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BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re
WILLIAM D. McCOOL,
Lawyer (Bar No. 9605).

Proceeding No. 13#00091
REPRIMAND

Under the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct promulgated by the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, you have been directed to receive this FORMAL REPRIMAND.

Over a period of a number of years, you neglected to make sure that client balances were returned at the conclusion of the representations. During this period you were not effectively reconciling your client ledgers to your other trust account records. As a result, a sizeable balance of funds for inactive clients built up in your trust account without you being aware of it. Although you worked hard to find these clients and return their funds when this situation was brought to your attention, not all of the inactive clients have been located and the remaining funds will eventually have to be forwarded to the State of Washington under the Unclaimed Property Act.

Your conduct in failing to promptly return funds to clients at the conclusion of their representation violated RPC 1.15A(f), and your conduct in failing to adequately reconcile your

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1 trust account records violated RPC 1.15A(h)(6).


2 These actions merit a Formal Reprimand. Your actions discredit you and the legal
3 profession and show a disregard for the high traditions of honor expected from a member of the
4 Association.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY REPRIMANDED by the Washington State
6 Bar Association for this misconduct. This Reprimand will be made a part of your permanent
7 record with the Association, and will be considered along with other evidence regarding any
8 future grievances against you.

9 Your privilege to practice law in the State of Washington is based on the finding that
10 you are a person of good moral character, and on your commitment to abide by the rules
11 governing the conduct of members of the Association. The Association expects all your future
12 conduct as a lawyer to be consistent with that finding as to your character, and with a continuing
13 commitment on your part to the letter and spirit of those rules.

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15 Dated this 4th day of October, 2013.

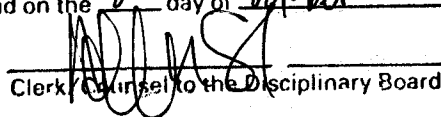
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18 Patrick A. Palace, President

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20 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

21 I certify that I caused a copy of the Reprimand
22 to be delivered to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to be mailed
to JANNE CARMEN Respondent/Respondent's Counsel
at P.O. BOX #410 Walla Walla, WA 99061 by Certified first class mail
postage prepaid on the 8th day of October, 2013

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24 Clerk/Counsel to the Disciplinary Board

Memorandum

To: Allison Sato, Clerk to Disciplinary Board
From: Randy Beitel, Senior Disciplinary Counsel
Date: October 4, 2013
Re: Service of Reprimand on William David McCool

I am attaching an original reprimand for service on William David McCool. I have filed the duplicate original in the public file.

Thank you.