

failure to work diligently on K.L.'s case constituted a violation of Rule 1.3. By failing to communicate with her, you also violated Rule 1.4(a)(2) and (a)(3), as well as Rule 1.4(b).

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 5th day of December, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin G. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kevin G. Williams, Chair
Grievance Committee

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