TO:

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SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINAR DE PAR COUNSE

| STATE BAR OF NEVADA,                   | )                |
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| Complainant,                           | )                |
| VS.                                    | PUBLIC REPRIMAND |
| DAVID SPURLOCK, ESQ.,<br>BAR NO. 4250, | )<br>)<br>)      |
| Respondent                             | <b>)</b>         |

From 2010 through January 2014, you represented the Teamsters Local 14. On July 24, 2013 your license to practice law was administratively suspended for failure to pay your bar dues and for failing to file certain administrative paperwork. You were aware of this suspension; nonetheless, you continued to represent the Union.

According to Union officials, you continued to draw weekly payments for this work despite being suspended. All the while, the Union believed it had retained a licensed attorney, and you made no attempt to inform the Union of the status of your license.

While it is your contention that none of the work you actually performed was necessarily work that an attorney must do, it is undeniable that the Union believed it was retaining a licensed attorney to represent them and you never informed them that this was untrue. It is also undeniable, that the retainer agreement that you were operating under called for legal representation.

Indeed, the retainer agreement between you and the Union specifically elaborated upon the scope of your representation and called for:

"Review of Collective Bargaining Agreements between Client and certain companies located in the State of Nevada.

Negotiation of Collective Bargaining Agreements on behalf of Clients and companies located in the State of Nevada.

Representation of Client and its respective members with certain arbitrations which now are pending or may be pending in the future.

Legal representation at hearings, disputes or conferences.

Legal analysis of specific issues or items as it may relate to client's members or pending disputes between Client's members and their Employers."

The date of this fee agreement which supplanted a prior agreement was August 15, 2013, some three weeks after you were suspended.

Your conduct as stipulated herein violates Rule of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.5 (Fees); RPC 1.16 (Declining or Terminating Representation); and RPC 5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law). Based upon the foregoing you are hereby **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.** 

Peter Angulo, Ésq.

Formal Hearing Panel Chair

Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** was sent electronically by email transmission from the email address <a href="mailto:williamj@nvbar.org">williamj@nvbar.org</a> to the following:

- 1. Peter Angulo, Esq., Hearing Chairman: pangulo@ocgd.com
- 2. Jason Dworin, Assistant Bar Counsel: jasond@nvbar.org
- 3. Michael Warhola, Esq., Respondent's Counsel: michaelwarhola@yahoo.com

DATED this 13th day of January, 2016.

By: <u>Milliam Jordan</u> an H

William Jordan, an Employee of the State Bar of Nevada