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NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
79 DHC 19

13.0 MAY 13 1980

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
Plaintiff,

-vs-

JEROME PAUL, Attorney,  
Defendant.

ORDER OF  
INVOLUNTARY DISMISSAL  
(First Claim for Relief)

THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned Hearing Committee on Defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiff's First Claim for Relief at the close of Plaintiff's evidence, and it appearing to the undersigned that the evidence taken in the light most favorable to the Plaintiff fails to state a claim upon which relief could be granted and therefore, Defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiff's First Claim for Relief is hereby granted.

This the 29th day of April, 1980.

*William Owen Cooke*

William Owen Cooke, Chairman  
Disciplinary Hearing Committee

*Warren C. Stack*

Warren Stack

*Leander Morgan*

Leander Morgan

NORTH CAROLINA

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BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION WAKE  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
79 DHC 19

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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
Plaintiff,

-vs-

JEROME PAUL, Attorney,  
Defendant.

FINDINGS OF FACT

AND

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW  
(Second Claim for Relief)

THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of The North Carolina State Bar at a regularly scheduled hearing held on April 29, 1980, in the office of The North Carolina State Bar, 208 Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, North Carolina, and said Hearing Committee having heard the evidence and arguments and contentions of counsel, make the following findings of fact as relate to Plaintiff's Second Claim for Relief;

1. That the Plaintiff, The North Carolina State Bar, is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the Rules and Regulations of The North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.

2. The Defendant, Jerome Paul, was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in September, 1968, and is and was at all times referred to herein, an Attorney at Law, licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina, subject to the Rules, Regulations, Canons of Ethics and Code of Professional Responsibility of The North Carolina State Bar and of the laws of the State of North Carolina.

3. At and during all of the times hereinafter referred to, the Defendant was actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and maintained a law office in the City of Durham, Durham County, North Carolina. Subsequent to the time hereinafter referred to, Defendant moved his residence to the State of New York and resides at 120 Haven Avenue, Apartment 54, New York City, New York.

4. On or about October 16, 1978, John Earl Edmonds, Jr. filed a grievance against the Defendant with The North Carolina State Bar.

5. On or about December 8, 1978, the Chairman of the Grievance Committee of The North Carolina State Bar issued a Letter of Notice pursuant to Rule 12(2) of the Discipline and Disbarment Rules of The North Carolina State Bar to the Defendant which was mailed registered mail, return receipt requested, pursuant to Rule 12(3) of the Discipline and Disbarment Rules of The North Carolina State Bar.

6. The Letter of Notice was returned to The North Carolina State Bar as unclaimed.

7. On or about April 24, 1979, a second Letter of Notice was issued to the Defendant by the Chairman of the Grievance Committee of The North Carolina State Bar and that the Defendant received this second Letter of Notice by personal delivery by a staff member of the North Carolina State Bar on June 4, 1979.

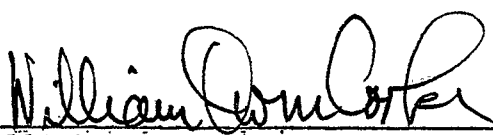
8. The Defendant has failed to respond to the Letter of Notice he received on June 4, 1979 as required by Rule 12(3) of the Discipline and Disbarment Rules of The North Carolina State Bar.

9. The Defendant's actions as set forth above constitute a violation of North Carolina General Statute 84-28 (a) and (b) (3) in that the Defendant has failed to answer a formal inquiry issued by The North Carolina State Bar when the Defendant failed to answer the Letter of Notice issued by the Chairman of the Grievance Committee of The North Carolina State Bar.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Hearing Committee makes the following conclusions of law;

1. The Defendant, a duly licensed attorney in the State of North Carolina, subject to the Code of Professional Responsibility and of the laws of the State of North Carolina, failed to answer a formal inquiry issued by The North Carolina State Bar when he failed to answer the Letter of Notice issued by the Chairman of the Grievance Committee of The North Carolina State Bar in violation of G.S. 84-28(a) and (b) (3)

This the 16 day of May, 1980.

  
William Owen Cooke, Chairman  
Disciplinary Hearing Committee

(Signatures continued on following page.)

*Warren C. Stack*  
Warren Stack

*Leander Morgan*  
Leander Morgan

NORTH CAROLINA

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BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION  
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79 DHC 19

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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
Plaintiff,

-vs-

JEROME PAUL, Attorney,  
Defendant.

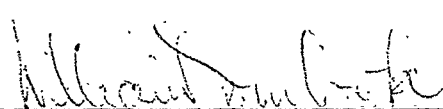
ORDER


The Hearing Committee having found the facts and made conclusions of law in the above-entitled action, it is now, therefore, ORDERED:

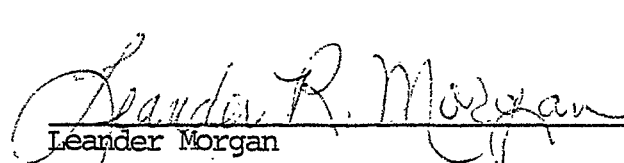
1. That the Defendant, Jerome Paul, be disciplined under the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 84-28(c)(4), Private Reprimand, and that a letter of reprimand be prepared by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission and delivered to the Defendant by the Secretary of The North Carolina State Bar, a copy of said Reprimand to be filed with the Secretary of The North Carolina State Bar.

2. That the costs of this disciplinary action be paid by the Defendant, Jerome Paul.

This the 23 day of May, 1980.

  
William Owen Cooke, Chairman  
Disciplinary Hearing Committee

  
Warren Stack

  
Leander Morgan

the legal services for which he was hired and failing to take affirmative action concerning Mr. Cady's Appellate Review, thus resulting in Mr. Cady's appeal for the conviction being affirmed, he intentionally prejudiced or damaged his client during the course of the professional relationship in violation of Disciplinary Rule 7-101(A) (3) of the Code of Professional Responsibility of The North Carolina State Bar.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

1. Paragraph 1 through 5 of the findings of fact set forth above are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of the Second Claim for Relief as if fully set out herein.

2. On August 30, 1978, Robert L. Cady filed a grievance with The North Carolina State Bar complaining of the conduct of the Defendant.


3. Pursuant to Rule 12(2) of the Discipline and Disbarment Rules of The North Carolina State Bar, the Chairman of the Grievance Committee issued a Letter of Notice to the Defendant on or about October 16, 1978, which was mailed registered mail, return receipt requested pursuant to Rule 12(3) of the Discipline and Disbarment Rules. The Defendant received said Letter of Notice on October 26, 1978.

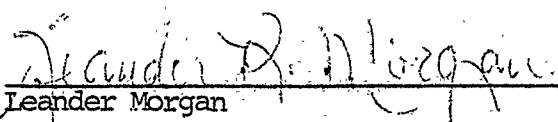
4. The Defendant failed to respond to the Letter of Notice as required by Rule 12(3) of the Discipline and Disbarment Rules of The North Carolina State Bar.

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Hearing Committee makes the following conclusions of law:

1. The conduct of the Defendant as set forth above constitutes a violation of North Carolina General Statutes 84-28(b) (3) in that he failed to answer a formal inquiry issued by The North Carolina State Bar when he failed to answer the Letter of Notice issued by the Chairman of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar.

This the 23 day of May, 1980.

  
William Owen Cooke, Chairman  
Disciplinary Hearing Committee

  
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
Plaintiff,

-vs-

JEROME PAUL, Attorney,  
Defendant.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law and pursuant to Section 9 of Article IX, "Discipline and Disbarment of Attorneys," the undersigned Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission hereby issues the following Order.


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Defendant, Jerome Paul, be and he is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the State of north Carolina for a period of one (1) year.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Jerome Paul be taxed with the costs of this hearing.

This the 23 day of May, 1980.

  
William Owen Cooke, Chairman  
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BEFORE THE  
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
Plaintiff,

-VS-

JEROME PAUL, Attorney,  
Defendant.

FINDINGS OF FACT  
AND  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of The North Carolina State Bar at a regularly scheduled hearing held on Thursday, May 15, 1980, in the office of The North Carolina State Bar, 208 Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, North Carolina, and said Hearing Committee having heard the evidence and arguments and contentions of counsel make the following findings of fact:

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

1. The North Carolina State Bar is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina, and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

2. The Defendant was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in September, 1968, and is and was at all times referred to herein, an attorney at law, licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations, Canons of Ethics and Code of Professional Responsibility of The North Carolina State Bar and of the laws of the State of North Carolina. During the times hereinafter referred to, the Defendant was actively engaged in the practice of law in North Carolina and maintained an office in the City of Durham, Durham County, North Carolina. Subsequent to the institution of this action, the Defendant moved his residence to the City of New York, State of New York.

3. On or about November 28, 1977, the Defendant contracted with one Margaret Cady to perform legal services on behalf of her son, Robert L. Cady, then incarcerated in the North Carolina Prison System. In the contract of employment, the Defendant agreed with Mrs. Cady to review the transcript of her son's first-degree murder trial which took place in Cumberland County, North Carolina for the sum of \$200.00. Thereafter, the Defendant received a fee of \$1,000 for legal services to be performed for Robert L. Cady.



4. The Defendant contacted Mr. Robert L. Cady at North Carolina Central Prison and Mr. Cady directed him to effect or assist him in perfecting Appellate Review of his conviction of first-degree murder. At the time the Defendant contacted Robert L. Cady, Mr. E. Lynn Johnson, a court-appointed attorney, was representing Mr. Cady in an effort to seek Appellate Review of said conviction. The Defendant knew that Mr. Cady was represented by counsel in that matter.

5. At no time during the representation of Mr. Robert L. Cady did the Defendant make an effort to contact Mr. Robert L. Cady's court-appointed counsel to advise him of his involvement in the matter. The Defendant failed to enter an appearance in the case then pending and did nothing on Mr. Cady's behalf concerning the Appellate Review of his conviction and therefore the Defendant failed to carry out the contract of employment entered into between him and Mrs. Cady.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Hearing Committee makes the following conclusions of law:

1. The conduct of the Defendant as set forth above constitutes a violation of North Carolina General Statutes 84-28(b) (2), in that by failing to act on Mr. Cady's behalf, he neglected a legal matter which had been entrusted to him in violation of Disciplinary Rule 6-101(A) (3) of the Code of Professional Responsibility of The North Carolina State Bar.

2. The conduct of the Defendant as set forth above constitutes a violation of North Carolina General Statutes 84-28(b) (2) in that he intentionally failed to seek the lawful objectives of his client when he took no affirmative action in connection with Mr. Cady's Appellate Review, in violation of Disciplinary Rule 7-101(A) (1) of the Code of Professional Responsibility of The North Carolina State Bar.

3. The conduct of the Defendant as set forth above constitutes a violation of North Carolina General Statutes 84-28(b) (2) in that by failing to take any affirmative action in connection with Mr. Cady's Appellate Review, the Defendant intentionally failed to carry out a contract of employment entered into with the client for professional services in violation of Disciplinary Rule 7-101(A) (2) of the Code of Professional Responsibility of The North Carolina State Bar.

4. The conduct of Defendant as set forth above constitutes a violation of North Carolina General Statutes 84-28(b) (2) in that by failing to perform

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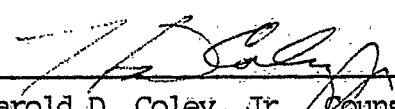
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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
79 DHC 21

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
Plaintiff,  
  
-vs-  
  
JEROME PAUL, Attorney,  
Defendant.

NOTICE OF  
VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

Pursuant to Rule 41 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure,  
the Plaintiff, The North Carolina State Bar, hereby takes a voluntary  
dismissal with prejudice in the above-entitled cause.

This the 29th day of April, 1980.

  
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