

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Grievance Committee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

The Florida Bar File
No. 2015-00,182 (2B)

v.

JOHN LORING BISCHOF,

Respondent.

REPORT OF MINOR MISCONDUCT

I. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pursuant to Rule 3-7.4(m) of The Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the committee recommends that the respondent receive an admonishment. The admonishment should be administered by issuance of this report.

II. SUMMARY OF MISCONDUCT AND RULE VIOLATIONS FOUND:

Respondent's client filed a complaint alleging that he was never able to speak with respondent or get a call back, he was never able to discuss his legal matter and all communication and information was via respondent's paralegal. The matter was subsequently referred to the Unlicensed Practice of Law(UPL) department. Upon the conclusion of the UPL investigation against the paralegal; she was found to have engaged in the unlicensed practice of law and voluntarily executed a cease and desist affidavit. The above facts support a finding of violation of the following

Rules Regulating The Florida Bar: 4-1.3 Diligence; 4-1.4 Communication; and 4-5.3 Responsibilities Regarding Nonlawyer Assistants.

III. COMMENT ON MITIGATING, AGGRAVATING OR EVIDENTIARY

MATTERS: The committee believes that the following comment on mitigating, aggravating and evidentiary matters will be helpful in considering acceptance of the report: respondent was honest and forthright during the investigation, has no previous disciplinary history and voluntarily completed a LOMAS review.

IV. ADMONISHMENT: John Loring Bischof, your actions have discredited the legal profession of the State of Florida. Such conduct cannot be tolerated by your fellow lawyers and should not be tolerated by you. Pride in your profession demands that you not violate the Rules of Professional Conduct again. If you do, your present misconduct will be considered in future disciplinary proceedings.

V. COSTS: The cost of these proceedings is assessed against Respondent as follows:

Administrative Costs	\$1,250.00
TOTAL	\$1,250.00

Costs are due The Florida Bar within 30 days from acceptance of this minor misconduct recommendation.

Pursuant to Rule 1-3.6(c) of The Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, any person now or hereafter licensed to practice law in Florida shall be deemed a delinquent member if the member fails to pay the costs assessed in diversion or disciplinary

cases within 30 days after the disciplinary decision or diversion recommendation becomes final, unless such time is extended by the board of governors for good cause shown. Delinquent members shall not engage in the practice of law in Florida nor be entitled to any privileges and benefits accorded to members of The Florida Bar in good standing.

VI. COMMITTEE VOTE: A quorum consists of not less than 3 members of the committee being present, 2 of whom are lawyers. The committee, by affirmative vote of a majority, voted in favor of the recommendation as stated in Item I above. In accordance with Rule 3-7.4(g), the committee reports the number of committee members voting for, or against, this report as follows:

In favor of the report 6

Against the report 0

Dated this 28th day of July, 2015.

Second Judicial Circuit Grievance
Committee "B"

BY 
William Dean Hall III, Chair