

NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE  
THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
20G0813

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

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On April 24, 2025, the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar met and considered the grievance filed against you by G.K. 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 G.K. to appeal the rejection of their creditor claim against the estate of M.T. You filed an appeal of denial of creditor's claim in Superior Court, which there was no basis for believing was proper to challenge the actions of an estate administrator. The Grievance Committee determined that in doing so, you failed to provide competent representation in violation of Rule 1.1. On the morning of the hearing on your appeal, you voluntarily dismissed the matter and re-filed it but did not tell anyone before the hearing, nor did you appear for the hearing. Accordingly, the court carried on with the scheduled hearing, determined it lacked jurisdiction, and dismissed the appeal. You admitted that you never told G.K. about the court dismissing the appeal for lack of jurisdiction. The Grievance Committee determined that by failing to notify your client about the dismissal, you failed to act with reasonable diligence in violation of Rule 1.3, failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation in violation of Rule 1.4(b), and failed to keep your client reasonably informed about the status of the matter in violation of Rule 1.4(a)(3).

The Grievance Committee also determined that you failed to timely respond to the State Bar's Letter of Notice and to additional requests for 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

  
Charles Gordon Brown, Chair  
Grievance Committee

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