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RE: Grievance Complaint 08-0185, Michael Bowler v. Frank Cannatelli

Dear Chief Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Disposition* (hereinafter "Conditional Admission") filed August 7, 2008 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 a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on August 7, 2008, 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 Respondent is ordered to take in person a total of two (2) hours of continuing legal education in legal ethics and in the requirements of properly maintaining a trust account and at least four (4) hours of accounting classes at his own expense within 6 months of the date of this decision. Respondent shall notify Disciplinary Counsel in writing within 15 days of completion of the required courses. As part of the (at least) four (4) hour accounting class training, Disciplinary Counsel will designate an attorney to meet with the Respondent at the Respondent's own expense to educate the respondent on proper use of his trust account. The designated attorney will contact the Respondent and use his/her discretion as to how often or how long to meet with the Respondent. The designated attorney will then report to Disciplinary Counsel upon completion of this task.

So ordered.

cc: Attorney Randall Chapnick  
Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo

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DECISION DATE: 8/21/08

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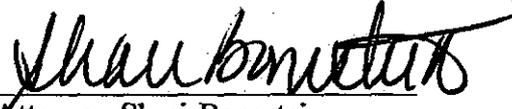
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**STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

NO. 08-0185

**MICHAEL BOWLER**  
Complainant

v.

**FRANK CANNATELLI**  
Respondent

**CONDITIONAL ADMISSION AND AGREEMENT AS TO DISPOSITION**

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

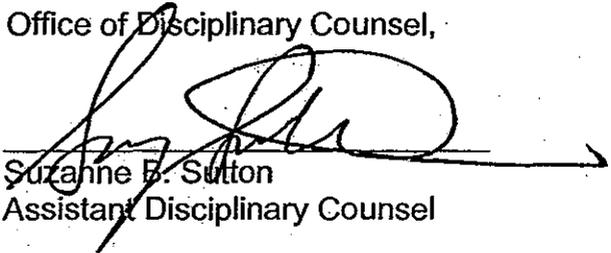
1. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint filed by the Complainant on February 26, 2008.
2. On June 9, 2008, the New Haven Judicial District Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent had violated Rule 1.15(b) and c) and 1.8(a),(e) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, Safekeeping of Property and Conflict of Interest, and Section 2-27 of the Practice Book in that the Respondent had commingled his own funds with client fund money, failed to properly maintain the client fund account and created a conflict of interest when he advanced his client funds from the client fund account.
3. The Respondent has tendered a conditional admission of fact in accordance with his affidavit attached hereto, admitting certain material facts of the complaint with regard to the above mentioned rule violations.

4. Respondent has been admitted to practice in Connecticut since 1988, and has no history of discipline.
5. The Respondent agrees to take a total of two (2) hours of Continuing Legal Education in legal ethics and in the requirements of properly maintaining a trust account and at least four (4) hours of accounting classes at his own expense within 6 months of the date of approval of this agreement. Respondent further agrees to notify the Disciplinary Counsel in writing within 15 days of completion of the required courses. Internet courses do not meet this CLE requirement.
6. As part of the (at least) four (4) hour accounting class training, Disciplinary Counsel will designate an attorney to meet with the Respondent at the Respondent's own expense to educate the respondent on proper use of his Trust Account. The designated attorney will contact the respondent and will use his discretion as to how often or how long to meet with the respondent. That designated attorney will then report to Disciplinary Counsel upon completion of this task.
7. The Respondent represents that he will never again advance client funds from his client fund account or use his Clients Funds account to pay any other personal or business related expenses.
8. The Respondent further represents that he will comply with all of the requirements found in Section 2-27 of the Practice Book in maintaining his client fund account.

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

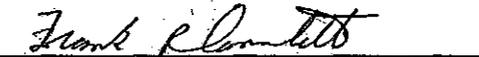
Office of Disciplinary Counsel,

7/22/08  
Date

By:   
Suzanne B. Sutton  
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

Respondent,

7-17-08  
Date

  
Frank Cannatelli

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

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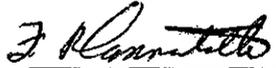
COUNTY OF New Haven

I am over the age of 18 and believe in the obligation of an oath.

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82, I make the following affidavit:

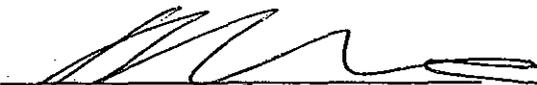
1. The Conditional Admission attached hereto and made a part hereof is voluntarily submitted.
2. I hereby consent to the form of disposition set forth in the attached Conditional Admission.
3. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this matter with the assistance of an attorney 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 Conditional Admission.
5. I am aware of the current proceeding regarding my alleged violation of Rules 1.15(b) and (c), and 1.8(a) and (e), of the Rules of Professional Conduct as they relate to my safekeeping of client property, commingling of client and personal funds and creating a conflict of interest with my client and Practice Book Section 2-27 as it relates to my failure to properly maintain my client fund account.
6. I acknowledge that there is clear and convincing evidence to prove material facts asserted in the probable cause findings that would lead to a finding that I violated the above-referenced Rules of Professional Conduct.

7. I understand that the imposition of the foregoing conditions constitutes a disciplinary sanction.
8. The Respondent agrees to take a total of two (2) hours of Continuing Legal Education in legal ethics and in the requirements of maintaining a trust account and at least four (4) hours of accounting classes at his own expense within 6 months of the date of approval of this agreement. Respondent further agrees to notify the Disciplinary Counsel in writing within 15 days of completion of the required course. Internet courses do not meet this CLE requirement. As part of the four (4) hour accounting class training, Disciplinary Counsel will designate an attorney to meet with the Respondent at the Respondent's own expense to educate the respondent on proper use of his Trust Account. The designated attorney will contact the respondent and will use his discretion as to how often or how long to meet with the respondent. That designated attorney will then report to Disciplinary Counsel upon completion of this task.
9. I understand that my failure to comply with all the terms and conditions stated herein will result in the filing of a new grievance complaint.

  
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Frank Cannatelli

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

  
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Notary Public RANDALL B. CIANFRICK  
Commissioner of the Superior Court