

1 Case No. SG14-1525

2 STATE BAR OF NEVADA

3 SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

4 STATE BAR OF NEVADA,)
 5 Complainant,)
 6 vs.)
 7 WILLIAM GAMAGE, ESQ.,)
 8 Bar No. 9024,)
 9 Respondent.)



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STATE BAR OF NEVADA
 BY: *[Signature]*
 OFFICE OF BAR COUNSEL

10 PUBLIC REPRIMAND

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 12 TO: WILLIAM GAMAGE, ESQ.
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 14 Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

15 1. You represented Brett Clinton Combs ("Combs") in an appeal filed in or about
 16 June 2014 as Case No. 65864 in the Supreme Court of Nevada ("Supreme Court"). The
 17 required fast track statement and appendix were due to be filed by July 23, 2014, in the
 18 Supreme Court.

19 2. On or about August 13, 2014, because you had failed to file the fast track
 20 statement or appendix, the Supreme Court entered an Order Conditionally Imposing
 21 Sanctions and directed you to, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Order, pay \$500
 22 to the Supreme Court Law Library and provide the Court with proof of payment. The Order
 23 also gave you eleven (11) days to file and serve the fast track statement and appendix, or,
 24 alternatively, a motion to extend time. The Court indicated the \$500 sanction would be
 25 vacated if the documents were timely filed.

1 3. The Order also cautioned you that your failure to comply could result in
2 additional sanctions, including your removal as counsel-of-record in the appeal, and referral
3 to the State Bar of Nevada for investigation.

4 4. You neither filed the appropriate pleadings nor paid the \$500 sanction as
5 directed by the Supreme Court. Therefore, on or about November 6, 2014, the Supreme
6 Court entered an Order Removing Counsel, Referring Counsel to State Bar for Investigation,
7 Remanding to Appoint Appellate Counsel, and Suspending Briefing. In its Order, the
8 Supreme Court found that your failure to comply with rules and orders had forced the
9 Supreme Court to divert its limited resources to ensure your compliance and needlessly
10 delayed the processing of Combs' appeal.

11 5. On or about November 20, 2014, the State Bar sent a letter to you and directed
12 you to respond in the matter.

13 6. In your response to the State Bar, you acknowledged that through
14 inadvertence, you failed to calendar or file the fast track statement for the appeal, which likely
15 occurred because this was the first fast track matter that you had worked on, and you failed
16 to take account of the rapid briefing schedule. You also acknowledged that you failed to act
17 upon the August 13, 2014, Order of the Supreme Court, and did not properly calendar the
18 new deadlines to bring this matter back on track.

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