

The Grievance Committee noted that, although the misconduct specific to V.K. occurred prior to entry of the Order of Discipline in 19DHC13, your failure to respond to the local grievance committee about your representation of V.K. occurred after your law license had already been suspended for misconduct including failing to respond to the State Bar.

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 the 16th day of February, 2022.



Matthew W. Smith, Chair
Grievance Committee
The North Carolina State Bar

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