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RE: Grievance Complaint #04-0794, Deborah Eckley v. John F. O'Brien

Dear Chief 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 August 3, 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 of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on October 13, 2005 the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Conditional Admission*, a copy of which is attached hereto together with the *Affidavit* of the Respondent. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Conditional Admission* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee. The reviewing committee noted the Respondent's remorse and that it is unlikely that the situation will occur again. The Respondent is reprimanded.

Reviewing Committee member Attorney Shari Bornstein was not available for the October 13, 2005 hearing. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent waived the participation of Attorney Bornstein in the consideration and decision of the *Conditional Admission*. Accordingly, the matter was considered and decided by the undersigned.

So ordered.

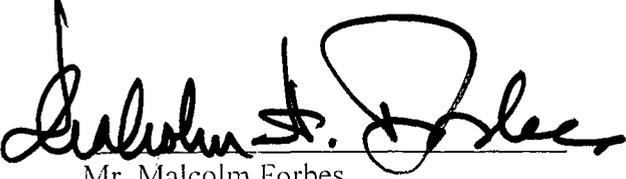
cc: Ms. Deborah Eckley
Attorney Hope C. Seeley
Attorney David H. Rivers

DECISION DATE: 12/9/05

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NO. 04-0794

DEBORAH ECKLEY
Complainant

Vs.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN
Respondent

CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT AS TO DISCIPLINE

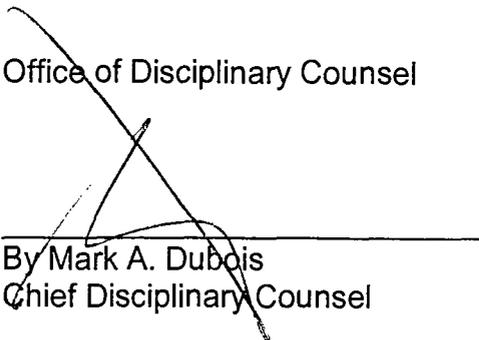
Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82, the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint filed by the Complainant, Deborah Eckley, on July 31, 2004.
2. On May 6, 2005, the Tolland Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent had violated Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct in connection with his representation of the Complainant.
3. The Respondent has tendered a conditional admission of fact that he engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.
4. The Respondent's conduct did not violate any criminal law.
5. The Complainant's motor vehicle case was not prejudiced or harmed during the course of the Respondent's representation of her between September 2002 and June 2003.
6. Respondent has been admitted to practice since 1986. He has no disciplinary history.
7. Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that the Respondent will be reprimanded for his conduct.
8. A copy of the Conditional Agreement and Affidavit was sent to the Complainant.
9. The Complainant has the right to comment upon the form of discipline in accordance with Practice Book Section 2-82 (d).

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

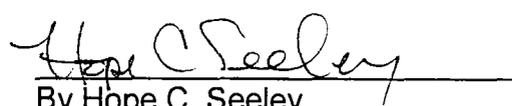
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By Mark A. Dubois
Chief Disciplinary Counsel

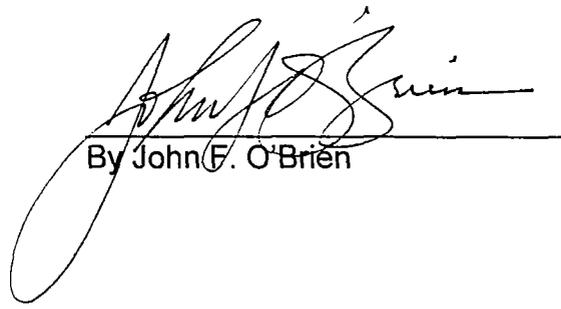
Respondent, John F. O'Brien

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By Hope C. Seeley
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Respondent, John F. O'Brien

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AFFIDAVIT AND CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

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

1. This Affidavit, the conditional admission set forth herein and the attached Conditional Agreement as to Discipline are each freely and voluntarily submitted; I am not being subjected to coercion or distress; and I am fully aware of the implications of this submission to the Statewide Grievance Committee.
2. I knowingly and intelligently waive my right to a full evidentiary hearing on the complaint against me by submitting this Affidavit and the Conditional Agreement as to Discipline.
3. I affirm the truth of the matters asserted in this Affidavit and knowingly and intelligently acknowledge and accept the form of discipline proposed in the Conditional Agreement as to Discipline that is filed with this Affidavit.
4. I acknowledge that the Local Grievance Panel found probable cause that I violated Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
5. I acknowledge that between September 2002 and June 2003, I represented the Complainant in a motor vehicle case pending in Geographical Area Nineteen Court in Rockville.
6. I agree that after a hearing a fact finder may reasonably conclude that I violated Rule 8.4(4) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and thereafter impose a harsher sanction than that which is contemplated in the Conditional Agreement.
7. I admit that my conduct in relation to the Complainant during October 2002 was unprofessional and is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

