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RE: Grievance Complaint #09-0829, Zotov v. Paniotto

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, have reviewed the *Proposed Disposition Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b)* (hereinafter "*Proposed Disposition*") filed March 2, 2010, and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Proposed Disposition*, the *Affidavit* of the Respondent submitted pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(d) and the entire record of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on March 2, 2010, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Proposed Disposition*, a copy of which is attached hereto together with the *Affidavit* of the Respondent. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Proposed Disposition* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee. The Respondent is reprimanded.

Reviewing committee member William Carroll was not available for the hearing in this matter. Since both the Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent waived Mr. Carroll's participation, this decision was rendered by the undersigned.

So ordered.

cc: Vasily Zotov
Attorney Gregory Benoit

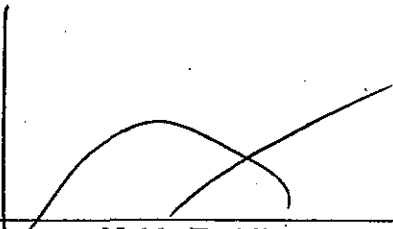
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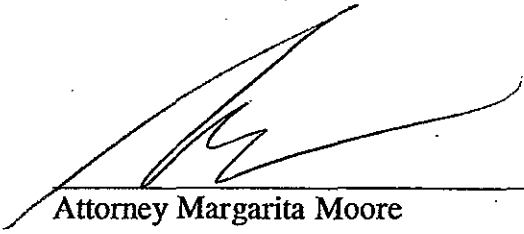
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VASILY ZOTOV

Complainant

GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #

v.

09-0829

DMITRY PANIOTTO

Respondent

PROPOSED DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO PRACTICE BOOK § 2-82(b)

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(b), and Practice Book § 2-82(a)(2), the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Dmitry Paniotto (hereinafter Respondent), juris number 421477, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on June 10, 2003 and has no disciplinary history.
2. The Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2010 and is currently in good standing.
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated September 16, 2009.

4. On January 13, 2010 the Windham Judicial District Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent violated Rules 1.2 (Scope of Representation and Allocation of Authority between Client and Lawyer), 1.5 (Fees) and 1.16(d) (Declining or Terminating Representation) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

5. The Respondent has tendered an affidavit pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d) attached hereto, and admits that he failed to have a written fee agreement with the Complainant and that this conduct violated Rule 1.5(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

6. The Respondent will ensure that written fee agreements are provided to clients at the time of engagement or within a reasonable time thereafter.

7. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that the Respondent will be reprimanded pursuant to Practice Book §2-37(a).

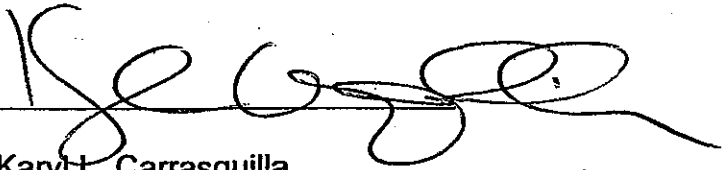
8. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that Disciplinary Counsel will recommend that the Statewide Grievance Committee impose the sanction set forth in this agreement.

WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82(b).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,

2/24/10

Date

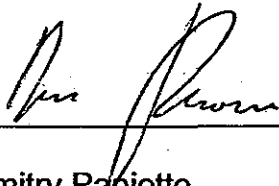


By: Karyl L. Carrasquilla

Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

02/18/10

Date



Dmitry Paniotto

Respondent

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

ss.

COUNTY OF)

I am over the age of 18 and believe in the obligation of an oath. Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d), I make the following affidavit:

1. The Proposed Disposition attached hereto and made a part hereof is voluntarily submitted.

2. I hereby consent to the form of disposition set out in the foregoing Proposed Disposition.

3. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this matter with the assistance of an attorney and I waive that right by entering into this agreement.

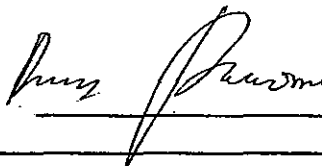
4. I have been neither subject to coercion nor duress and I am fully aware of the consequences of this Affidavit and Proposed Disposition.

5. I am aware of the current proceeding regarding my alleged violation of Rules 1.2, 1.5(a)(b) and 1.16(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

6. I admit that I did not have a written fee agreement with the Complainant and that this conduct violated Rule 1.5(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

7. I agree to a reprimand pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).

8. I understand Disciplinary Counsel will recommend that this matter be resolved by the imposition of the sanction set forth in the Proposed Disposition.



Paniotto

Dmitry

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Agustina Galvan, Notary Public

This 18th day of Feb, 2010



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Notary Public/Commissioner of the Superior Court

