Case No.: OBC18-0351 and OBC18-0689



STATE BAR OF NEVADA

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## SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

STATE BAR OF NEVADA,	,
Complainant,	
VS.	;
ROBERT W. LUECK, ESQ., Nevada Bar No. 1489,	)
Respondent.	)

## PUBLIC REPRIMAND

TO: Robert W. Lueck, Esq. 617 Hoover Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

In September 2016, Tina Groom ("Groom") retained you in a family-law matter. You represented her in the matter and received final visitation orders in early 2017. Later that year Groom began to have other issues that were materially different from her prior issues. On January 21, 2018 Groom emailed you with information regarding the new issues to be used in a motion for you to file. You responded on January 23, 2018 and informed Groom you were moving offices and asked for her patience. You sent a follow-up email indicating you would have the motion done the following week.

Groom tried to reach you several times over the next two months. You never responded to her calls. The State bar received her grievance soon after. The State Bar sent

you 3 letters over the course of 3 months requesting your response to Groom's allegations. You did not respond to the State Bar's request for information.

On June 1, 2018, the State Bar called you to confirm you had received its letters. You confirmed receipt but claimed that you had been too busy to respond. The State Bar sent you a fourth letter on June 4, 2018 to which you sent your belated response.

James Pintar ("Pintar") retained you in March 2018 in a guardianship and estate matter regarding his mother. After filing a Petition, you failed to attend a status hearing. At the status hearing, the judge vacated the Petition because you failed to serve the Petition on all parties. You also failed to communicate with Pintar and opposing counsel when they reached out to you. You appeared at the hearing on August 1, 2018 but Pintar did not want you to represent him anymore. Pintar filed a grievance with the State Bar.

The State Bar again sent you 3 letters over the course of the next 2 months requesting your response to Pintar's allegations. You did not respond to the State Bar's request for information. On August 11, 2018 you sent an email to the State Bar indicating you would provide a response by August 24, 2018. On August 31, 2018, the State Bar sent a fourth letter requesting a response. You did not respond.

Letters sent by the State Bar in both the Groom and Pintar matters warned that failure to respond to the allegations would subject you to separate disciplinary violations under Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") 8.1(b) (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters).

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In light of the foregoing, you violated RPC 1.3 (Diligence), RPC 1.4 (Communication), RPC 8.1(b) (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters), and RPC 3.2 (Expediting Litigation), and are hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Mach\_\_, 2019.

Thomas Sheets, Esq., Hearing Panel Chair Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies a true and correct copy of the foregoing **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** was deposited via electronic mail to:

- 1. Thomas Sheets, Esq. (Panel Chair): tsheetsatty@gmail.com (COURTESY COPY)
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And by placing a copy in an envelope which was then sealed and postage fully prepaid for certified mail, and deposited in the United States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada to:

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DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

Jana L. Chaffee, an employee of the State Bar of Nevada.