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STATE BAR OF NEVADA

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OFFICE OF BAR COUNSEL

Case No.: OBC21-0014

**STATE BAR OF NEVADA**

**SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

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| STATE BAR OF NEVADA,   | ) |
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| Complainant,           | ) |
| vs.                    | ) |
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| JOHN R. HOLIDAY, ESQ., | ) |
| NV Bar No. 13151       | ) |
|                        | ) |
| Respondent.            | ) |

**LETTER OF REPRIMAND**

A Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board Hearing Panel convened on May 16, 2022 to consider the above-referenced grievance against you. The Panel concluded that you violated the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct and that you should be reprimanded for your handling of that matter and the State Bar’s subsequent investigation inquiries. This letter constitutes delivery of the Panel’s reprimand.

In March 2020, you began the representation of Bacilio Baldonado in a divorce, child custody and support matter in Clark County Family Court. Over time, you began to decline taking his calls. After settlement while awaiting your filing of a time-sensitive draft court order, you failed to adequately respond to his emails, calls, or texts from October 2020 through December 2020. Your client was unable to directly access court information because you were the attorney of record.

1           The State Bar thereafter inquired with you on six occasions seeking substantive  
2 information on the Baldonado representation and your client's complaints: January 12,  
3 2021, February 4, March 17, April 9, May 17, and June 15, 2021. These information queries  
4 were important for the State Bar to properly discharge its responsibilities to the public.  
5 The information sought would have helped determine if the Baldonado grievance had  
6 merit and if your client sustained actual injury or was facing additional potential injury.  
7 You offered two responses on February 3 and April 23 that consisted of only five sentences  
8 and were not fully or adequately responsive to the detailed inquiries.

9           NRPC 1.4(a)(4) provides that a licensed practitioner must promptly comply with a  
10 client's reasonable requests for information. You knowingly breached that duty by not  
11 adequately responding to your client's repeated phone messages, emails, and text  
12 messages over several months while a draft court order submission was overdue. Your  
13 client suffered actual minor injury from frustration resulting from your non-responses  
14 about the court order submission. Your client suffered potential injury from the court  
15 sanctions that could have been imposed. The legal system sustained actual minor injury  
16 by the increased docket congestion.

17           ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions, Section 4.42 (Duties owed to  
18 Clients) states that Suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer knowingly fails to  
19 perform services for a client and causes injury or potential injury to a client or when a  
20 lawyer engages in a pattern of neglect that causes injury or potential injury to a client.

21           NRPC 8.1(b) provides that a licensed practitioner must respond to information  
22 requests from the State Bar in connection with a disciplinary matter. You knowingly or  
23 intentionally breached that duty by not responding to numerous State Bar requests for  
24 information over six months concerning your representation of Mr. Baldonado before the  
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1 Family Court. You provided incomplete information in response to two inquiries. You did  
2 not respond to the remaining four inquiries. The numerous unnecessary inquiries caused  
3 actual injury by causing unnecessary investigative delay and unnecessary administrative  
4 time expense.

5 ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions, Section 7.2 (Duties owed as a  
6 Professional) states that Suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer knowingly  
7 engages in conduct that is a violation of a duty owed as a professional and causes injury  
8 or potential injury to a client, the public, or the legal system.

9 Based upon your absence of a prior disciplinary record, personal problems, and  
10 cooperative attitude toward the proceedings here, a downward departure in sanction is  
11 warranted. Based on the foregoing, you are hereby REPRIMANDED for a violation of  
12 NRPC 1.4(a) and 8.1(b). Please promptly conclude this matter by remitting the minimum  
13 costs of \$1,500 within 45 days of the issuance of this sanction and remitting the costs of  
14 the proceedings. SCR 120(1), (3).

15 Please allow this reprimand to serve as a thoughtful reminder of your professional  
16 ethical obligations. We wish you well in your practice and trust that no similar problems  
17 will arise in the future.

18 Dated this 10 day of June 2022.

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20 Michael Oh (Jun 10, 2022 16:34 MDT)  
21 Michael Oh, Esq.,  
22 Hearing Panel Chair  
23 Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board  
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 The undersigned hereby certifies a true and correct copy of the **LETTER OF REPRIMAND**  
3 was electronically served upon:

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8 DATED this 13th day of June 2022.

9 *Sonia Del Rio*  
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11 Sonia Del Rio an employee of  
12 the State Bar of Nevada.  
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