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Blake La Pierre
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Re: **Sow/Pierre 2018-U089**
Zamani/La Pierre 2018-U090

Dear Mr. La Pierre,

This office has completed its review of the disciplinary complaints that you filed against Amanda G. Sow, Esquire and Sogand Zamani, Esquire.

You state that these attorneys made false statements and representations to a third person in your civil matter. You state that Ms. Sow and Ms. Zamani informed you that your wife retained them in "connection with your separation," but you state that no legal separation exists. You further state that by email dated January 29, 2018, you requested information from the attorneys, but you have not received that information.

It appears that Ms. Sow and Ms. Zamani represent your wife in the civil matter and that your wife wishes to initiate a legal separation. Ms. Sow and Ms. Zamani are communicating with you on behalf of their client. It is not an ethical violation for an attorney to request information or threaten to take further action, if they are doing so on behalf of their client. You object to the attorneys' failure to respond to your request for communications between your wife and her attorneys. Unless there is a court order that these attorneys produce this information, it is appropriate for them to protect such communications.

Accordingly, we decline to open a full investigation of this matter and we have closed this file. Thank you for raising your concerns.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Herman
Deputy Disciplinary Counsel