



LETTER OF REPRIMAND

October 7, 2022

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RE: Grievance No. SBN21-99266 / Everett Freer

Dear Mr. Yug:

In June 2019, Elliott Freer retained you to represent him in a child custody case.

The initial retainer of \$3,200, half of which Mr. Freer paid immediately with a credit card, was processed through your normal operating account at Nevada State Bank. You then transferred the \$1,600 received to another non-IOLTA account, despite not having rendered any services to the client as of that date.

In December 2019, the mother filed a motion to relocate the child. You sent Mr. Freer an email dated December 18, 2019, confirming that you would withdraw as his attorney, leaving Mr. Freer himself to file the opposition due just five (5) days later on December 23, 2019. However, you did not file a motion to withdraw.

Mr. Freer filed the opposition. However, because you had not withdrawn as his attorney, subsequent pleadings and a court order were sent to you.

You and Mr. Freer appeared together at a hearing on January 28, 2020. The court instructed you to prepare the order from the hearing with specific findings of fact. However, you failed to prepare the order from January 28, 2020, hearing as directed by the court. At the time, you still had not formally withdrawn from the representation.

The court directed you to file three (3) more orders following subsequent hearings. Once again, you failed to file two (2) of the orders, and you did not file the third order in a timely manner. You still were the attorney of record for Mr. Freer for the matter.

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You also failed – for a period – to adequately communicate with your client, and Mr. Freer temporarily lost contact with you. Although the case was closed in December 2021, you never withdrew and still are listed as his attorney-of-record.

Accordingly, you are hereby Reprimanded for violating Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence), RPC 1.4 (Communication), RPC 1.15 (Safekeeping Property), RPC 1.16 (Declining or Terminating Representation), and RPC 3.4(c) (Candor to the Tribunal: knowingly disobeying an obligation to a tribunal). Finally, in accordance with Nevada Supreme Court Rule 120 (Costs) you are assessed costs in the amount of \$1,500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Caldwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

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