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## LETTER OF REPRIMAND

Re: Grievance / Nevada Supreme Court  
Reference No. OBC18-0724

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Dear Mr. Arnold:

In September 2017, you were appointed to represent Jesus Robles in the Nevada Supreme Court to appeal his criminal conviction. On October 3, 2017, the Supreme Court entered an Order Setting Briefing Schedule for Robles' appeal. You were directed to, within twenty days, file and serve a transcript request form or a certificate that no transcripts would be requested, along with a docketing statement. You also were directed to, within 120 days, file and serve the Opening Statement and Appendix.

On November 3, 2017, you filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File the Docketing Statement. On November 20, 2017, the Supreme Court granted your request and directed you to file and serve the docketing statement by November 27, 2017. In its Order, the Supreme Court noted that the transcript request-related forms also were overdue. Therefore, you were directed to file and serve the transcript request form or a certificate that no transcripts would be requested.

You filed the docketing statement on November 27, 2017. On December 20, 2017, the Supreme Court entered an Order to File Document which noted that you had failed to file and serve the transcript request form as previously directed. The Order gave you five days to file the transcript request form or a certificate that no transcripts would be requested, and also warned that failure to comply could result in imposition of sanctions.

On March 5, 2018, the Supreme Court entered an Order Conditionally Imposing Sanctions which stated that you had failed to file the transcript request form. The Court also noted that the Fast Track Statement and Appendix also were overdue. You were ordered to pay a \$250 sanction to the Supreme Court Law Library within eleven days. However, the sanction would be vacated automatically if, within eleven days, you filed the Docketing Statement, transcript request form, and the Opening Brief and Appendix, or a motion to extend time. The

Supreme Court cautioned that failure to file the required documents would result in your removal as counsel-of-record and referral to the State Bar for investigation.

On March 15, 2018, you filed a Motion for Extension of Time to file the Opening Brief and Appendix. On March 29, 2018, the Supreme Court entered an Order which noted that the docketing statement still had not been filed. Nonetheless, the Supreme Court vacated the conditional sanctions and directed you to file and serve the Docketing Statement and transcript request within five days, and file and serve the Opening Brief and Appendix within forty-five days. You again were warned that failure to timely file the Opening Brief and Appendix could result in sanctions, including removal as counsel-of-record and/or referral to the State Bar for investigation.

On April 4, 2018, you filed the transcript request form. On June 15, 2018, the Supreme Court entered an Order which stated that although you had filed the transcript request form, it did not comply with Nevada Rule of Appellate Procedure 9(a)(3)(C). The Order also noted that the Opening Brief and Appendix still had not been filed. Therefore, the Supreme Court removed you from the appeal and referred you to the State Bar for a disciplinary investigation.

This matter was brought before a Screening Panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board, which determined that – in light of the foregoing – you violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 3.2 (Expediting Litigation) and 3.4(c) (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel). The Panel also agreed to assess against you costs in the amount of \$1,500.00, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 120 (Costs).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Caldwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert J. Caldwell, Esq.  
Screening Panel Chair  
Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board