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7 STATE BAR OF NEVADA
8 SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

9 STATE BAR OF NEVADA,)

10 Complainant,)

11 vs.)

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

12 KARLIE M. GABOUR, ESQ.)

STATE BAR NO. 13123)

13 Respondent.)

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15 TO: Karlie M. Gabour, Esq.
16 c/o Chris Connell, Esq.
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

18 Violation of RPC 8.4 (Misconduct)

19 On April 6, 2017, you were suspended from the practice of law by the Nevada Board
20 of Continuing Legal Education ("CLE Board") for failure to comply with mandatory continuing
21 legal education requirements and for failure to pay the annual, extension and/or late fee.

22 In early August, 2017, you were employed by Adam Kutner & Associates and you
23 initiated efforts to remedy the administrative suspension. On August 9, 2017, you emailed
24 to the CLE Board a reinstatement application. The application included CLE credits that
25 you represented you had taken in 2016 and 2017 to be reinstated from CLE Suspension to

1 Active Status. Within those credits were two CLE Verifying Attendance Declaration forms
2 alleging attendance at two live programs totaling 9.5 hours. The CLE Board does not accept
3 affidavits for live programs. Therefore, the CLE office checked the attendance from both
4 programs and you did not appear on the list of attendees. When you were informed that
5 your name did not appear on either attendance list, you told the CLE office that you spoke
6 on a panel at one of the programs and that is why your name was not on the attendance
7 list. The provider of the CLE programs, Nevada Justice Association, informed the CLE office
8 that you were not in attendance as a speaker, or a registered attendee for the program. The
9 CLE Board rejected your application for reinstatement and forwarded the matter to the State
10 Bar for investigation.

11 Prior to your efforts to be reinstated, you had an email from the Executive Director at
12 the CLE Board indicating that the matter had been resolved, but, she did not compose,
13 authorize or send the email letter. Further, you knew that you had not performed the
14 necessary procedures to be reinstated at that time. Although not the basis for this discipline,
15 the Panel is concerned about the fraudulent email and cautions you that any future
16 allegations of fraudulent documentation will take this into consideration.

17 On October 23, 2017, you were ultimately reinstated after submitting new CLE
18 credits, that were verified by the CLE office. You had left the employ of Adam Kutner &
19 Associates at that point in time as well.

20 RPC 8.4 (Misconduct) states in pertinent part "[i]t is professional misconduct for a
21 lawyer to: . . . (c) [e]ngage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or
22 misrepresentation. You admit that you made misrepresentations to the CLE Board
23 regarding your attendance at 9.5 hours of CLE classes.

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1 Violation of SCR 79 and RPC 8.1

2 On August 14, 2017, The State Bar mailed you a letter of investigation, via certified
3 mail, your SCR 79 address, which was the office address for Adam Kutner & Associates,
4 and an alternate address that you previously provided to the State Bar. Both letters were
5 accepted by an unknown person, but the State Bar received no response from you.

6 In late August, 2017 you left the offices of Adam Kutner & Associates but did not
7 update your SCR 79 address until December, 2017. In the Fall of 2017, you stopped
8 residing at your alternately identified address. Therefore, multiple additional
9 correspondence, including pleadings in this discipline matter, that were sent to your SCR
10 79 address and your alternate address were returned to the State Bar. In December, 2017,
11 you updated your SCR 79 address with a potential employer's address, but you were not
12 hired by that employer and thus mail sent to that office was returned to the State Bar as
13 well. You did not update your SCR 79 address, or alternate address, again until the eve
14 of the hearing in this discipline matter.

15 The State Bar never received response from you regarding the grievance or the
16 allegations in the Complaint that was ultimately filed. This resulted in a Default being
17 entered against you in the discipline proceeding.

18 In light of the foregoing, you violated SCR 79 (Disclosures by Members of the Bar)
19 and RPC 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters). Your violation impeded the
20 efficiency of the disciplinary process.

21 Discipline

22 Although these offenses might warrant the discipline of a suspension, the Panel has
23 considered your ultimate acceptance of responsibility for your misrepresentation to the CLE
24 Board, your failure to keep the State Bar informed of your address, and your failure to
25 properly respond to the State Bar's inquiries in this disciplinary proceeding. The Panel has

1 also considered the mitigating factors of your inexperience in the practice of law and the
2 personal and emotional problems that you detailed in the hearing in this matter and the
3 efforts that you have made to address those issues so as to prevent them from leading to
4 similar issues in the future. The Panel finds that these mitigating factors warrant a
5 downward deviation from the proscribed sanction of a suspension.

6 Therefore, you have violated RPC 8.4 (Misconduct), SCR 79 (Disclosures by
7 Members of the Bar), and RPC 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters) and are
8 hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.

9 DATED this 22nd day of May, 2018.

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11 By: 
12 DAWN LOZANO, ESQ.
13 Formal Hearing Panel Chair
14 Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
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