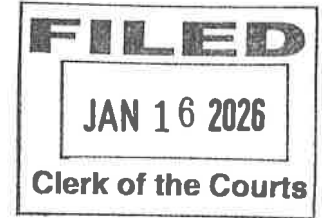


**BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL A**

IN RE: Gary Sammons, Respondent Attorney
Arkansas Bar No. 90091
Case No. CPC-2025-035



CONSENT FINDINGS & ORDER

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Consent Order is premised, involving respondent attorney Gary Sammons (Sammons), of Garland County, Arkansas, arose from information brought to the attention of the Committee on Professional Conduct by Tammy Roberts (Roberts) on January 30, 2025.

1. Sammons is licensed by the Supreme Court of Arkansas and has been assigned Arkansas Bar No. 90091.
2. In March 2024, Roberts consulted with and subsequently retained Sammons to file a Petition for Guardianship of Sylvia Joyce Finney, her mother, in Garland Co. Cir. Co. Case No. 26PR-24-176.
3. On or about March 28, 2024, Roberts made a payment of \$2,200.00 to Sammons.
4. On or about May 17, 2024, the final hearing was set for July 15, 2024.
5. In July 2024, Roberts sustained severe injuries and was unable to attend the final hearing.
6. On or about July 15, 2024, Sammons filed a Motion for Continuance due to Roberts's injuries.
7. On or about July 15, 2024, Sammons appeared in court. According to the Court, necessary parties were not listed in the Petition for Guardianship and were not served with notice.
8. On or about July 18, 2024, the Court continued the final hearing for August 15, 2024.
9. On or about August 14, 2024, Sammons filed another Motion for Continuance due to Roberts's injuries.

10. On or about August 15, 2024, Roberts made a payment of \$300.00 to Sammons.
11. On or about August 19, 2024, the Court continued the final hearing for October 30, 2024.
12. On or about August 22, 2024, Sammons appeared in court for the Motion to Continue.
13. In October 2024, Roberts traveled from Sacramento, California to Hot Springs, Arkansas for the final hearing.
14. On or about October 31, 2024, Roberts's Petition for Guardianship was dismissed for lack of proof of service of the Notice of Hearing to the appropriate parties.
15. The Court's Order indicates that the matter was "reset each time for proof of service of the petition and notice of hearing."
16. Roberts paid Sammons a total of \$2,500.00. Roberts also paid travel and lodging expenses out of pocket to appear for the final hearing.
17. On or about January 30, 2025, Roberts submitted a grievance to the Office of Professional Conduct (OPC).
18. On or about October 15, 2025, OPC sent an email to Sammons, which requested a response by October 29, 2025.
19. On or about October 28, 2025, Sammons submitted a response.
20. Sammons admitted that he did not secure Proof of Service of the Order of Continuance to the necessary parties because he believed it was not required.

Following Respondent Attorney's receipt of the formal complaint, the attorney entered into discussion with the Executive Director which has resulted in an agreement to discipline by consent pursuant to Section 20.B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Procedures Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2012). Upon consideration of the formal complaint and attached exhibits, admissions made by the respondent attorney, the terms of the written consent, the

approval of Panel A of the Committee on Professional Conduct, and the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, the Committee on Professional Conduct finds:

- A. **Arkansas Rule 1.1** requires that a lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness, and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation. Sammons's conduct, as set forth in the formal complaint, violated **Rule 1.1 competence**, when he failed to serve the necessary parties.
- B. **Arkansas Rule 8.4** provides that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Sammons's conduct, as set forth in the formal complaint, violated **Rule 8.4(d) misconduct**, when his failure to serve the necessary parties resulted in a dismissal of his client's Petition for Guardianship.

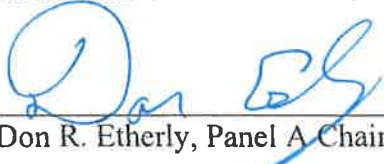
WHEREFORE, in accordance with the consent to discipline presented by Gary Sammons and the Executive Director, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct that Respondent Gary Sammons Arkansas Bar No. 90091, be, and hereby is, CAUTIONED for his conduct in this matter.

The Panel further assesses costs of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) and orders the Respondent to pay restitution to Tammy Roberts in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

The Panel further requires the Respondent to complete six (6) hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) in the areas of Ethics of Diligence and Time management, Ethics and Professionalism, Work Product Ethics, Ethics and Mental Health, and CLE's addressing Service and Proof of Service.

The restitution and costs assessed herein shall be payable by cashier's check or money order payable to the "Clerk, Arkansas Supreme Court" delivered to the Office of Professional Conduct within thirty (30) days of the date this Findings and Order is filed of record with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

By:  _____
Don R. Etherly, Panel A Chair

Date: 1/16/26