



April 16, 2019

LETTER OF REPRIMAND

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RE: Grievance File OBC18-0933/Ziaieighafouri

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On April 16, 2019, a Screening Panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board considered the above-referenced grievance. The Panel concluded that you violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and should be reprimanded. This letter shall constitute delivery of that reprimand.

On or about April 19, 2018, your bar license was suspended for non-compliance with Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") requirements. You indicated you were unaware of the suspension until April 26, 2018, when another attorney informed you that the State Bar's website listed you as CLE suspended. However, this was the second consecutive year you were suspended for failure to timely complete CLE requirements.

Shortly before the suspension, on April 11, 2018, you conferred with a client regarding potential representation in a legal action. On April 23, 2018, four days after the suspension went into effect, you met with the client to go over her documentation and discuss her case. The following day, you emailed a retainer agreement to the client, which she signed and returned via email on April 25, 2018. On April 28, 2018, the client paid you \$4,500 via PayPal. Of the \$4,500, \$1,000 was designated as earned upon receipt.

The CLE Board reinstated you to active status on May 1, 2018 after you completed your credits, paid the annual CLE fee, and paid your annual bar dues.

Nevada Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law) prohibits a lawyer practicing in a jurisdiction where doing so violates the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction. Supreme Court Rule 212 states that an attorney suspended for failure to comply with CLE requirements is not entitled to engage in the practice of law until reinstated. By meeting with a client, discussing case strategy, executing a retainer agreement and collecting a fee, you violated these rules.

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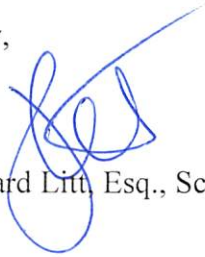
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Normally, pursuant to American Bar Association Standard 7.2, this violation would warrant a suspension. However, you have no prior disciplinary record, had no dishonest or selfish motive and made timely good-faith effort to rectify the consequences of your misconduct.

Accordingly, you are hereby **REPRIMANDED** for having violated RPC 5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law). We trust that this reprimand will serve as a reminder to you of your ethical obligations, and that no such problems will arise in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "RL", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Richard Litt, Esq., Screening Panel Chair