

STATE BAR OF NEVADA

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Louis Schneider, Esq.
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LETTER OF REPRIMAND

RE: Grievance File No. OBC18-0872 / Thompson

Dear Mr. Schneider:

On February 12, 2019, a Screening Panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board considered the above-referenced grievance. The Panel concluded that you violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and should be reprimanded. This letter shall constitute delivery of that reprimand.

On or about August 24, 2018, the State Bar subpoenaed your IOLTA and operating account records from US Bank. Upon review of the records, it was apparent that you were not depositing all unearned fees into your operating account.

While the majority of your cases involve criminal or family law matters with only flat or earned fees, on at least two occasions you deposited unearned fees into your operating account. On at least one occasion, you deposited money into the operating account which came from a client for the benefit of a third-party, and on at least two occasions you made payments for client medical liens out of your operating account. None of these transactions resulted in any client or third-party harm.

Nevada Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 (Safekeeping Property) requires a lawyer to hold funds of clients or third persons that are in the lawyer's possession separate from the lawyer's own property in an identifiable trust account. Additionally, it requires a lawyer to deposit into a trust account all legal fees paid in advance, to be withdrawn by the lawyer as the fees are earned.

Accordingly, you are hereby **REPRIMANDED** for having violated Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") 1.15 (Safekeeping Property). We trust that this reprimand will serve as a reminder to you of your ethical obligations, and that no such problems will arise in the future.

Sincerely,


Dawn Lozano, Esq., Chair Screening Panel



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