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RE: Grievance Complaint #04-0677, Knapp v. Rodia

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline* (hereinafter “Conditional Admission”) filed June 9, 2005 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Conditional Admission*, the Affidavit of the Respondent submitted pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(c) and the entire record, and after conducting hearings pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on June 9, 2005 and September 8, 2005, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline*, a copy of which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee. The Respondent is reprimanded.

Reviewing committee member Attorney Jorene M. Couture was unavailable for the hearing on June 9, 2005. Since the Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent waived the participation of Attorney Couture in this matter, the decision was rendered by the undersigned.

So ordered.

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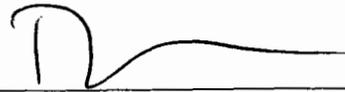
cc: Attorney Ira B. Grudberg  
Mr. William B. Knapp, III  
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DECISION DATE: 2/3/06

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Decision

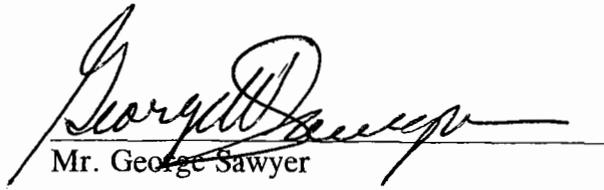
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Attorney Tracie Molinaro

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Mr. George Sawyer

**STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

NO. 04-0677

WILLIAM KNAPP  
Complainant

V.

JOHN RODIA  
Respondent

**CONDITIONAL ADMISSION AND AGREEMENT AS TO DISCIPLINE**

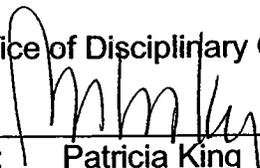
Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82, the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint filed by the Complainant local panel on July 5, 2004.
2. On June 7, 2004 the Grievance Panel for the Fairfield Judicial District found probable cause that the Respondent had violated Rules 1.4(a), Communication, 1.5(a) Unreasonable fee, and 1.15 Failure to provide an accounting, of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Practice Book § 2-32(a)(1) Failure to answer the grievance complaint in connection with his relationship with the Complainant in a suit against the Town of Stratford.
3. The Respondent has tendered a conditional admission of fact in accordance with his affidavit attached hereto, admitting certain of the material facts of the complaint.
4. Respondent and Complainant have participated in a voluntary mediation of the fee dispute aspect of the grievance, which was successful.
5. Respondent has been admitted to practice since 1998. He has no history of public discipline.

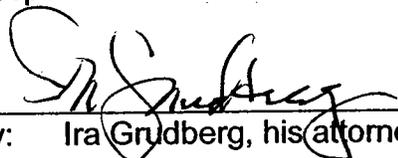
6. Respondent has agreed to accept a reprimand for his conduct.
7. Disciplinary Counsel has agreed to recommend to the Statewide Grievance Committee that the matter be resolved with the issuance of a reprimand.
8. A copy of the Conditional Admission and Affidavit, along with the proposed order has been sent to the Complainant, who is satisfied with the result and does not wish to travel to Connecticut for the hearing due to the financial hardship such a trip would present and the resolution of the fee dispute aspect of his complaint.

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

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Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
  
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By: Patricia King  
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

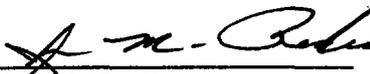
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Respondent John M. Rodia  
  
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By: Ira Grudberg, his attorney



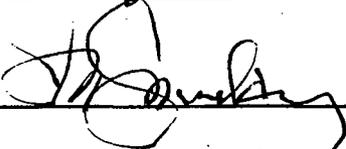
me seeking information about the fee.

8. I acknowledge that my conduct violated 1.4(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
7. I further acknowledge that I did not respond to the grievance complaint as quickly as I would have due to illness. I did send in a response dated August 18, 2004 to local panel counsel but my answer was evidently misplaced by the local panel counsel. A copy of that response is attached hereto.

  
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John M. Rodia

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

  
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Commissioner of the Superior Court