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STATE BAR OF NEVADA

BY: 
OFFICE OF BAR COUNSEL

**STATE BAR OF NEVADA
SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

STATE BAR OF NEVADA,

Complainant,

vs.

ALDA A. ANDERSON,
Nevada Bar No. 8746

Respondent.

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On August 7, 2023, a Formal Hearing Panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board considered the above-referenced grievance. The Panel unanimously accepted the Conditional Guilty Plea and concluded that you should be issued a Public Reprimand for a violation of Rule of Professional Conduct (“RPC”) 1.16 (Declining or Terminating Representation).

On September 30, 2020, M.E. (hereinafter “Grievant”) retained your services for assistance with her personal injury claims arising from a car accident that occurred on September 8, 2020. On or about April 11, 2022, Grievant terminated her attorney-client relationship with you. On April 25, 2022, you filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel, which was granted on June 1, 2022. Grievant is currently being represented by Laurence B. Springberg, Esq. (hereinafter “Mr. Springberg”).

Since April 2022, Grievant has asked you for a copy of her case file. Grievant did not

1 receive a copy of her case file from you. On May 20, 2022, Grievant filed a grievance with the
2 State Bar alleging that you engaged in misconduct. On June 27, 2022, the State Bar emailed you
3 a Letter of Investigation (“LOI”). In response to the State Bar’s LOI, you stated that Mr.
4 Springberg’s office requested a copy of Grievant’s file “but has not retrieved the same as of the
5 date of this response.” Mr. Springberg states that he was unaware of the material’s availability
6 until he was notified by the State Bar on August 19, 2022, and has since retrieved Grievant’s case
7 file.

8 RPC 1.16 (Declining or Terminating Representation) states, in pertinent part, that “[u]pon
9 termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to
10 protect a client’s interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for
11 employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and
12 refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred.” You
13 failed to take reasonable steps to provide Grievant and/or her attorney(s) with a copy of her case
14 file upon termination. Under ABA Standard 7.3, reprimand is generally appropriate when a
15 lawyer negligently engages in conduct that is a violation of a duty owed as a professional and
16 causes injury or potential injury to a client, the public, or the legal system. This type of ethical
17 breach caused potential injury to Grievant.

18 **DISCIPLINE IMPOSED**

19 In light of the foregoing, you are hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for violating RPC
20 1.16 (Declining or Terminating Representation). In addition, within thirty (30) days, you shall:
21 (1) create and implement an office policy detailing the duties and responsibilities of her nonlawyer
22 employees, specifically, what type of work they can and cannot perform; and (2) include language
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1 in her retainer agreements informing clients which members of her firm are allowed to discuss
2 legal issues and provide legal advice and/or analysis.

3 Lastly, pursuant to SCR 120(3), you shall pay a \$1,500.00 fee plus the hard costs of the
4 instant proceedings. You shall make such payment no later than thirty (30) days after receiving
5 a billing from the State Bar.

6 DATED this 28th day of August, 2023.

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10 Mike Lee (Aug 28, 2023 13:07 PDT)

11 **MICHAEL LEE**, Esq., Panel Chair
12 Southern Nevada Disciplinary Panel
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

1. Michael Lee, Esq. (Panel Chair): mike@mblnv.com
2. Michael Warhola, Esq. (Respondent's Counsel): michaelwarhola@yahoo.com
3. Gerard Gosioco, Esq. (Assistant Bar Counsel): gerardg@nvbar.org

DATED this 31st day of August 2023.

Sonia Del Rio

Sonia Del Rio an employee of
the State Bar of Nevada.