

1 STATE BAR OF NEVADA

2 SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

3 STATE BAR OF NEVADA, )  
 4 Complainant, )  
 5 vs. )  
 6 ALFONSO E. GARCIA, ESQ., )  
 Nevada Bar No. 4994 )  
 7 Respondent. )



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STATE BAR OF NEVADA  
 BY: *[Signature]*  
 OFFICE OF BAR COUNSEL

8 PUBLIC REPRIMAND

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 10 TO: ALFONSO E. GARCIA, ESQ.  
 11 1130 E. Desert Inn Rd., Ste. 275  
 Las Vegas, NV 89109

12 Ricardo Matos-Duran ("Matos-Duran"), Lazaro Arbolaes ("Arbolaes"), and Daislan  
 13 Revolta (Revolta) were rear-ended in a car accident and retained you in January 2013 on a  
 14 contingency basis to represent them. On January 2, 2015, you filed a Complaint in Eighth District  
 15 Court of Clark County Case No. A-15-711802-C on behalf of Matos-Duran, Arbolaes, and  
 16 Revolta. However, you failed to follow-up on the unsuccessful service of the Complaint and  
 17 Summons, which caused the case to be dismissed and administratively closed on June 8, 2015. On  
 18 June 8, 2015, a copy of the Dismissal Order was electronically served and/or placed in the  
 19 attorney's folders maintained by the Clerk of the Court as follows: Alfonso E. Garcia, Esq., Law  
 20 Office of Alfonso E. Garcia.

21 On or about September 14, 2016, Matos-Duran and Arbolaes informed you that they had  
 22 retained new counsel. On or about September 23, 2016, Matos-Duran and Arnolaes filed a  
 23 grievance with the State Bar regarding your handling of their case. After the State Bar requested  
 24 information relating to this grievance from you, you stated that you filed the court action to preserve  
 25 the clients' rights while continuing to negotiate their case, but that you had experienced some  
 personal issues, including becoming both of your parents' primary caregivers and the passing of

1 your father after a prolonged illness and hospice care, which contributed to the lack of follow-up on  
2 the service of process in this case.

3 Nonetheless, it is important to recognize your duty to be diligent and to expedite litigation.  
4 As such, you violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence) and Rule of Professional  
5 Conduct 3.2 (Expediting Litigation). You are hereby **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED** for your  
6 actions.

7 DATED this 26 day of June, 2017.

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10 Thomas Sheets, Esq., Chair  
11 Southern Nevada Disciplinary Panel