

1 Case No. SG14-0809

2 STATE BAR OF NEVADA

3 SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

4 STATE BAR OF NEVADA,)
 5 Complainant,)
 6 vs.)
 7 RULON J. HUNTSMAN, ESQ.,)
 8 Bar No. 968,)
 9 Respondent.)



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

10 PUBLIC REPRIMAND

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 12 TO: RULON J. HUNTSMAN, ESQ.
 13 c/o Theodore P. Williams, Esq.
 14 517 S. Third Street
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

15 You represented Scott Allan ("Allan"), in *Scott Karosa v. Alan Clark, Et al.*, Case No.
 16 08-A-573634, a breach of contract matter which was litigated in the Eighth Judicial District
 17 Court in Clark County, Nevada. Allan also was known as Scott Karosa.

18 On or about May 2, 2011, the Court entered an order directing that \$2,000 in funds
 19 previously posted by the defendants to secure their appearance at a debtor's exam be turned
 20 over to you as partial satisfaction of judgments obtained on behalf of Allan against the
 21 defendants.

22 After receiving the check from the court, you failed to deposit it into your trust account
 23 as required by Rule of Professional Conduct ("RPC") 1.15 (Safekeeping Property).
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1 In a response to the State Bar, you acknowledged that you instead deposited the
2 check into your general account and then "got busy and completely forgot about it."
3 Accordingly, the funds were not promptly disbursed to his client.

4 In a June 2014 letter to you, Allan demanded payment of the \$2,000 which he never
5 received. A copy of Allan's letter was provided to the State Bar, and the instant disciplinary
6 file was opened. You subsequently provided a copy of a cashier's check for \$2,000 which
7 was sent to Allan. You also explained you had experienced "a turnover of employees who
8 failed to support my office with accountability of files."

9 Allan confirmed that he had received the funds.

10 In light of the foregoing, you violated RPC 1.3 (Diligence), RPC 1.4 (Communication),
11 RPC 1.5 (Fees), RPC 1.15 (Safekeeping Property), RPC 5.3 (Responsibilities Regarding
12 Nonlawyer Assistants), and RPC 8.4(d) (Misconduct), and are hereby PUBLICLY
13 REPRIMANDED.

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15 DATED this 12TH day of January, 2016.

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19 GEORGE KELESIS, ESQ.
20 Formal Hearing Panel Chair
21 Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
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