

1 Case No. NG10-0177

2 STATE BAR OF NEVADA

3 NORTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

4 STATE BAR OF NEVADA, )  
 5 Complainant, )  
 6 vs. )  
 ROBERT A. GRAYSON, ESQ., )  
 Bar No. 231, )  
 Respondent. )

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PUBLIC REPRIMAND

TO: ROBERT A. GRAYSON, ESQ.

1. You represented a client in a family law matter which originally was heard in the First Judicial District Court. The client was attempting to obtain visitation of his granddaughters.

2. In June 2010, the client filed a disciplinary grievance with the State Bar of Nevada. In his grievance, the client made various complaints regarding the representation provided by you.

3. The State Bar initially sent you a letter dated July 8, 2010, requesting your written response to the allegations contained in the client's grievance. You failed to respond and, therefore, the State Bar sent a certified letter (for which a signed receipt was returned to the Office of Bar Counsel) dated August 2, 2010, directing you to provide a response to the State Bar.

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Effective Date: July 21, 2011  
Bar No. 231

1           4.     The August 2, 2010, letter warned that if you did not provide a response,  
2 this matter would be presented to a screening panel of the Northern Nevada  
3 Disciplinary Board with the assumption that the client's allegations were true. You were  
4 directed to provide a response by September 28, 2010. You failed to respond.

5           5.     After still receiving no response from you, a grievance file was opened on  
6 September 10, 2010, and a third letter was sent, again by certified mail, directing you  
7 again to provide a response. A signed receipt for the September 10, 2010, letter was  
8 returned to the Office of Bar Counsel.

9           6.     In or about late September 2010, a staff member of the State Bar called  
10 your office to determine whether the previous materials had been received. The woman  
11 who answered the phone said that your office actually had a different suite number,  
12 Suite No. 4 instead of Suite No. 6, at the same street address in Carson City, Nevada.

13           7.     Therefore, the State Bar sent a certified letter dated on December 2, 2010,  
14 this time to the Suite No. 4 address, which again directed you to provide a response. A  
15 signed receipt for the certified letter was returned to the State Bar.

16           8.     Although the first two (2) certified letters from the State Bar were sent to  
17 Suite No. 6 rather than Suite No. 4 of the same address, all three (3) receipts for the  
18 certified letters were returned to the State Bar and had been signed by the same  
19 person.

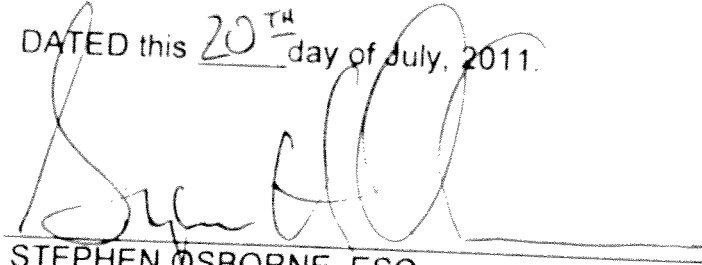
20           9.     Accordingly, the Office of Bar Counsel was required to send you four (4)  
21 letters, present this matter to a Screening Panel of the Northern Nevada Disciplinary  
22 Board, and file a formal Complaint before you filed a response with the State Bar.

23           10.    In mitigation, you ultimately cooperated with the State Bar's investigation  
24 and accepted responsibility for your actions.

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2 11. In light of the foregoing, you violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.1(b)  
3 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters) and are hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.  
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5 DATED this 20<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2011.  
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8 STEPHEN OSBORNE, ESQ.  
9 Formal Hearing Panel Chair  
10 Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board  
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