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1 Case No.: OBC19-0185

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4 **STATE BAR OF NEVADA**

5 **SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

6 STATE BAR OF NEVADA,)
7)
8 Complainant,)
9 vs.)
10 JOHN PARRIS, ESQ.,)
Nevada Bar No. 7479,)
11 Respondent.)
12)

13 **PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

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15 TO: John Parris, Esq.
16 c/o William Terry, Esq.
17 Attn: William Terry
530 S. 7th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

18 Alice Sigsworth ("Sigsworth") retained you in a personal injury matter. Your practice
19 predominately handles criminal law cases. When Sigsworth retained you, you were in a partnership
20 with other attorneys that handled personal injury. Notwithstanding your lack of experience in personal
21 injury cases, you continued to represent Sigsworth.

22 You failed to file a Complaint prior to the Statute of Limitation passing in the case. Sigsworth
23 called and emailed multiple times seeking status updates on the case to which you did not respond.
24 Specifically, Sigsworth emailed you June 7, 2016, June 27, 2016, August 25, 2016, November 16,
25 2016, and September 5, 2017 none of which you answered.

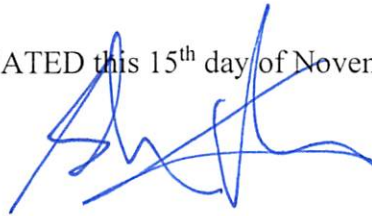
1 The final email expressed concern regarding the approach of the Statute of Limitations. It was
2 not until you finally met with her that you realized that you had allowed the Statute of Limitations to
3 pass.

4 Your conduct caused harm to your client. Your client's case was barred because of your
5 failure to preserve the matter. Your client also suffered needless worry, frustration, and anxiety
6 because of her inability to speak with her attorney.

7 Rule 1.1 (Competence) requires that a lawyer provide competent representation to a client.
8 Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness and preparation reasonably
9 necessary for the representation. Rule 1.3 (Diligence) requires a lawyer to meet deadlines. Rule 1.4
10 (Communication) requires a lawyer to promptly convey important information about the client's
11 matter and to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter. You failed to uphold
12 these ethical standards.

13 In light of the foregoing, you violated RPC 1.1 (Competence), RPC 1.3 (Diligence), and RPC
14 1.4 (Communication) and are hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.

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16 DATED this 15th day of November, 2019.



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Shann Winesett, Esq., Hearing Panel Chair
Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board

1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2 The undersigned hereby certifies a true and correct copy of the **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** was
3 deposited in the United States Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, postage fully pre-paid thereon for first-class
4 regular mail addressed to:

5 John P. Parris
6 c/o Law Offices of William B. Terry
7 530 South Seventh Street
8 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

9 DATED this 14 day of January, 2020.

10 By: Kristi Faust
11 Kristi Faust, an employee of
12 the State Bar of Nevada.
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