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BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

KEVIN R. RICHARDSON,

Lawyer (Bar No. 21125).

Proceeding No. 13#00042

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.

In March 2011, Carole Stevens hired you to represent her in an agreed dissolution for a fixed fee. Because the fee agreement did not comply with RPC 1.5(f)(2), the fee was required to be deposited in trust. Without your knowledge, however, your assistant improperly deposited Ms. Stevens's advanced fee and the court filing fee into your general account and the funds were spent for unrelated expenses. On March 25, 2011, Mr. and Ms. Stevens signed the pleadings your assistant drafted. In July 2011, Ms. Stevens started contacting you to inquire about the completion of the case, but you did not respond to all of her inquiries. In September 2011, Ms. Stevens e-mailed you after she learned that the case had not been filed with the court, and you filed the petition and related documents that same day. You did not file anything further before January 2012. At that time, the court dismissed the case because neither you nor

1 Mr. Stevens appeared to set a trial date. You did not inform Ms. Stevens of the dismissal. In
2 February 2012, you filed the agreed final documents, successfully moved to vacate the
3 dismissal, and the matter was concluded.

4 Your failure to deposit Ms. Stevens's advanced fee and costs into trust violated RPC
5 1.15A(c)(2). Your failure to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing Ms.
6 Stevens violated RPC 1.3. Your failure to keep her reasonably informed about the status of her
7 matter and to comply with her reasonable requests for information violated RPC 1.4(a).

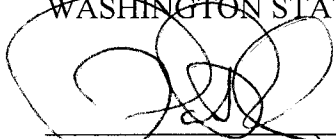
8 These actions merit a Formal Reprimand. Your actions discredit you and the legal
9 profession and show a disregard for the high traditions of honor expected from a member of the
10 Association.

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

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

20 Dated this 10th day of December, 2013.

21 WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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24 Patrick A. Palace, President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I caused a copy of the Reprimand
to be delivered to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to be mailed
to John Seider Respondent/ Respondent's Counsel
at 167 West Pine Ave N #311 Seattle, WA 98104
by Certified first class mail
postage prepaid on the 14th day of December, 2013

[Signature]
Clerk/Counsel to the Disciplinary Board

Memorandum

To: Allison Sato, Clerk to Disciplinary Board
From: Natalea Skvir, Disciplinary Counsel *NS*
Date: December 11, 2013
Re: Service of Reprimand on Kevin R. Richardson

I am attaching an original reprimand for service on Kevin R. Richardson. I have filed the duplicate original in the public file.

Thank you.