

STATE BAR OF NEVADA

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LETTER OF REPRIMAND

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Dear Ms. Kimble-Simms:

Jerry Liberty ("Liberty") retained you to represent him in a personal injury case. You settled his case in January 2018. Shortly after you received the settlement check you transferred your State Bar license to inactive. You continued to work on Liberty's case, but lienholders refused to negotiate with you while inactive.

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Liberty sent you multiple status requests starting in April. You did not respond until August. You did not tell Liberty about your inactive status or the difficulties in his case. Liberty complained to the State Bar in December. You had not taken any further action.

Nevada Rule of Professional Conduct 1.4 (Communication) requires you to keep your clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and promptly answer their requests for information. Your communication with Liberty falls below this professional standard.

Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16 (Declining or Terminating Representation) requires you to take steps to protect your client's interest before withdrawing from representation. Your move to inactive status effectively ended your representation of Liberty. You did so without taking the necessary steps to protect his interests. Your withdrawal falls below the professional standard required of you.

Accordingly, you are hereby REPRIMANDED. In addition, within 30 days of this Letter of Reprimand you are required to remit to the State Bar of Nevada the amount of \$1,500 pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 120(3). I trust that this reprimand will serve as a reminder to you of your ethical obligations, and that no such problems will arise in the future.

Dated this 12th day of August 2019



Dana Oswald, Esq.
Hearing Panel Chair
Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board