

## BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT PANEL A

IN RE:

EUGENE P. CLIFFORD Arkansas Bar ID #2012100 CPC Docket No. 2019-015

## **CONSENT FINDINGS AND ORDER**

The formal charges of misconduct against Eugene P. Clifford upon which this Findings and Order is based arose from the investigation of a grievance filed with the Office of Professional Conduct. Mr. Clifford is an attorney practicing primarily in Little Rock, Arkansas. Following Mr. Clifford's receipt of the formal complaint, Mr. Clifford entered into discussion with the Executive Director which resulted in an agreement by consent pursuant to Section 20.B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Procedures Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2011).

On November 27, 2017, OPC wrote to Clifford regarding a grievance filed against him and requested that he respond with information and documents. The letter was mailed to Clifford's address of record: 910 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 110 in Little Rock. OPC received no response from Clifford to the November 2017 letter.

On September 20, 2018, OPC again wrote to Clifford regarding Love's grievance. In addition to mailing the letter to Clifford's address of record, OPC also sent the letter to Clifford by email <a href="mailto:epclifford@gmail.com">epclifford@gmail.com</a>. OPC received no response from Clifford.

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

1. Eugene Clifford's conduct violated Arkansas Rule 8.1(b) as Clifford failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from the Office of Professional Conduct. Arkansas Rule 8.1(b) requires that an applicant for admission to the bar, or a lawyer in connection with a bar admission application or in connection with a disciplinary matter, shall not fail to disclose a fact necessary to correct misapprehension known by the person to have arisen in the matter, or knowingly 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.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel A, that Eugene P. Clifford, Arkansas Bar ID# 2012100 be, and hereby is, **CAUTIONED** for his conduct in this matter, and ordered to pay a \$100.000 fine and \$50.00 costs. The fine and costs assessed in the amount of \$150.00 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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Erin Cassinelli, Chair Panel A

Jack Strain Cassinelli, Chair Panel A

Date