



STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

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RE: Grievance Complaint #04-0493, Tjitemisa v. Bash-Flowers

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline* (hereinafter "*Conditional Admission*") filed September 29, 2004 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Conditional Admission*, the *Affidavit* of the Respondent submitted pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(c) and the entire record of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on October 6, 2004, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Conditional Admission*, a copy of which is attached hereto together with the *Affidavit* of the Respondent. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Conditional Admission* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee. The Respondent is reprimanded and ordered to pay restitution of \$2562.42 to the Complainant within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision and to provide written proof of the compliance with the restitution order to the Office of the Statewide Bar Counsel within one (1) week thereafter.

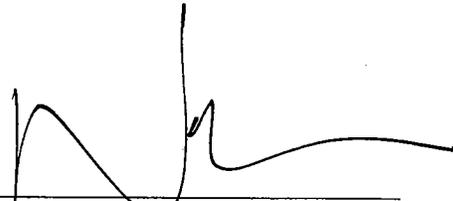
So ordered.

cc: Reinhard F. Tjitemisa
Attorney Charles Vermette
Attorney George J. Ferrio

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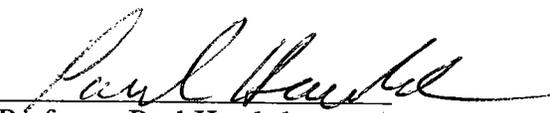
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Attorney Noble F. Allen

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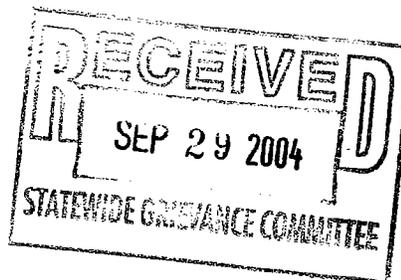
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NO. 04-0493

REINHARD F. TJITEMISA
Complainant

Vs.

VERNA C. BASH-FLOWERS
Respondent



CONDITIONAL ADMISSION AND AGREEMENT AS TO DISCIPLINE

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82, the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint filed by the Complainant on May 25, 2004.
2. On July 27, 2004, the Fairfield Judicial Grievance Panel found Probable Cause that the Respondent violated Rules 1.5 and 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. The Respondent has tendered a conditional admission of fact in accordance with her Affidavit attached hereto, admitting the facts of the complaint.
4. It appears that the dispute between the Complainant and Respondent arose out of Respondent's representation of Complainant as Administrator of his deceased wife's estate in regard to funds Respondent received from Complainant to pay estate expenses.

5. Respondent has been admitted to practice in Connecticut since December 7, 1990, and she does not have a history of grievance complaints.
6. Respondent assures Disciplinary Counsel that this is an isolated matter and will not happen again in the future .
7. Disciplinary Counsel has agreed to recommend to the Statewide Grievance Committee that Respondent be **REPRIMANDED** for violation of Rule 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, to recommend a **DISMISSAL** in regard to Rule 1.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and to recommend an Order of Restitution of an appropriate portion of the subject funds.
8. Complainant has been consulted as to the proposed resolution of this matter and does not consent thereto.

WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82 (b).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Date

9/28/04



BY: Frank P. Blando

Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

Respondent

Date

9/27/04



Verna Bash-Flowers

