

STATE BAR OF NEVADA



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LETTER OF REPRIMAND

RE: Case No. OBC18-0709

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Dear Mr. Caruso:

You represented Christie Lee ("Lee") during the course of her child custody matter.

On or before August 6, 2018, Lee asked you to withdraw from her case. The Court minutes from a Court hearing on August 6, 2018 reflect that you expressed your intention to withdraw. Also, during the August 6, 2018 hearing, the Court requested you withdraw immediately. You failed to withdraw from this matter.

RPC 1.16(3) (Declining or Terminating Representation) provides that a lawyer shall withdraw from representation if the lawyer is discharged. You breached this duty by failing to withdraw after Lee discharged you, despite the Court cautioning you to do so. You ignored both your client's directive and a Court Order by failing to withdraw. Your failure to timely withdraw from Lee's matter violates RPC 1.16(3). As such, you are hereby REPRIMANDED.

The State Bar contacted you via your attorney on October 8, 2018, October 24, 2018 and December 11, 2018, requesting information relating to the State Bar's investigation of the Lee matter. The State Bar did not receive a response.

RPC 8.1(b) prohibits a lawyer from knowingly failing to respond to a lawful demand for information from the State Bar. You breached this duty by failing to respond to the State Bar's inquiries on November 8, 2018, December 6, 2018 and December 11, 2018.

Your actions in failing to respond to the State Bar's inquiries violate RPC 8.1(b). As such, you are hereby REPRIMANDED. In addition, within 30 days of this Letter of Reprimand you are required to remit to the State Bar of Nevada the amount of \$1,500 pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 120(3).

Dated this 22 day of January 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn M. Lozano".

Dawn Lozano, Esq.
Chair, Formal Hearing Panel
Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board