



BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL B

IN RE: STEVEN RAY DAVIS
ARKANSAS BAR ID #76029
CPC Docket No. 2021-035

FINDINGS AND ORDER

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Findings and Order is based arose from a grievance filed by National Commercial Services, Inc ("NCS") through California attorney, Nancy Young. Mr. Davis is an Arkansas licensed attorney practicing primarily in North Little Rock, AR.

1. National Commercial Services, Inc is a collection agency located in Van Nuys, California.

2. Davis accepted an assignment of six (6) subrogation cases from NCS for insurance companies against Arkansas residents. Davis was provided all information necessary to collect on the claims.

3. NCS has attempted several times to get status updates from Davis by written letters and telephone calls to Davis, all of which have gone unanswered.

4. NCS is unaware if Davis has collected on the six cases presented to him as he has failed to advise of the status on collection of any monies in the cases.

5. NCS filed a grievance with the Arkansas Supreme Court Office of Professional Conduct ("OPC") against Davis. Upon receipt of the grievance, OPC made several attempts to contact Davis and get an informal response to its investigation of the allegations made against Davis. The first attempt was by letter dated October 20, 2020. Davis acknowledged receipt of

that letter in writing on November 20, 2020, in which he asked for an extension of time to respond. The extension was granted. Davis failed to respond.

6. The second attempt at getting a response from Davis was by email sent on July 27, 2021. Again, Davis failed to respond.

7. The third attempt at getting a response from Davis was by phone call and email sent September 22, 2021. Davis and then Senior Staff Attorney for OPC had a phone conversation regarding his lack of response. Davis requested an email be sent again regarding the matter, which was done. Davis again failed to respond.

8. A search of Court Connect for each case shows Davis filed Complaints in the matters in 2019 but took no further action.

Upon consideration of the formal complaint and attached exhibit materials and the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, Panel B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct finds:

1. That Davis's conduct violated Rule 1.3 when he filed complaints in the six (6) subrogation cases assigned to him by NCS and failed to take any additional action in the cases since that time. Arkansas Rule 1.3 states a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

2. That Davis's conduct violated Rule 1.4(a)(3) when he failed to inform his client, NCS, of the status of the six (6) cases assigned to him to include whether he collected any funds on the client's behalf. Arkansas Rule 1.4(a)(3) states a lawyer shall keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter.

3. That Davis's conduct violated Rule 1.4(a)(4) when he failed to contact his client, NCS, after NCS made several attempts at contacting him by email and telephone. Arkansas Rule 1.4(a)(4) states a lawyer shall promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

4. That Davis's conduct violated Rule 8.1(b) when he failed to comply with OPC's multiple requests for a written response to the allegations made against him in the NCS grievance investigation. Arkansas Rule 8.1(b) states 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 a 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 B, that **STEVEN RAY DAVIS** Arkansas Bar ID #76029, has engaged in serious misconduct as defined by Section 17.B of the Procedures, and is hereby **Suspended from the practice of law for a period of sixty (60) days** for his conduct in this matter. Davis shall pay costs in this matter in the amount of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) in accordance with Section 18.A of the Procedures. The cost assessed herein totaling FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) 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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David P. Glover, Chair, Panel B

Date: 4/19/22