



the complaint within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the letter. Respondent failed to file a response to the complaint as is his obligation under the rules.

4. On or around February 14, 2012, a complaint was filed against Respondent with the Virginia State Bar regarding certain allegations arising out of his representation of a second individual in the Fairfax County General District Court. A copy of that complaint was sent to Respondent by the Virginia State Bar under cover of a letter dated February 17, 2012.

3. This cover letter from the Virginia State Bar notified Respondent of his duty pursuant to Rule of Professional Conduct 8.1(c) to file a response to the allegations set forth in the complaint within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the letter. Respondent failed to file a response to the complaint as is his obligation under the rules.

## II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

The Subcommittee finds that the following Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated:

### **RULE 8.1 Bar Admission And Disciplinary Matters**

An applicant for admission to the bar, or a lawyer already admitted to the bar, in connection with a bar admission application, any certification required to be filed as a condition of maintaining or renewing a license to practice law, or in connection with a disciplinary matter, shall not:

(c) fail to respond to a lawful demand for information from an admissions or disciplinary authority, except that this Rule does not require disclosure of information otherwise protected by Rule 1.6[.]

## III. PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITH TERMS

Accordingly, it is the decision of the Subcommittee to offer the Respondent an opportunity to comply with certain terms and conditions, compliance with which shall be a predicate for the disposition of this complaint by imposition of a Public Reprimand. The terms

and conditions which shall be met by Kelly Ralston Dennis are:

1. The Respondent shall, within sixty (60) days of the issuance of this Determination, produce to Virginia State Bar Investigator David W. Jackson copies of his trust account records, including Receipts and Disbursement Journals, Client Ledger Cards, and monthly and quarterly Reconciliations for the period from January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. Within fifteen (15) business days of receipt by Investigator Jackson of these trust account records, Respondent will be notified if those records and reconciliations are in full compliance with Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15. If they are not in full compliance with RPC 1.15, then the alternative sanction shall be imposed.

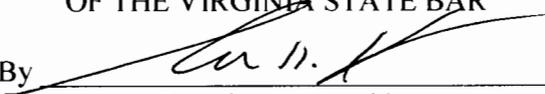
2. For a period of twenty-four (24) months following issuance of this Determination, the Respondent shall timely respond in writing to all complaints filed against him with the Virginia State Bar. If Respondent fails to do so, then the alternative sanction shall be imposed.

Upon satisfactory proof that the above noted terms and conditions have been met, a Public Reprimand with Terms shall then be imposed. If, however, the terms and conditions outlined above have not been met by the Respondent, then the alternative sanction of a six (6) month suspension shall be imposed.

Pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9.E of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

FIFTH DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE SECTION I  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By

  
Brendan D. Harold  
Chair Designate

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, mailed a true and correct copy of the Subcommittee Determination (Public Reprimand with Terms) by CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, to the Respondent, Kelly Ralston Dennis, Esquire, Suite 310, 6723 Whittier Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101, his last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.

  
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