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1 Case No.: SG14-0418

5 STATE BAR OF NEVADA

6 SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

7 STATE BAR OF NEVADA,)
8 Complainant,)
9 vs.)
10 ADAM S. KUTNER, ESQ.,)
Nevada Bar No. 4310)
11 Respondent.)
12 _____)

13 PUBLIC REPRIMAND

14 TO: ADAM S. KUTNER, ESQ.

15 This public reprimand is issued pursuant to a "Conditional Guilty Plea" you entered on
16 July 22nd, 2016.

17 On or about December 3, 2013, your law office was retained to represent two individuals
18 (mother and daughter) involved in a hit-and-run car accident a few days before.


19 Your law office prepared legal documents and mailed them to one of the clients (mother),
20 and on or about December 12, 2013, that client signed and notarized these documents and
21 returned them to your office. This client did not hear again from your firm for months, and an
22 employee of your firm told the other client (the daughter) in March 2014 that you could not
23 pursue the mother's injury case because of a delay in medical treatment, that was an
24 inaccurate statement.
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1 In communicating with the other client (daughter), the client attempted multiple times
2 to contact your firm, to address her own case and clear up why her mother hadn't heard from
3 you. She had difficulty communicating with your firm, could not reach you, and it took weeks for
4 her to hear back from one of your employees about the status of her case.

5 Rule of Professional Conduct 1.4 (Communication) states in part that "[a] lawyer shall...
6 [k]eep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter..." and "[p]romptly comply
7 with reasonable requests for information..." You failed to do that in this matter, and
8 acknowledged in writing to the State Bar that this grievance was based upon "poor
9 communication."

10 Pursuant to negotiation and your "Conditional Guilty Plea," in light of the foregoing,
11 you violated Rule of Professional Conduct ("RPC") 1.4 (Communication) in this instance and
12 are hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.

13 Dated this 12th day of August, 2016.

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17 JAMES R. CHRISTENSEN, ESQ.
18 Formal Hearing Panel Chair
19 Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
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