



3. As a result, Respondent failed to appear at multiple hearings in pending litigation matters. Specifically:

- a. Respondent failed to attend a final pretrial conference on June 18, 2009 in the matter of Case v. Commonwealth of Virginia.
- b. Respondent failed to attend a scheduling conference on August 24, 2010 in the matter of Estate of Donald Youngblood v. Fasano.
- c. Respondent failed to attend a hearing on October 1, 2010 in the matter of Boccone v. Pullin.
- d. Respondent failed to attend a motions hearing date on October 8, 2010 in the matter of Kronberg v. Larouche.
- e. Respondent failed to attend a motions hearing date on October 26, 2010 in the matter of Kronberg v. Larouche.
- f. Respondent failed to attend a hearing on October 26, 2010 in the matter of Boccone v. Pullin.

4. Respondent also failed to keep clients informed of hearings, as well as the status of their cases. Specifically:

- a. Respondent failed to inform his client of a motions hearing date on October 8, 2010 in the matter of Kronberg v. Larouche.
- b. Respondent failed to respond to client inquiries in the matter of Kronberg v. Larouche.

5. Furthermore, Respondent failed to respond to discovery requests, failed to respond to various court filings, and failed to make required court filings. Respondent's conduct

was repeated and ongoing, such that it was disruptive of ongoing court proceedings, and caused prejudice to other parties. Specifically:

- a. Respondent failed to respond to discovery, and to comply with discovery-related orders in the matter of Kronberg v. Larouche.
- b. Respondent failed to file any opposition to three motions to compel discovery in the matter of Kronberg v. Larouche.
- c. Respondent failed to file any opposition to a motion to dismiss in the matter of Kronberg v. Larouche.
- d. Respondent failed to participate in the case after filing a motion for leave to withdraw, but prior to withdrawal being permitted by the court, in the matter of Kronberg v. Larouche.
- e. Respondent failed to make required filings in the matter of Case v. Commonwealth of Virginia, and failed to properly terminate the lawsuit.
- f. Respondent failed to respond to a Show Cause in the matter of Case v. Commonwealth of Virginia.
- g. Respondent failed to timely file a responsive pleading in the matter of Estate of Donald Youngblood v. Fasano.

6. In order to prevent further problems, shortly after the time period at issue, Respondent voluntarily scaled back his law practice. In addition, Respondent has ceased accepting matters outside his primary area of expertise.

7. Respondent has no prior record of discipline.

## II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by Respondent constitutes misconduct in violation of the following provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

### **Rule 1.1      Competence**

A lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.

### **Rule 1.3      Diligence**

(a) A lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

(b) A lawyer shall not intentionally fail to carry out a contract of employment entered into with a client for professional services, but may withdraw as permitted under Rule 1.16.

(c) A lawyer shall not intentionally prejudice or damage a client during the course of the professional relationship, except as required or permitted under Rule 1.6 and Rule 3.3.

### **Rule 1.4      Communication**

(a) A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

### **Rule 3.4      Fairness To Opposing Party And Counsel**

A lawyer shall not:

(e) Make a frivolous discovery request or fail to make reasonably diligent effort to comply with a legally proper discovery request by an opposing party.

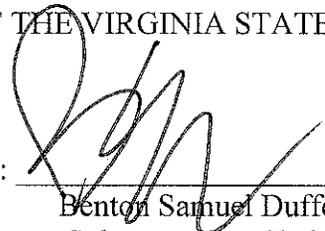
(g) Intentionally or habitually violate any established rule of procedure or of evidence, where such conduct is disruptive of the proceedings.

(j) File a suit, initiate criminal charges, assert a position, conduct a defense, delay a trial, or take other action on behalf of the client when the lawyer knows or when it is obvious that such action would serve merely to harass or maliciously injure another.

III. PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS

Accordingly, having approved the agreed disposition, it is the decision of the Subcommittee to impose a Public Reprimand Without Terms, and John Patrick Bond is hereby so reprimanded. Pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-9.E of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

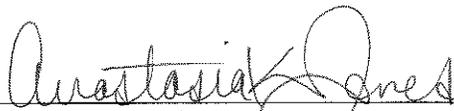
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By: 

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Benton Samuel Duffett, III  
Subcommittee Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on 2/4/13, a true and complete copy of the Subcommittee Determination – Public Reprimand Without Terms was sent by certified mail to John Patrick Bond, Respondent, at Law Office of John Bond, PO Box 2448, Fairfax, VA 22031, Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.

  
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