer, Tameika Pollard, submitted a Disclosure of Compensation of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer (Form 2800), and a Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration and Signature (Form 119), in this case relating to services she provided to the debtor. (*See* Docs. 5, 6.) Instead of including her social security number, as required by the forms and by 11 U.S.C. § 110(c), Ms. Pollard instead wrote "999-99-9999." *Id.*

The Court issued a deficiency notice requiring a correction of this deficiency by May 13, 2024. (*See* Doc. 11.) Ms. Pollard failed to correct the deficiency. Thus, on May 20, 2024, the Court entered an order directing Ms. Pollard to show cause, by June 10, 2024, why she "should

not be ordered, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110 to refund all fees for failure to complete the required filings.” (*See* Doc. 23.)

Ms. Pollard did not respond to the show cause order and, thus, on June 20, 2024, the Court entered an order directing Ms. Pollard, by July 4, 2024, to (a) refund to the debtor all fees collected in this matter, and (b) file a certification stating the amount of such refund, the date thereof, and the person to whom it was paid. (*See* Doc. 27.) Ms. Pollard did not file any certification indicating she made the required refund. As a result, the Court entered another order, this time directing Ms. Pollard to appear in-person before the Court on August 7, 2024, and “show cause, if there be any, why should not be fined under 11 U.S.C. § 110(h)(5) and/or further sanctions under 11 U.S.C. § 110 for her failure to comply with” the June 20, 2024 order. (*See* Doc. 29.)

Ms. Pollard did not appear at the August 7, 2024 hearing. After considering the matter and hearing from the United States Trustee, the Court entered an order fining Ms. Pollard \$500 under 11 U.S.C. § 110(h)(5), to be paid to the United States Trustee for Region 4 within 30 days of the entry of the Order. (Doc. 31.) The Order also provided that if Ms. Pollard failed to pay the fine or refund the fees associated with preparing the petition, then Ms. Pollard shall appear in-person before the Court on October 7, 2024. (Doc. 31.)

It appears Ms. Pollard failed to pay the fine or refund the fees paid by the debtor. As a result, the Court held the October 7, 2024 hearing. Once again, the United States Trustee appeared but Ms. Pollard did not, thereby violating the order to appear before this Court and, thus, the Court entered an order, on October 16, 2024, expressly directing Ms. Pollard to “appear, in-person, before this Court” on November 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. and “show cause why she should not be enjoined from acting as a bankruptcy petition preparer.”

On November 4, 2024, Ms. Pollard again failed to appear as directed by the Court.

For the reasons stated on the record at the November 4, 2024 hearing, and upon finding that, among other things, Ms. Pollard has “not paid a penalty imposed under” section 110 of the Bankruptcy Code and has “failed to disgorge all fees ordered by the court,” *see* 11 U.S.C. § 110(j)(2)(B), it is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland,

ORDERED, that Tameika Pollard is hereby enjoined from acting as a bankruptcy petition preparer, as defined by 11 U.S.C. § 110, and:

1. Except as provided in Paragraph 3 below, Ms. Pollard shall not:
 - a. Prepare any document for filing in a bankruptcy court;
 - b. Direct any agent, representative, employee, associate, partner, entity, corporation, partnership, or association any kind to prepare any document for filing in a bankruptcy court; or
 - c. Assist any person or entity in drafting or preparing any document to be submitted to any bankruptcy court.
2. Ms. Pollard shall not accept any money or other compensation from any person or entity for performing any act described in Paragraph 1 above.
3. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed or interpreted to prohibit, limit or otherwise abridge Ms. Pollard’s right to proceed *pro se* in any legal proceeding. The restrictions of Paragraph 1 above shall not apply to any document Ms. Pollard prepares or files in any court on her own behalf.

cc: Hugh M. Bernstein
Tameika Pollard
Debtor
Zvi Guttman

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