

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE
THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
21G0441

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
JENIFER BORITAS MCCREA,) REPRIMAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW)

On April 24, 2025, the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar met and considered the grievance filed against you by K.S. The grievance was assigned to a Subcommittee, which thoroughly reviewed the results of the State Bar staff's investigation of this matter.

Pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B.0113(a), the Grievance Subcommittee conducted a preliminary hearing. After considering the information available to it, including your response to the letter of notice, the Grievance Subcommittee found probable cause. Probable cause is defined in the rules as "reasonable cause to believe that a member of the North Carolina State Bar is guilty of misconduct justifying disciplinary action."

Having found probable cause exists in your matter, the Grievance Committee next considered what level of discipline is most appropriate in your matter based upon all the facts, the nature of the misconduct, the actual or potential injury caused, and any aggravating or mitigating factors. After further discussion and deliberation, the Grievance Committee determined the conduct before it merited discipline at the level of reprimand.

A reprimand is a written form of discipline issued where an attorney is determined to have violated one or more provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct and has caused harm or potential harm to a client, the administration of justice, the profession, or a member of the public, but the protection of the public does not require a censure.

As Chair of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar, it is my duty to issue this reprimand, which is based on the following conduct:

You represented K.S. in a personal injury matter. You admitted that during the representation you put off K.S.'s case, failed to communicate with K.S., missed filing deadlines, failed to timely respond to discovery requests and a motion to compel, failed to appear at the hearing on a motion to compel, and should not have agreed to take on K.S.'s matter because you had little experience in Superior Court.

The Grievance Committee determined that you agreed to undertake the representation despite knowing that you were not competent to handle the matter in violation of Rule 1.1, failed to act with reasonable diligence in violation of Rule 1.3, and failed to keep your client reasonably informed about the status of the matter in violation of Rule 1.4(a)(3). You also failed to timely respond to the State Bar's requests for additional information in the grievance investigation in violation of Rule 8.1(b).

Accordingly, you are hereby reprimanded by the North Carolina State Bar for your professional misconduct consisting of the cited violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The Grievance

Committee trusts that you will heed this reprimand, that it will be remembered by you, that it will be beneficial to you, and that you will never again allow yourself to depart from adherence to the high ethical standards of the legal profession.

If you accept this reprimand, it will be maintained as a record in the judgment book of the North Carolina State Bar and a copy will be sent to the complainant. Please review carefully the details set forth in the formal Notice of Reprimand attached.

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 reprimand by the Grievance Committee, an administrative fee in the amount of \$350.00 is hereby taxed to you.

Done and ordered, this the 20th day of May, 2025.


Charles Gordon Brown, Chair
Grievance Committee

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