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DISCIPLINARY BOARD

BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

EUGENE C. WONG,
Lawyer (Bar No. 31957).

Proceeding No. 12#00076

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.

A client hired you to assist him in an immigration matter. You agreed on a flat fee of \$10,000. The client paid you \$3,000 and promised to pay you an additional \$300, up to \$10,000. You neglected to prepare a fee agreement as required by RPC 1.5(f)(2). The funds were thus required to be placed into your trust account. However, you did not place the fee in your trust account. Instead, you deposited the funds into your general business account and disbursed it.

Your conduct in this matter violated RPC 1.15A(c)(2), RPC 1.15A(f) and RPC 1.16(d).

These actions merit a Formal Reprimand. Your actions discredit you and the legal

1 | profession and show a disregard for the high traditions of honor expected from a member of the
2 | Association.

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

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

12 | Dated this 7th day of December, 2012.

13 | WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION


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15 | Michele Radosevich
16 | Michele Radosevich, President

17 | CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

18 | I certify that I caused a copy of the Reprimand
19 | to be delivered to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to be mailed
20 | to Patrick Sheldon Respondent/Respondent's Counsel
21 | at 901 5th Ave #1400 Seattle WA 98104 by certified first class mail
22 | postage prepaid on the 6th day of December, 2012

23 | [Signature]
24 | Clerk/Counsel to the Disciplinary Board

Memorandum

To: Allison Sato, Clerk to Disciplinary Board
From: Francesca D'Angelo, Disciplinary Counsel
Date: December 11, 2012 
Re: Service of Reprimand on Eugene C. Wong

I am attaching an original reprimand for service on Eugene C. Wong. I have filed the duplicate original in the public file.

Thank you.