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BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re
TODD M. GRUENHAGEN,
Lawyer (Bar No. 12340).

Proceeding No. 14#00073
ADMONITION

Pursuant to Rule 13.5 of the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct, the following
Admonition was issued by the Disciplinary Board Chair.

I. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

At all times material to the complaint, you were licensed to practice in the state of
Washington.

II. FACTS

1. Respondent was admitted to practice law in the State of Washington on May 17,
1982.
2. Between August and November 2012, Respondent failed to provide a response to a
grievance filed against him.
3. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) subpoenaed Respondent for a non-
cooperation deposition under former Rule 5.3(f)(1) of the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer

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1 Conduct (ELC).

2 4. The deposition was held on November 19, 2012.

3 5. On May 10, 2013, a Review Committee of the Disciplinary Board entered an order
4 under ELC 5.3(f)(2)(B) against Respondent assessing \$938.38 in costs and expenses that ODC
5 had incurred related to the November 19, 2012 deposition.

6 6. On May 15, 2013, ODC forwarded a copy of the order to Respondent and notified
7 him that, under the ELC, payment was due on or before June 9, 2013.

8 7. Respondent did not seek review of the Review Committee's order and did not pay
9 or enter into a payment plan with ODC.

10 8. Respondent did not pay until after a Review Committee ordered the matter to
11 hearing and a Formal Complaint was filed against him on December 30 2014.

12 9. Respondent paid the principal amount owing at the time he answered the Formal
13 Complaint in February 2015 and later paid the accrued interest.

14 **III. MISCONDUCT**

15 23. By failing to pay the costs and expenses he was ordered to pay by the Review
16 Committee on May 10, 2013, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(l) (by violating ELC 1.5 and/or
17 ELC 13.9(i)).

18 **IV. ADMONITION**

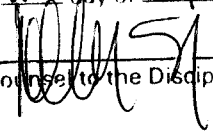
19 YOU ARE HEREBY ADMONISHED FOR THIS MISCONDUCT. This admonition is
20 not a disciplinary sanction, but is a disciplinary action, and shall be admissible in evidence in
21 subsequent discipline or disability proceedings involving you.

1 Dated this 10 day of Sept., 2015.

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4 Jennifer A. Drenousis, Chairperson
5 Disciplinary Board

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14 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

15 I certify that I caused a copy of the Admonition
16 to be delivered to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to be mailed
17 to Todd Mollenhagen, Respondent/ Respondent's Counsel
18 by Certified/first class mail
19 postage prepaid on the 10th day of September, 2015

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