



June 6, 2018

LETTER OF REPRIMAND

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Re: Grievance File No. OBC17-0838 / Richard Saucedo Alonso

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Dear Mr. Treese:

A Screening Panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board (the "Panel") convened on May 22, 2018, to consider the above-referenced grievance against you. The Panel concluded that you violated the Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC"), and that you should be reprimanded. This letter constitutes delivery of that reprimand.

Richard Saucedo Alonso ("Saucedo") was in a motor vehicle accident on June 21, 2014. He was rear-ended by another driver who was intoxicated at the time of the accident, fled the scene, and was later apprehended by the police. There were several other people involved in the accident who were also pursuing a claim against the policy, including a woman and a minor represented by another attorney.

Saucedo retained you on June 24, 2014 to pursue a personal injury case against the driver of the car. Saucedo medical treatment costs were \$4,934.00. At the end of his course of treatment, Treese's office collected Saucedo's medical records and prepared a demand to the insurance company.

You sent a demand package to the insurance company sometime in March 2015. On April 22, 2015, you received an offer of \$2,200 for settlement from the insurance company. The offer was rejected.

On April 28, 2016, you received a letter from counsel for the defense suggesting a potential global settlement in exchange for a tender of the total policy limits of \$30,000 to be shared all of the claimants. A final deal was not reached.

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You failed to file a Complaint prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations which barred Saucedo's claim and left him with no portion of the limited insurance policy proceeds. When you realized what had happened, you paid Saucedo's medical bills. In addition you paid Saucedo \$1,500, as a resolution to compensate the client for funds that he would have been eligible to receive had you complied with the statute of limitations.

Saucedo indicated that the majority of his communications with your office were with your legal assistant.

Based on the foregoing you are hereby **REPRIMANDED** for violation of RPC 1.3 (Diligence), RPC 1.4 (Communication) and RPC 5.3 (Responsibilities Regarding Nonlawyer Assistants). 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,



Frank Toddre, Esq.
Screening Panel Chair
Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board

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