Case No: 02-154-0373

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STATE BAR OF NEVADA

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

STATE BAR OF NEVADA)
Complainant,)
vs.)
VICTOR LEE MILLER, ESQ.)
Respondent.)

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

TO: VICTOR LEE MILLER

Lois Daprizio hired you to represent her in a personal injury case stemming from an automobile accident which occurred on November 28, 1995, in Clark County, Nevada. You filed a lawsuit, *Daprizio vs. Card*, Case No. 97-A-381721-C, on her behalf on November 26, 1997, in Clark County District Court. The District Court closed the case at the end of the 120-day period within which the plaintiff had to serve the defendant, the driver of the other vehicle. You failed to serve the defendant.

In or about March 2000, you contacted Ms. Daprizio and told her that the other driver's insurance company had offered a settlement of \$3,300 (three thousand, three hundred dollars). Ms. Daprizio did not accept the settlement offer.

From approximately March 2000 until November 2002, Ms. Daprizio attempted on numerous occasions to communicate with you by telephone. However, you failed to return her telephone calls.

Ms. Daprizio received no further communication from you. She filed a grievance against you in a letter received by the State Bar on November 19, 2002.

You did not respond to three (3) letters from the State Bar (November 20, December 5, and December 20, 2002) requesting that you respond in writing to Ms. Daprizio's grievance. The latter two (2) letters were sent via certified mail with corresponding receipts returned to the State Bar.

In your Answer to the State Bar, which was filed on March 3, 2003, you indicated that Lois Daprizio's name was mistakenly taken off your calendar after you responded to another grievance to the State Bar that was filed by Ms. Daprizio's daughter, Kimberly. The daughter's grievance was ultimately dismissed by Bar Counsel. Lois Daprizio also has informed the State Bar that she has resolved her differences with you.

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Based on the foregoing, you violated SCR 153 (Diligence), SCR 154 (Communication), and SCR 200(2) (Bar Association and disciplinary matters), and are hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.

> JUNE DATED this day of May, 2003.

Edward M. Bernstein, ESQ Formal Hearing Panel Chair

Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board

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