

Your conduct in this regard violated Rules 10.1(b) and 10.1(c) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Rule 10.1(b) requires a lawyer to maintain one or more bank accounts separately identifiable from any business or personal account of the lawyer, which is to be labeled and designated as a trust account when the lawyer receives any money or funds belonging to another person or entity, either from a client or from third parties. Rule 10.1(c) requires that all money or funds received by a lawyer either from a client or from a third party to be delivered to a client shall be deposited in a lawyer trust account. The Grievance Committee understands that you later opened a trust account when you started a law practice in Havelock.

Also, during the time that this grievance was investigated, your law firm operated under a trade name, Gemborys Legal Services. You did not register your trade name with the North Carolina State Bar until it was pointed out to you by counsel. Your conduct violated Rule 2.3(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

You are hereby reprimanded by the North Carolina State Bar due to 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 October 15, 1981 by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar regarding the taxing of the administrative and investigative costs to any attorney issued a reprimand by the Grievance Committee, the costs of this action in the amount of \$50.00 are hereby taxed to you.

Done and ordered, this 24th day of October, 1996.



Ann Reed
Chair, Grievance Committee
The North Carolina State Bar