

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE THIRD DISTRICT, SECTION I, SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

MAR 5 2013

IN THE MATTER OF  
Nnika Evangeline White

VSB Docket No. 13-031-092878

SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINATION  
PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS

On February 06, 2013 a meeting was held in this matter before a duly convened Third District, Section I, Subcommittee consisting of Stephanie E. Grana, Esquire, Chair; Steven B. Novey, Esquire, Member; and Rev. Daniel R. Greenwood, Lay Member. During the meeting, the Subcommittee voted to approve an agreed disposition for a Public Reprimand without Terms pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-15.B.4. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The agreed disposition was entered into by the Virginia State Bar, by Kara L. McGehee, Assistant Bar Counsel, and Nnika Evangeline White, Respondent, pro se.

WHEREFORE, the Third District Subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon Respondent the following Public Reprimand without Terms:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was an attorney in good standing licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Nancy Llinet hired Respondent to represent her in an uncontested divorce in 2008. Ms. Llinet had already filed the Complaint for Divorce, pro se, in the Chesterfield County Circuit Court.
3. Ms. Llinet's husband signed a Waiver of Service on December 19, 2009. Respondent prepared a Final Decree for Ms. Llinet shortly thereafter, but did not send it to the clerk. The Waiver was filed in the clerk's office on March 3, 2010.
4. On June 9, 2011, a law clerk for the Chesterfield County Circuit Court sent a letter to Ms. Llinet informing her that there had been no activity on her case for more than a year.

5. Ms. Llinet made repeated requests to Respondent and Respondent's staff for information about the status of her case from 2009 through 2012. She never received any communication from Respondent until July 27, 2012, although Respondent claims to have sent correspondence during this time to Ms. Llinet. At that time, Respondent claimed to have withdrawn from the case.
6. On August 27, 2012, a copy of Ms. Llinet's complaint was mailed to Respondent at her address of record. She was given 21 days to respond in writing. She did not respond.
7. On August 28, 2012, Ms. Llinet sent a letter to the Bar requesting to withdraw her complaint. Assistant Bar Counsel sent her a letter on September 19, 2012 informing her that she could not withdraw her complaint. A copy of that letter was also sent to Respondent at her address of record.
8. On September 24, 2012, Respondent sent an email to Assistant Bar Counsel in which she requested a copy of the complaint. The Bar mailed her a copy of the complaint the same day. She did not submit a written response until after the case was assigned to an investigator.
9. In October 2012, Respondent completed Ms. Llinet's divorce, and the Final Decree was entered on October 17, 2012.

## II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

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

### Rule 1.3 – Diligence

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

### 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 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:

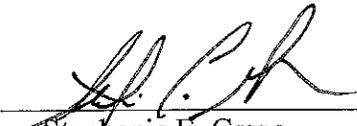
- (c) fail to respond to a lawful demand for information from an admissions or disciplinary authority, except that this Rule does not require disclosure of information otherwise protected by Rule 1.

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 Nnika Evangeline White 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.

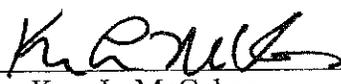
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Stephanie E. Grana  
Subcommittee Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on March 5, 2013, a true and complete copy of the Subcommittee Determination (Public Reprimand Without Terms) was sent by certified mail to Nnika Evangeline White, Respondent, at Suite 800, 9101 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, Virginia 23235, Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.



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Kara L. McGehee  
Assistant Bar Counsel