

Case No.: OBC21-0355



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SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

STATE BAR OF NEVADA,)
Complainant,)
vs.)
SEAN D. LYTTLE, ESQ.)
Nevada Bar No. 11640)
Respondent.)

LETTER OF REPRIMAND

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On February 7, 2023, a Formal Hearing Panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board considered the above-referenced grievance. Based on the evidence presented and the Conditional Guilty Plea Agreement presented to the Panel, the Panel concluded that you violated the Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") and should be issued a Letter of Reprimand. This letter shall constitute a delivery of that reprimand.

Natalie White hired you to represent her in a wrongful termination matter. On November 17, 2014, you filed a Complaint on your client's behalf. Opposing counsel filed a Motion to Dismiss due to deficiencies in the pleading. The court granted the motion. You filed a second Complaint correcting the original deficiencies in the Complaint. Opposing counsel filed another Motion to Dismiss and pointed out that you failed to serve the named defendants. The Court granted the second Motion to Dismiss in its

1 entirety. You filed a notice of appeal with the Nevada Supreme Court (hereinafter
2 “NSC”) but failed to pay the filing fee. The NSC issued a notice that it would take no
3 action until you paid the filing fee. You paid the fee but failed to file a docketing
4 statement. The NSC entered notice to file a docketing statement. You failed to file the
5 appropriate forms and the NSC entered an order imposing conditional sanctions. You
6 failed to correct the forms and the NSC imposed the sanctions. The NSC also ordered
7 you to file a transcript request form and to file an opening brief and appendix within the
8 appropriate time frames. You complied with the court’s order; however, the court
9 entered an order striking the opening brief and appendix because the appendix was not
10 paginated correctly, and the brief did not cite to the pages of the Appendix. Opposing
11 counsel filed a Motion to Dismiss the appeal and for sanctions. The NSC entered an
12 order dismissing the appeal and referring counsel to the State Bar of Nevada for
13 Investigation and Granting in Part Motion for Sanctions. The State Bar of Nevada gave
14 you an opportunity to participate in a diversion program, you failed to complete the
15 Diversion Program.

16 RPC 1.1 (Competence) states, “A lawyer shall provide competent representation
17 to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness,
18 and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.” You violated RPC 1.1
19 (Competence) by failing to timely file the correct documents on your client’s behalf and
20 by failing to comply with Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure and Nevada Supreme
21 Court Orders.

22 Your failure to review and follow procedural rules also violated RPC 1.3. RPC 1.3
23 (Diligence) states, “A lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in
24 representing a client.” You failed to diligently pursue the appeal. Your lack of diligence
25 also violated RPC 3.2 (Expediting Litigation), which states in pertinent part, “A lawyer
shall make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interest of the

1 client.” Your failure to correct documents on your client’s behalf and failure to comply
2 with NRAP and Nevada Supreme Court Orders caused a substantial delay in litigation
3 and ultimately dismissal of the matter. This is also a violation of RPC 8.4(d)
4 (Misconduct), which state in pertinent part, “It is professional misconduct for a lawyer
5 to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.” Your failure to
6 comply with NRAP and Nevada Supreme Court Orders also caused unnecessary burden
7 and delay to the NSC.

8 RPC 1.4 (Communication) states, in pertinent part, that a lawyer shall “[k]eep the
9 client reasonably informed about the status of a matter” and “promptly comply with
10 reasonable requests for information.” During your representation of Ms. White, you
11 failed to communicate with your client and keep her updated about her appeal. You also
12 failed to advise your client that the NSC had dismissed the matter. This caused your
13 client needless worry and frustration.

14 Under ABA Standard 4.42, suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer
15 knowingly fails to perform services for a client and causes injury to a client.

16 Under ABA Standard 6.22, suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer
17 knows that he or she is violating a court order or rule and causes injury or potential
18 injury to a client or a party or causes interference or potential interference with a legal
19 proceeding. However, given mitigating circumstances outlined in SCR 102, a downward
20 deviation is appropriate.

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1 Accordingly, you are hereby REPRIMANDED for violating RPC 1.1
2 (Competence), RPC 1.3 (Diligence), RPC 1.4 (Communication), RPC 3.2 (Expediting
3 Litigation), and RPC 8.4 (Misconduct). In addition, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule
4 120(3), you shall remit to the State Bar of Nevada the amount of \$1,500 **within 30**
5 **days** of this Letter. I trust that this reprimand will serve as a reminder to you of your
6 ethical obligations, and that no such problems will arise in the future.

7 DATED this 3rd day of March 2023.

8 Andrew A. Chiu

[Andrew A. Chiu \(Mar 9, 2023 13:00 PST\)](#)

9 Andrew Chiu, Esq.
10 Hearing Panel Chair
Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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DATED this 9th day of March 2023.

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