

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE FOURTH DISTRICT SECTION I SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN O. IWEANOGE, ESQUIRE
VSB Docket No. 08-041-074206

SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINATION
(PUBLIC ADMONITION WITHOUT TERMS)

On the 10th day of December, 2008, a meeting in this matter was held before a duly convened subcommittee of the Fourth District Committee consisting of Jason Rucker, Esquire, Patricia Bias, Lay Member, and Debra Fitzgerald O'Connell, Esquire, presiding.

Pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13 G.1.c of the Rules of Virginia Supreme Court, a subcommittee of the Fourth District Committee Section I of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon the Respondent the following Public Admonition without Terms:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto the Respondent, John O. Iweanoge, Esquire (hereinafter "the Respondent"), has been an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 29, 2001.
2. On January 25, 2008, the Office of Bar Counsel of the District of Columbia Bar imposed a public Informal Admonition upon the Respondent, finding therein that the Respondent had violated certain Rules of Professional Conduct in his handling of a personal injury suit he filed in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, Maryland. A copy of that Admonition is appended hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. The subcommittee adopts the factual findings of the Office of Bar Counsel contained within the Informal Admonition as if set forth fully herein.

II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

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

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 1.4 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 1.5 Fees

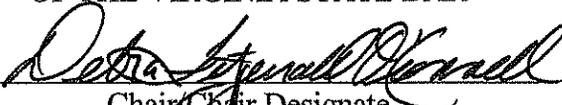
- (e) A division of a fee between lawyers who are not in the same firm may be made only if:
 - (1) the client is advised of and consents to the participation of all the lawyers involved;
 - (2) the terms of the division of the fee are disclosed to the client and the client consents thereto;
 - (3) the total fee is reasonable; and
 - (4) the division of fees and the client's consent is obtained in advance of the rendering of legal services, preferably in writing.

III. PUBLIC ADMONITION WITHOUT TERMS

Accordingly, it is the decision of the Subcommittee to impose a Public Admonition without Terms upon the Respondent, John O. Iweanoge, Esquire, and he is so admonished.

Pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 B.8.c.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court,
the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

FOURTH DISTRICT SECTION I SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By 
Chair/Chair Designate

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 17th day of December, 2008, mailed a true and correct copy of the Subcommittee Determination (Public Admonition without Terms) by CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, to the Respondent, John O Iweanoge, Esquire at 1026 Monroe Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017-1760, his last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.

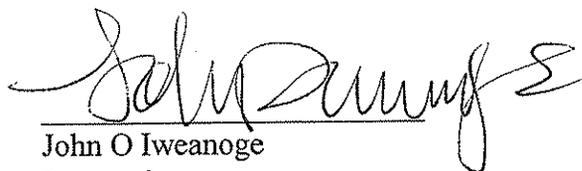


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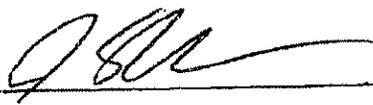
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