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10	In re	Proceeding No.15#00056	
11	JOHN RODNEY CROWLEY,	ODC File No(s). 14-01245,14-01541,	
12	Lawyer (Bar No. 19868).	15-00189, 15-01378, 16-00901	
13		RESIGNATION FORM OF JOHN RODNEY CROWLEY (ELC 9.3(b))	
14	John Rodney Crowley, being duly sworn, hereby attests to the following:		
15	1. I am over the age of eighteen yea	ars and am competent. I make the statements in	
16	this affidavit from personal knowledge.		
17	2. I was admitted to practice law in t	the State of Washington on November 13, 1990.	
18	3. I was served with the Second An	nended Formal Complaint and Notice to Answer	
19	in this matter and filed an Answer on April 17, 2017.		
20		sign from the Washington State Bar Association	
21	(the Association) in Lieu of Discipline under Rule 9.3 of the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer		
22	Conduct (ELC).		
23		is Disciplinary Counsel's statement of alleged	
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misconduct for purposes of ELC 9.3(b). I am aware of the alleged misconduct stated in
 disciplinary counsel's statement but, rather than defend against the allegations, I wish to
 permanently resign from membership in the Association.

4 6. I am submitting with this affidavit a check in the amount of \$1,780.83 made out to
5 the Washington State Bar Association as payment for expenses and costs.

7. I agree to pay any additional costs or restitution that may be ordered by a Review
7 Committee under ELC 9.3(g).

8 8. I understand that my resignation is permanent and that any future application by
9 me for reinstatement as a member of the Association is currently barred. If the Supreme Court
10 changes this rule or an application is otherwise permitted in the future, it will be treated as an
11 application by one who has been disbarred for ethical misconduct, and that, if I file an
12 application, I will not be entitled to a reconsideration or reexamination of the facts, complaints,
13 allegations, or instances of alleged misconduct on which this resignation was based.

9. I agree to (a) notify all other states and jurisdictions in which I am admitted of this
resignation in lieu of discipline; (b) seek to resign permanently from the practice of law, and (c)
provide disciplinary counsel with copies of this notification and any response(s). I acknowledge
that this resignation could be treated as a disbarment by all other jurisdictions.

18 10. I agree to (a) notify all other professional licensing agencies in any jurisdiction
19 from which I have a professional license that is predicated on my admission to practice law of
20 this resignation in lieu of discipline; (b) seek to resign permanently from any such license; and
21 (c) provide disciplinary counsel with copies of any of these notifications and any responses.

11. I agree that when applying for any employment, I will disclose the resignation in
lieu of discipline in response to any question regarding disciplinary action or the status of my

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12. I understand that my resignation becomes effective on disciplinary counsel's
endorsement and filing of this document with the Clerk, and that under ELC 9.3(c) disciplinary
counsel must do so promptly following receipt of this document and payment of costs and
expenses.

6 13. When my resignation becomes effective, I agree to be subject to all restrictions that
7 apply to a disbarred lawyer.

8 14. Upon filing of my resignation, I agree to comply with the same duties as a
9 disbarred lawyer under ELC 14.1 through ELC 14.4.

10 15. I understand that, after my resignation becomes effective, it is permanent. I will
11 never be eligible to apply and will not be considered for admission or reinstatement to the
12 practice of law nor will I be eligible for admission for any limited practice of law.

13 16. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
14 the foregoing is true and correct.

07.18.17 15 In Rodney Crowley, Bar No. 19868 Date and Place 16 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18^{14} day of 17 2017. 18 NOTARY PUBLIC for the state of Washington, residing at 4000dun 19 valungth 20 My commission expires: З 10 21 ENDORSED BY: 22 Debra Slater, Disciplinary Counsel Bar No. 18346 23

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11	JOHN RODNEY CROWLEY,	ODC File No(s). 14-01245, 14-01541,
12	Lawyer (Bar No. 19868).	15-00189, 15-01378, & 16-00901
13		STATEMENT OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT UNDER ELC 9.3(b)(1)
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16		on May 22, 2017, in Proceeding No. 15#00056,
17		f alleged misconduct under Rule 9.3(b)(1) of the
18	Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct.	
19	and	
20	DATED this $\cancel{1}$ day of May, 2017.	
21		Deluca Slader
22		Debra Slater, Bar No. 18346 Disciplinary Counsel
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10	In re	Proceeding No. 15#00056
11	JOHN RODNEY CROWLEY,	THIRD AMENDED FORMAL
12	Lawyer (Bar No. 19868).	COMPLAINT .
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14	Under Rule 10.3 of the Rules for Enfor	rcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC), the Office of
15	Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) of the Washington	n State Bar Association charges the above-named
16	lawyer with acts of misconduct under the Ru	ales of Professional Conduct (RPC) as set forth
17	below.	
18	ADMISSION	TO PRACTICE
19	1. Respondent John Rodney Crowley	was admitted to the practice of law in the State of
20	Washington on November 13, 1990.	
21	FACTS REGARDING COUNTS 1 TH	ROUGH 4: ARTHUR C. GRIEVANCE
22	2. In April 2012, Ellensburg Dete	ective Cameron Clasen (Clasen), began an
	investigation into the suspected theft of comput	er equipment by Arthur C.
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l 3. On May 15, 2012, Arthur C. hired Respondent to represent him. Arthur C. told 2 Respondent that he wanted to resolve the matter before any arrest. 3 4. Respondent contacted Detective Clasen and informed him that he represented Arthur 4 C. 5 5. Between May 15, 2012, and September 2012, Arthur C. telephoned and texted 6 Respondent multiple times. 7 6. Respondent did not respond to Arthur C.'s calls or texts. 8 7. In September 2012, Arthur C. spoke with Respondent. He informed Respondent he 9 had enlisted in the National Guard and would like to resolve the matter before he left for 10 training in February 2013. 11 8. On December 14, 2012, Arthur C. telephoned and sent a text message to 12 Respondent. Later that day, Arthur C. and Respondent had a six minute conversation. 13 9. On December 27, 2012, Detective Clasen telephoned Respondent and advised him 14 that Arthur C. would be criminally charged. Respondent told Clasen that he would contact Arthur C. and call him back. 15 16 10. Respondent failed to call Clasen back. 17 11. Respondent did not contact Arthur C. 18 12. On January 2, 2013, Clasen contacted Respondent again. Respondent told Clasen 19 that he was looking for contact information for Arthur C. and that he had not yet spoken with 20 Arthur C. even though Respondent had spoken with Arthur C. on December 14, 2012. 21 13. Respondent's statements to Clasen were false and Respondent knew they were false. 22 Respondent had contact information for Arthur C. and had contacted Arthur C. 23 14. On January 7, 2013, Respondent telephoned Arthur C. and spoke with him. Third Amended Formal Complaint OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL Page 2 WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION 1325 4th Avenue, Suite 600 Seattle, WA 98101-2539

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1	15. On January 8, 2013, Clasen contacted Respondent again. Respondent told Clasen he		
2	had not been able to find contact information for Arthur C.		
3	16. Respondent's statement to Clasen was false and Respondent knew it was false.		
4	17. On January 10, 2013, Clasen contacted Respondent. Respondent asked Clasen to		
5	contact him in six days to arrange for Arthur C. to surrender.		
6	18. On January 11, 2013, Respondent and Arthur C. had a five minute telephone		
7	conversation.		
8	19. On January 16, 2013, the day Arthur C. was to surrender, Clasen contacted		
9	Respondent. Respondent told Clasen he couldn't talk at that time, and he would call him back		
10	in 30 minutes.		
11	20. Respondent did not call Clasen.		
12	21. Clasen telephoned Respondent the next day. Respondent told Clasen that he had not		
13	spoken with Arthur C.		
14	22. Respondent's statement to Clasen was false and Respondent knew it was false.		
15	23. Respondent told Clasen to go ahead and get an arrest warrant for Arthur C.		
16	24. On March 13, 2013, an arrest warrant was issued.		
17	25. Respondent did not tell Arthur C. that he had told Clasen to go ahead and get the		
18	arrest warrant.		
19	26. Respondent did not tell Arthur C. that Clasen had obtained an arrest warrant.		
20	27. On April 8, 2013, Respondent contacted the prosecutor and requested a hearing to		
21	quash the warrant.		
22	28. Respondent did not file a Notice of Appearance or note the matter for hearing.		
23	29. Other than the telephone call to the prosecutor, Respondent did not take any steps to		
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1 quash the warrant. 2 30. Respondent instructed Arthur C. to meet him at the courthouse in Ellensburg at 1:30 3 p.m. on January 13, 2014, to attempt to guash the warrant. 4 31. On January 13, 2014, Arthur C. appeared at the courthouse as instructed, but 5 Respondent did not appear. б 32. Arthur C. terminated Respondent. 7 COUNT 1 8 33. By failing to communicate with Arthur C. regarding his case, Respondent violated RPC 1.4. 9 10 COUNT 2 34. By failing to diligently represent Arthur C2, Respondent violated RPC 1.3. 11 COUNT 3 12 35. By failing to abide by Arthur C.'s decision to resolve the matter before being 13 arrested, Respondent violated RPC 1.2. 14 **COUNT 4** 15 36. By making false statements to Clasen, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(c), RPC 8.4(d), 16 and RPC 4.1(a). 17 FACTS REGARDING COUNTS 5 THROUGH 9: JOSEPH PINO GRIEVANCE 18 37. In December 2012, Joseph Pino hired Respondent to represent him on criminal 19 charges pending in Island County, Washington. 20 38. Respondent did not enter into a written fee agreement with Pino. 21 39. Pino paid Respondent \$6,250 for representation up to trial. He agreed to pay an 22 additional \$6,250 if the matter went to trial. 23 Third Amended Formal Complaint OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL Page 4 WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION 1325 4th Avenue, Suite 600 Scattle, WA 98101-2539

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1	40. Some or all of the \$6,250 was paid in advance of performance of the services.		
2	41. Respondent did not deposit the money Pino paid him into his trust account.		
3	42. Some or all of the \$\$6,250 was for fees and/or expenses that Respondent never		
4	earned or incurred.		
5	43. On December 7, 2012, Respondent filed a Motion for Substitution of Counsel.		
6	44. On December 10, 2012, an order was entered substituting Respondent as Pino's		
7	lawyer.		
8	45. An omnibus hearing took place on January 14, 2013. Respondent was not present but		
9	instead arranged for Oak Harbor lawyer Kenneth Manni to appear for him and request a		
10	continuance.		
11	46. The omnibus hearing was rescheduled for January 22, 2013.		
12	47. At the January 22, 2013 omnibus hearing, Respondent did not attend, but instead		
13	arranged for lawyer Mitch Harrison to appear for him.		
14	48. On January 30, 2013, felony charges were filed against Pino in Skagit County.		
15	49. Lawyer Jeri Bonkoski represented Pino on the Skagit County case.		
16	50. Island County set a hearing for February 25, 2013 to revoke Pino's pretrial release		
17	because of the Skagit County charges.		
18	51. Respondent told Pino he would appear at the February 25, 2013 hearing in Island		
19	County.		
20	52. Respondent failed to appear at the February 25, 2013 hearing in Island County.		
21	53. Island County's Motion to Revoke Release was granted and a bench warrant issued		
22	for Pino's arrest.		
23	54. On March 11, 2013, Bonkoski sent Respondent an email informing him that the		
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Skagit County prosecutor and the Island County prosecutor were discussing the possibility of a
 global resolution of all charges against Pino.

3 55. Respondent did not respond to Bonkoski's email or otherwise communicate with her
4 about the global settlement.

5 56. On March 22, 2013, Bonkoski forwarded a global settlement offer to Respondent.
6 Bonkoski asked Respondent for his input on the Island County charges. Bonkoski also
7 forwarded to Respondent a letter from Pino requesting that he be permitted to participate in drug
8 court.

57. Respondent did not respond to Bonkoski.

58. On March 29, 2013, Trisha Johnson, the Skagit County prosecutor sent Respondent
an email informing him that his help was needed to complete the global agreement. She also
informed him there was an April 4, 2013 hearing in Skagit County at which Bonkoski was to
have an answer on the global settlement.

14 59. Respondent replied to Johnson's email on May 15, 2013, almost two months later,
15 telling her he would respond to Bonkoski that day about the global settlement.

60. Respondent did not respond to Bonkoski about the global settlement.

17 61. Bonkoski and Johnson finalized the global settlement without Respondent's input or
18 involvement.

62. Respondent did not provide Pino's letter about participating in the drug court
program to either prosecutor.

63. On September 30, 2014, Respondent provided ODC with a written response to the
grievance filed by Pino.

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64. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that he made many

Third Amended Formal Complaint Page 6 OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION 1325 4th Avenue, Suite 600 Seattle, WA 98101-2539 (206) 727-8207 1 appearances on Pino's Island County case.

2 65. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that on December 12,
3 2012, he appeared in Island County on Pino's case and returned to Seattle.

66. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that the December
12, 2012 appearance in Island County on Pino's case took five hours of his time.

6 67. Respondent's statement that he appeared in Island County on Pino's case on
7 December 12, 2012 was false. Respondent knew it was false.

68. Respondent's statement that the December 12, 2012 appearance took five hours of
his time was false. Respondent knew it was false.

69. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that he appeared at a
pre-omnibus hearing in Island County on Pino's case on January 14, 2013.

70. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that the pre-omnibus
hearing in Island County on Pino's case on January 14, 2013 took five hours of his time.

14 71. Respondent's statement that he appeared at the January 14, 2013 hearing was false.
15 Respondent knew it was false.

16 72. Respondent's statement that it took five hours of his time was false. Respondent
17 knew it was false.

73. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that he appeared at a
readiness hearing on Pino's case on February 19, 2013.

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74. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that the readiness
hearing on February 19, 2013 took 5.0 hours of his time.

75. Respondent's statement that he appeared at a readiness hearing on Pino's case on
February 19, 2013 was false. Respondent knew it was false.

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1 76. Respondent's statement that the readiness hearing took five hours of his time was 2 false. Respondent knew it was false. 3 77. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that he met with an 4 Island County prosecutor in Island County on Pino's case on February 20, 2013 and that the 5 meeting took five hours of his time. 6 78. Respondent's statement that he met with an Island County prosecutor in Island 7 County on February 20, 2013 on Pino's case was false. Respondent knew it was false. 8 79. Respondent's statement that the meeting with an Island County prosecutor took five 9 hours of his time was false. Respondent knew it was false. 10 80. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that he attended a 11 hearing on Pino's case on February 25, 2013 and that it took five hours of his time. 12 81. Respondent's statement that he appeared at a hearing on Pino's case on February 25, 13 2013 was false. Respondent knew it was false. 82. Respondent's statement that the hearing on February 25, 2013 took five hours of his 14 15 time was false. Respondent knew it was false. 83. Respondent stated in his September 30, 2014 response to ODC that he appeared at a 16 17 pre-trial conference on Pino's case on April 1, 2013 and that it took five hours of his time. 18 84. Respondent's statement that he had appeared at a pre-trial conference on Pino's case 19 on April 1, 2013 was false. Respondent knew it was false. 20 85. Respondent's statement that the pre-trial conference took five hours of his time was 21 false. Respondent knew it was false. 22 86. Pino repeatedly telephoned Respondent to inquire about his case. 23 87. Except for one telephone call and one visit, Respondent did not communicate with OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL Third Amended Formal Complaint Page 8 WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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1	Pino about his case.	
2	COUNT 5	
3	88. By failing to diligently represent Pino, Respondent violated RPC 1.3.	
4	COUNT 6	
5	89. By failing to communicate with Pino regarding his case, Respondent violated RPC	
6	1.4.	
7	COUNT 7	
8	90. By charging and collection an unreasonable fee and/or unreasonable amount for	
9	expenses, and or by failing to refund an advance payment of fees and/or expenses that he did	
10	not earn or incur, Respondent violated RPC 1.5, RPC 1.15A(f), and/or RPC 1.16(d).	
11	COUNT 8	
12	91. By failing to deposit the funds Pino paid him into a trust account, Respondent	
13	violated RPC 1.5(f) and/or RPC 1.15A(c).	
14	COUNT 9	
15	92. By knowingly making false statements to ODC during its investigation of the	
16	grievance filed by Pino, Respondent violated RPC 8.1(a) and RPC 8.4(c).	
17	FACTS REGARDING COUNTS 10 THROUGH 12: WALTER TERRY GRIEVANCE	
18	93. In June 2014, Walter Terry hired Respondent to represent him in three matters: a	
19	federal criminal case in Idaho, a forfeiture action, and a motion to vacate a 2007 felony	
20	conviction.	
21	94. Respondent did not enter into a written fee agreement with Terry.	
22	95. Terry paid Respondent \$15,000 for representation on all three matters.	
23	96. Some or all of the \$15,000 was paid in advance of performance of the services.	
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1	97. Respondent did not deposit the money Terry paid him into his trust account.		
2	98. Some or all of the \$15,000 was for fees and/or expenses that Respondent never		
3	earned or incurred.		
4	99. Respondent refunded \$14,500 to Terry.		
5	Federal Criminal Case in Idaho		
6	100. In May 2014, Terry was arrested in Idaho for selling marijuana over the internet.		
7	101. No charges were filed because the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)		
8	wanted Terry's cooperation in obtaining evidence against his friend who deposited the funds		
9	Terry received from the marijuana sales into the friend's bank account.		
10	102. As part of Respondent's representation of Terry in the federal criminal case,		
11	Respondent was to negotiate concessions in exchange for Terry obtaining evidence against his		
12	friend.		
13	103. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian Nafzger provided Respondent with a draft plea		
14	agreement in order to resolve the federal criminal case without the necessity of obtaining an		
15	indictment.		
16	104. Respondent failed to follow up with Nafzger, despite Respondent having been		
17	given a date by which he needed to tell Nafzger whether Terry would accept the plea offer.		
18	105. Respondent never communicated the plea offer to his client, Terry.		
19	106. On April 27, 201 5, Respondent terminated the representation.		
20	Forfeiture Action		
21	107. On May 15, 2014, the United States filed a lawsuit in the United States District		
22	Court for the District of Idaho seeking forfeiture of Terry's Seattle residence.		
23	108. Other than a single telephone call, Respondent failed to take any action on Terry '		
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2	Motion to Vacate 2007 Felony Conviction		
3	109.	In 2007, Terry was convicted of felony drug charges in King County Superior	
4	Court.		
5	110.	On July 24, 2014, Respondent prepared a declaration in support of the Motion to	
6	Vacate the conviction.		
7	111.	Terry reasonably believed that Respondent would file the motion right away.	
8	112.	Between September 2014 and January 2015, Terry repeatedly telephoned	
9	Respondent, sent him text messages, and sent him emails trying to obtain information about his		
10	matters.		
11	113.	Respondent failed to respond to Terry's requests for information about his	
12	matters.		
13	114.	Respondent did not file the motion or take any other steps to vacate the	
14	conviction.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
15	115.	In March 2015, after Terry filed this grievance against Respondent, Respondent	
16	told Terry for	the first time that the motion had not been filed.	
17		COUNT 10	
18	116.	By failing to diligently represent Terry, Respondent violated RPC 1.3.	
19		COUNT 11	
20	.117.	By failing to communicate with Terry about his matters, Respondent violated	
21	RPC 1.4.		
22		COUNT 12	
23	118.	By failing to deposit the funds Terry paid him into a trust account, Respondent	
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1	violated RPC 1 .5(f) and/or RPC 1.15A(c).		
2	FACTS REGARDING COUNTS 13 THROUGH 16: MIGUEL BARRAGAN GRIEVANCE		
3	119.	Miguel Barragan was convicted of two counts of Rape of a Child and First	
4	Degree Assau	ult in Grant County Superior Court.	
5	120.	In July 2011, Barragan telephoned Respondent and spoke with him about his	
6	case.		
7	121.	In July 2011, Barragan hired Respondent to file a personal restraint petition or	
8	file a motion for a CrR 7.8 hearing on his behalf.		
9	122.	Respondent was paid \$10,000 for the representation.	
10	123.	Respondent did not enter into a written fee agreement with Barragan.	
11	124.	Some or all of the \$10,000 was paid in advance of performance of the services.	
12	125.	Respondent did not deposit the money into a trust account.	
13	126.	Some or all of the \$10,000 was for fees and/or expenses that Respondent never	
14	earned or incurred.		
15	127.	During the time he represented Barragan, Respondent met in person with him	
16	twice to discuss his case.		
17	128.	During the time he represented Barragan, Respondent spoke with Barragan twice	
18	by telephone about his case.		
19	129.	Barragan and members of his family repeatedly telephoned Respondent and left	
20	messages for him to return their calls.		
21	130.	Respondent did not return the telephone calls or otherwise communicate with	
22	Barragan and/or his family about his case.		
23	131.	Respondent did not prepare or file the personal restraint petition or motion for a	
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1	CrR7.8 hearing that he was hired to prepare and file.
2	132. Respondent did little or no work on behalf of Barragan.
3	133. Upon termination of the representation, Respondent failed to refund the advance
4	payment of fees and/or expenses that he never earned or incurred.
5	COUNT 13
6	134. By failing to diligently represent Barragan, Respondent violated RPC 1.3.
7	COUNT 14
8	135. By failing to communicate with Barragan regarding his case, Respondent
9	violated RPC 1.4.
10	COUNT 15
11	136. By failing to deposit the funds he was paid to represent Barragan into a trust
12	account, Respondent violated RPC 1.5(f) and/or RPC 1.15A(c).
13	COUNT 16
14	137. By charging and collecting an unreasonable fee and/or a unreasonable amount
15	for expenses, and/or failing to refund an advance payment of fees and/or expenses that he never
16	earned or incurred, Respondent violated RPC 1.5, RPC 1.15A(f), and/or RPC 1.16(d).
17	FACTS REGARDING COUNTS 17 THROUGH 20: CONNIE WELKER GRIEVANCE
18	138. In June 2014, Connie Welker hired Respondent to represent her friend, Phillip
19	Gleason, who was charged with felony firearm and drug charges in Pierce County Superior
20	Court. The charges arose from an incident that occurred while Gleason was on parole from an
21	Idaho robbery case.
22	139. On September 21, 2014, Welker paid Respondent \$8,500 for representation that
23	included pretrial, trial, and sentencing.
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1325 4th Avenue, Suite 600 Scattle, WA 98101-2539 (206) 727-8207 140. Respondent sent Welker a copy of a fee agreement he had signed, but neither
 2 Gleason nor Welker executed a written fee agreement.

141. Respondent did not deposit the \$8,500 Welker paid him into a trust account.

4 142. In 2015, Gleason was involved in another incident in Washington while on
5 parole in the Idaho case. He fled to Idaho, where he was arrested.

6 143. At the time the charges were filed in the 2015 Washington case, Gleason was in
7 custody in Idaho.

8 144. Welker paid Respondent an additional fee of \$15,000 to represent Gleason on the
9 2015 charges.

10 145. Neither Gleason nor Welker entered into a written fee agreement with
11 Respondent for the additional representation.

12 || 146. Respondent did not deposit the \$15,000 into a trust account.

13 147. On March 30, 2015, while Gleason was in custody in Idaho, Respondent filed a
14 Demand for Extradition.

15 I48. Gleason prepared and submitted the paperwork to be transferred from Idaho to
16 Washington under the Interstate Agreements for Detainers, RCW 9.100.010, which provides for
17 the transfer of prisoners to the requesting state.

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149. Gleason was returned to Washington.

150. The Demand for Extradition Respondent filed was of no benefit to Gleason.

20 151. Between June 29, 2015 and April 1, 2016, the 2014 case was continued six
21 times. During the same time period, the 2015 case was continued four times.

I 52. Respondent did not appear at three of the court appearances, but had another
attorney appear for him.

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1	153.	Other than requesting continuances, Respondent did little or no work on	
2	Gleason's cases.		
3	154.	In November 2015, prosecutor Bryce Nelson extended an offer to settle the	
4	cases.		
5	155.	Respondent did not communicate the settlement offer to Gleason.	
6	156.	During the representation, both Gleason and Welker repeatedly tried to	
7	communicate	by telephone and email with Respondent to obtain information about the cases.	
8	157.	Respondent did not return Welker's calls or email, nor did he communicate with	
9	her about Gleason's cases.		
10	158.	Respondent did not return Gleason's calls or otherwise communicate with him	
11	about his cas	es.	
12	159.	In June 2016, Gleason terminated Respondent.	
13	160.	Respondent did not refund any of the \$23,500 fee he had been paid to either	
14	Gleason or Welker.		
15		COUNT 17	
16	161.	By failing to communicate with Gleason and/or Welker regarding Gleason's	
17	case, and by failing to communicate the prosecution's settlement offer to Gleason, Respondent		
18	violated RPC 1.2(a) and/or RPC 1.4.		
19		COUNT 18	
20	162.	By failing to diligently represent Gleason, and/or by failing to make reasonable	
21	efforts to expedite litigation, Respondent violated RPC 1.3 and/or RPC 3.2.		
22	COUNT 19		
23	163.	By failing to deposit the fees Welker paid him into a trust account, Respondent	
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1 || violated RPC 1.5(1) and/or RPC 1.15A.

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COUNT 20

3 164. By charging and collecting an unreasonable fee, and or by failing to refund an
4 advance payment of fees that he did not carn, Respondent violated RPC 1.5, RPC 1.15A(f).
5 and/or RPC 1.16(d).

7 THEREFORE, Disciplinary Counsel requests that a hearing be held under the Rules for
8 Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct. Possible dispositions include disciplinary action, probation,
9 restitution, and assessment of the costs and expenses of these proceedings.

Dated this 22 day of May, 2017.

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