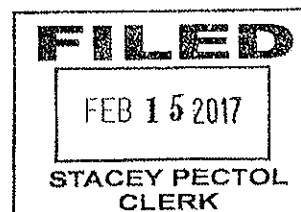


BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL A



IN RE: **HAROLD DAVID "H.D." NATIONS**, Respondent
Arkansas Bar ID # 2013215
CPC Docket No. 2016-157

FINDINGS AND ORDER

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Findings and Order is based were developed from information provided to the Committee by Circuit Judge Holly Meyer on November 15, 2016. The information related to the practice of law in the Circuit Court of Cleburne County, Arkansas by Respondent Harold David Nations (Nations), an attorney practicing primarily in Heber Springs, Cleburne County, Arkansas. On December 5, 2016, Respondent was personally served with the formal complaint. He failed to file a response to the complaint, which failure to timely respond, pursuant to Section 9.C(4) of the Procedures, constitutes an admission of the factual allegations of the formal complaint and extinguishes Respondent's right to a public hearing.

1. Nations was licensed to practice law in Arkansas in September 2013. Under Rule 3 of the Arkansas Supreme Court's Rules for Minimum Continuing Legal Education, he is required to obtain at least twelve hours of continuing legal education (CLE) each CLE year (July 1 - June 30) to keep his law license in good standing and not have it go into suspended status.

2. Nations failed to comply with the CLE requirement as of June 30, 2016, and during the period from September 6 - November 7, 2016, was mailed notices of noncompliance, intent to suspend, and finally an order of license suspension.

3. Nations appeared in court before Judge Meyer and participated in a hearing on November 14, 2016. On November 15, 2016, Judge Meyer learned Nations' law license was in suspended status on November 14, 2016, and she reported him to the disciplinary office.

Upon consideration of the formal complaint and attached exhibit materials, and other matters before it, and the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, Panel A of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct finds:

A. The conduct of H. D. Nations violated Rule 3.4(c) in that Nations knowingly failed to comply with Rule 3 of the rules of the Arkansas Supreme Court regarding mandatory continuing legal education annual requirements. Arkansas Rule 3.4(c) requires that a lawyer shall not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal except for an open refusal based on an assertion that no valid obligation exists.

B. The conduct of H. D. Nations violated Rule 5.5(a) in that Nations practiced law and represented a client in a court hearing in Cleburne County Circuit Court on November 14, 2016, at a time when his Arkansas law license was in suspended status for CLE noncompliance. Arkansas Rule 5.5(a) provides that a lawyer shall not practice law in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction, or assist another in doing so. WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel A, that Respondent **HAROLD DAVID NATIONS, Arkansas Bar ID# 2013215**, be, and hereby is, **REPRIMANDED** for his conduct in this matter, and is assessed and ordered to pay standard case costs of \$50.00. For his failure to file any response to the Complaint, Nations is further sanctioned with a separate **REPRIMAND**. The fine 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.

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By: Steven Shults
Steven Shults, Chair, Panel A

Date: January 24, 2017