

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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IN THE MATTER OF	)	
	)	REPRIMAND
DAVID AHMADI,	)	
ATTORNEY AT LAW	)	

On January 13, 2021 the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar met and considered the grievance filed against you by B. 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 Section .0113(a) of the Discipline and Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar, 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."

The rules provide that after a finding of probable cause, the Grievance Committee may determine that the filing of a complaint and a hearing before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission are not required, and the Grievance Committee may issue various levels of discipline depending upon the misconduct, the actual or potential injury caused, and any aggravating or mitigating factors. The Grievance Committee may issue an admonition, a reprimand, or a censure to the respondent attorney.

A reprimand is a written form of discipline more serious than an admonition issued in cases in which an attorney has 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 misconduct does not require a censure.

The Grievance Committee was of the opinion that a censure is not required in this case and issues this reprimand to you. As chairman of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar, it is now my duty to issue this reprimand.

You contacted a realtor friend to seek her help in your wife's search for a new home in anticipation of marital separation. Ultimately, your wife's mother bought the home for your wife to live in as a tenant. You demanded a \$1,000 rebate of the realtor's fee although you were not a party to the home purchase. As you continued to make demands for the rebate, you became increasingly hostile and harassing to the realtor, using expletives and threatening her professional future. Your behavior toward this person was bullying and unprofessional. Your repeated and aggressive assertions that she owed you a rebate when you were not a party to the transaction

was a misrepresentation reflecting adversely on your fitness as a lawyer in violation of Rule 8.4(d).

You filed a motion for a Temporary Restraining Order against the realtor in which you stated that your wife and her mother were joining you as plaintiffs. You did not obtain your wife or her mother's consent to or verification of the motion. In fact, those two individuals were not interested in the claims you were pursuing. By including these plaintiffs in the complaint, you made a misrepresentation of material fact to the tribunal in violation of Rule 3.1.

You are hereby reprimanded by the North Carolina State Bar for your professional misconduct. 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.

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 15th day of February, 2021.



Matthew W. Smith, Chair
Grievance Committee

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