Case Nos.: OBC20-0716 and OBC20-0789



## STATE BAR OF NEVADA

## SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

STATE BAR OF NEVADA,	)
Complainant,	)
vs.	LETTER OF REPRIMAND
ANDREW WASIELEWSKI, ESQ.,	)
NEVADA BAR NO. 6161,	)
Respondent.	)
	)

In or about April 2018, Christopher Nordby ("Nordby") retained you for \$750 to help him fight an eviction in Henderson.

You did not appear for the first hearing on the eviction, so it had to be rescheduled. You were unsuccessful in preventing the eviction, but you agreed to help Nordby recover his security deposit from the landlord. Nordby paid you a total of \$987 to file a lawsuit against the landlord and get all the parties served.

You filed a civil Complaint on Nordby's behalf in Las Vegas Justice Court on December 7, 2018, after a resolution with the landlord could not be reached. The landlord's attorney subsequently filed a Motion to Dismiss, and you then filed an opposition. A court hearing was set for May 16, 2019.

You attended the May 16, 2019, hearing and later told your client that the judge dismissed the matter without prejudice.

Court minutes from the May 16, 2019, hearing in the Las Vegas Justice Court confirmed that you were present, and the judge questioned why the case was not filed in Henderson, Nevada, as all the parties and property were in Henderson. You asserted that you believed that you and your client could pick the judicial forum, and then requested that the case be dismissed "as they would re-file in Henderson," according to court minutes.

The court minutes stated: "Court ORDERS this Case is DISMISSED as it should be filed in the proper jurisdiction of Henderson Justice Court." (Emphasis in original).

You never advised Nordby that his case had been filed in the wrong jurisdiction. You also did not re-file the civil complaint on Nordby's behalf in Henderson, the correct jurisdiction.

ABA Standard 4.53 states that Reprimand is generally appropriate when a lawyer demonstrates failure to understand relevant legal doctrines or procedures and causes injury or potential injury to a client.

In addition, ABA Standard 4.53 states that Reprimand is generally appropriate when a lawyer demonstrates failure to understand relevant legal doctrines or procedures and causes injury or potential injury to a client.

Accordingly, you are hereby Reprimanded for violating Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence) and RPC 1.4 (Communication).

DATED this 23 day of July 2021.

Jason Maier (Jul 23, 2021 11:49 PDT)

JASON MAIER, ESQ., Chair Southern Nevada Disciplinary Panel

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** The undersigned hereby certifies a true and correct copy of the foregoing **LETTER** OF REPRIMAND served via email to: 1. Jason Maier, Esq. (Panel Chair): <a href="mailto:jrm@mgalaw.com">jrm@mgalaw.com</a>; <a href="mailto:cmj@mgalaw.com">cmj@mgalaw.com</a>; <a href="mailto:cmj@mgalaw.com">cm 2. Emily Strand, Esq. (Counsel for Respondent): emily@fumolaw.com 3. Phillip J. Pattee, Esq. (Assistant Bar Counsel): <a href="mailto:philp@nvbar.org">philp@nvbar.org</a>; DATED this 23rd day of July, 2021. By: Sonia Del Rio Sonia Del Rio, an employee of the State Bar of Nevada.