

STATE BAR OF NEVADA



November 3, 2020

LETTER OF REPRIMAND

Anthony Paglia, Esq.
c/o William B. Terry, Esq.
530 S. Seventh Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

RE: Grievance / Edward Achrem, Esq.
Reference No. OBC20-0046

Dear Mr. Paglia:

Attorney Edward Achrem (“Achrem”) and you agreed to act as co-counsel on three (3) personal injury cases. The agreement was to share the workload and costs in exchange for sharing the attorney’s fees.

In or about September 2019, the relationship with Achrem began to deteriorate and the agreement was terminated. Most of the clients in the personal injury cases chose to keep Achrem as their legal counsel.

On January 3, 2020, you sent a text to Achrem’s paralegal, who had applied to Boyd Law School at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (“Boyd”). You attended Boyd for law school. Your text told her that you were going to send a letter to Boyd’s Dean of Admissions requesting that she never be accepted.

The text read as follows:

I’ve written or supported two unlv law students in their successful efforts to get into law school.
For you, I am drafting a letter that you never be accepted because you are helping Ed steal three cases from me.

Please make this right with Ed by having him pay my fair 50-50 share per our original agreement. Don’t be unethical and immoral. I will have to share what is happening to me and my family with UNLV admissions.

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My office will begin drafting the letter today. We will 'cc' you. Money I would be giving to my 6 month, 2 year old and five year old must now be given to an attorney to defend myself against greedy ed ache in my neck. Don't let Ed use you and tarnish your name here in my hometown. Are you getting kick backs for your stealing efforts?

I'm having another UNLV law alum draft the letter for me today. I'll probably send the letter once a month until our three cases are settled just as a friendly reminder of you and Ed's evil stealing ways. I will cite the precious case where Ed failed to pay his lien or fair share.

The threatened letter to Boyd regarding the paralegal was drafted but never sent. However, you committed a potentially criminal act when your text included a threat to re-send the letter every month until the underlying civil cases were settled.

Accordingly, your text appears to be an attempt to obtain money from Achrem through acts of harassment, blackmail or extortion, not an expression of your opinion about a law school applicant to Boyd officials. However, Respondent's letter was never sent and, therefore, it did not impact her application to law school.

ABA Standard 5.13 states that "[r]eprimand is generally appropriate when a lawyer knowingly engages in conduct that involves dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and that adversely reflects on the lawyer's fitness to practice law."

Accordingly, you are hereby Reprimanded for violating Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c) (Misconduct: Engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation).

Sincerely,

Dan Waite

Dan Waite (Nov 4, 2020 08:18 PST)

Dan Waite, Esq.
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