

1 Case Number: N08-39-906, N09-38-906, N10-09-906, N10-10-906

2 STATE BAR OF NEVADA

3 NORTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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5 STATE BAR OF NEVADA,)
6 Complainant,)
7 vs.)
8 KENT B. HANSON, ESQ.)
9 STATE BAR NO. 3729,)
10 Respondent.)



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

11 PUBLIC REPRIMAND

12 TO: Kent B. Hanson, Esq.
13 316 California Ave. #245
14 Reno NV 89509

15 On April 24, 2007, you received a Public Reprimand for ethical violations related to the
16 representation of Ken Bleak and his mother in connection with a real estate dispute. As part
17 of a Conditional Guilty Plea, you were ordered to refund \$876.39 to a former client and to
18 reimburse the State Bar for costs of the disciplinary matter.

19 In November 2008, because you had not made the payments as required, the State
20 Bar opened a grievance file, N08-39-906, and you were so informed in a letter dated
21 November 20, 2008. You subsequently corresponded with the State Bar and promised that
22 payment to your former client would be forthcoming within one (1) week. On December 11,
23 2008, you remitted payment as promised. In a letter to the State Bar, you said that your
24 intention was to pay the State Bar by the end of the year. However, you did not pay the
25 costs of the prior disciplinary matter until April 15, 2009.

1 On or about June 18, 2008, the State Bar suspended your license to practice law for
2 failure to pay mandatory State Bar fees. You remained suspended until January 27, 2010,
3 when your license to practice law was restored to active status for payment of the requisite
4 fees.

5 On February 19, 2009, the State Bar filed a Complaint based on a the following facts:

6 1. In January 2008, Eric Grich hired you in to pursue an insurance claim involving
7 Farmers Insurance Group. Grich signed a contingency fee agreement with you in which you
8 requested a purportedly non-refundable retainer of \$2,000 which would be credited against
9 your portion of the recovery if a recovery occurred.

10 Thereafter, you contacted Farmers by letter on at least three (3) occasions. You
11 performed work on behalf of Grich despite being suspended later that year. Grich terminated
12 your services in July 2009, citing lack of communication which you acknowledged at the
13 Formal Hearing.

14 2. Reno attorney Brent Harsh represented the defendant in *Lero Enterprises vs.*
15 *Walker*, a civil matter filed in October 2009, in the Second Judicial District Court. You
16 represented John Langon, president of Lero Enterprises. You were hired by Langon in or
17 about June 2009, and prepared, signed and filed pleadings and papers while your license to
18 practice law in Nevada was fee suspended. Langdon paid you fees totaling of \$7,006. All
19 payments were made during the time in which your law license was suspended.

20 3. You also prepared, signed and filed a Complaint in Sparks Justice Court on
21 October 1, 2009. A Default was granted in this matter on November 13, 2009. In an order
22 filed on March 25, 2010, Sparks Justice Court Judge Susan Deriso granted a defense motion
23 for sanctions and attorney fees, thereby ordering you to personally pay the defendants in that
24 matter a total of \$4,295.04 within ninety (90) days.

1 3. Reno attorney Robert Dickey represented Richard and Lavonne Colon in a
2 quiet title action filed on February 19, 2009, in the Second Judicial District Court. Dickey
3 informed the State Bar that you represented the defendants/counterclaimants in the same
4 action. In fact, you participated in negotiations which had led to a settlement.

5 The parties ultimately settled their matter and documents to dismiss the matter were
6 signed in December 2009. In the Stipulation and Order to Dismiss signed on December 21,
7 2009, you signed an acknowledgment that you had prepared the pleading. Finally, on
8 January 5, 2010, you signed a Notice of Entry of Order which was filed in court on the same
9 day.

10 4. Burt Budd Longworth ("Longworth") was arrested after an October 21, 2009,
11 incident which included allegations of domestic battery, child endangerment and interrupting
12 a 911 call for assistance. You represented Longworth in his criminal matter. On or about
13 December 31, 2009, Longworth agreed to waive his preliminary hearing in Justice Court as
14 part of a plea bargain with prosecutors.

15 On or about January 13, 2010, Longworth plead guilty to one (1) count of intercepting,
16 interrupting or delaying a telephone call, a gross misdemeanor. You signed the plea
17 agreement as Longworth's counsel. After the Longworth matter had apparently left their
18 jurisdiction, personnel from Sparks Justice Court informed the State Bar that they had
19 recently been advised that you were suspended from the practice of law. The court provided
20 information regarding Longworth's matter and the civil matter, discussed above, which
21 already had been reported to the State Bar by Harsh.

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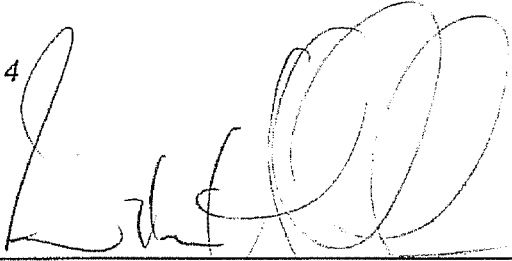
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1 In light of the foregoing, you have violated Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct
2 ("RPC") 1.4 (Communication), RPC 3.4(c) (Fairness of Opposing Party and Counsel:
3 Knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), RPC 5.5 (Unauthorized
4 Practice of Law), and 8.1(b) (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters) and are hereby
5 **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.**

6 Dated this 1st day of April, 2014

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9 By: _____


10 Stephen H. Osborne, Esq.
11 Formal Hearing Panel Chair
12 Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board
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