

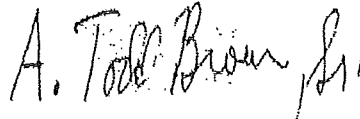


You violated Rule 3.1 by making claims and contentions that had no basis in fact or law. Moreover, instead of petitioning the Court for relief, you chose to involve the media and other groups to try to intimidate the guardian into not selling the property. Your publication of frivolous allegations against the guardian had no substantial purpose other than to harass or burden him, in violation of Rule 4.4(a). Your contemptuous conduct needlessly consumed court time and resources and was intended to stop the guardian from complying with a valid court order, both of which were prejudicial to the administration of justice in violation of Rule 8.4(d). Your conviction of criminal contempt of court reflects adversely on your fitness as a lawyer in violation of Rule 8.4(b).

You are hereby censured by the North Carolina State Bar for your violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The Grievance Committee trusts that you will ponder this censure, recognize the error that you have made, and that you will never again allow yourself to depart from adherence to the high ethical standards of the legal profession. This censure should serve as a strong reminder and inducement for you to weigh carefully in the future your responsibility to the public, your clients, your fellow attorneys and the courts, to the end that you demean yourself as a respected member of the legal profession whose conduct may be relied upon without question.

In accordance with the policy adopted July 23, 2010 by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar regarding the taxing of administrative fees and investigative costs to any attorney issued a censure by the Grievance Committee, an administrative fee in the amount of \$350.00 is hereby taxed to you.

Done and ordered, this 11th day of May, 2020.



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A. Todd Brown, Sr., Chair  
Grievance Committee  
The North Carolina State Bar

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