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RE: Grievance Complaint 08-0715, Loorand v. Bahrenburg

Dear First Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book Section 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 April 7, 2009 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 April 7, 2009, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Proposed Disposition*, a copy of which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the First 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 ordered to attend, in-person and at his own expense, two continuing legal education ("CLE") courses consisting of a minimum of three (3) credits hours each, the first in the area of Legal Ethics and the second in the area of Trust Administration, within one year of the issuance of this decision. On-line and "materials only" courses do not comply. The Respondent is further ordered to provide the Statewide Grievance Committee with written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within thirty (30) days of his completion of the CLE courses.

So ordered.

cc: Ingi-Mai Loorand
Attorney David Atkins
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DECISION DATE: 6/22/09

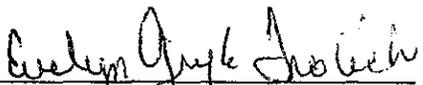
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INGI-MAI LOORAND
Complainant

v.

GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT
NO. 08-0715

JOHN CLAUDE BAHRENBURG
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. John Claude Bahrenburg (hereinafter Respondent), juris number 302663, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on November 15, 1984 and has no history of discipline.
2. Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2009 and is currently in good standing.
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated July 31, 2008.
4. On November 20, 2009, the Litchfield Judicial District Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent violated Rules 8.4(3) and 3.3(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Practice Book §§ 2-27(a) and 2-32(a)(1).
5. Respondent has stipulated to a finding of probable cause of a violation of Rule 1.8(a).
6. Disciplinary Counsel is satisfied that Respondent has shown good cause for his failure to file a response to the complaint, within the meaning of Practice Book § 2-32(a)(1).
7. Respondent has tendered an affidavit pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d) attached hereto, and although Respondent denies some or all of the material facts in the complaint, he acknowledges that there is sufficient evidence to prove by clear and convincing evidence the material facts constituting a violation of Rule 1.8(a) AND P.B.E. 2-27(a).

J.D. / cm

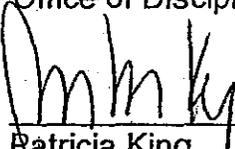
8. Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that Respondent will attend in-person and at his own expense two continuing legal education ("CLE") courses:
- i) one CLE course in Legal Ethics; *and*
 - ii) one CLE course that covers Trust Administration.

Online courses and materials only courses do not comply. Each CLE course is to consist of a minimum of 3 credit hours, and both are to be taken within one year of the approval of this agreement. Respondent will provide the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel with written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within 30 days of completion of each CLE course.

9. Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that Disciplinary Counsel will recommend that the Statewide Grievance Committee impose the sanction set forth in this agreement. If this agreement is rejected by the Statewide Grievance Committee, Disciplinary Counsel will pursue this matter at a contested hearing.
10. Respondent understands that this is a disciplinary sanction pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).

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

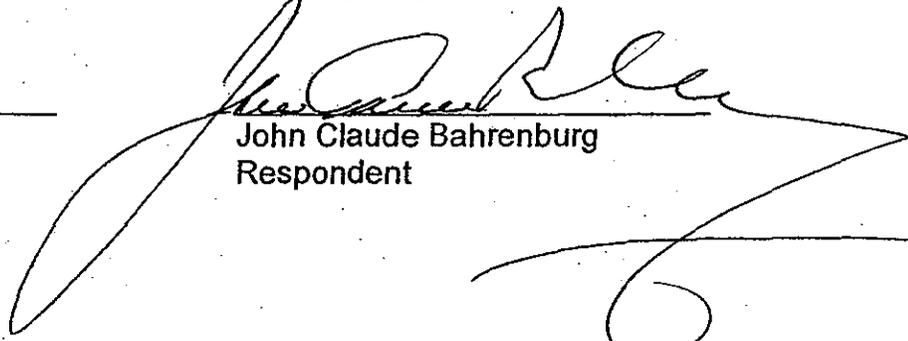
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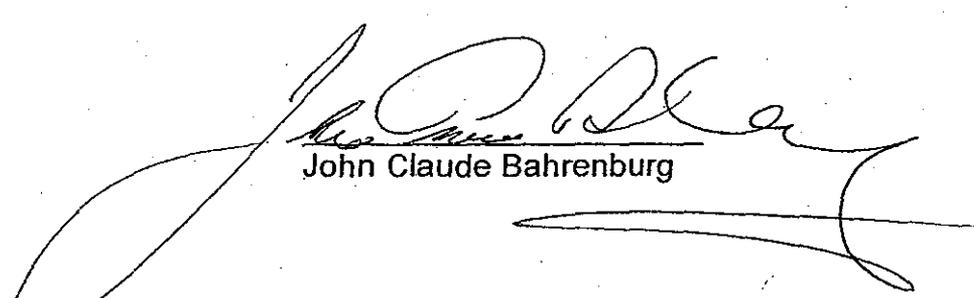
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John Claude Bahrenburg
Respondent

7. Although I deny some or all of the material facts alleged in the complaint, I acknowledge that there is sufficient evidence to prove by clear and convincing evidence the material facts constituting a violation of Rule 1.8(a) and PBE 2-270. 
8. I agree to attend in-person and at my own expense two continuing legal education ("CLE") courses:
- i) one CLE course in Legal Ethics; and
 - ii) one CLE course that covers Trust Administration.

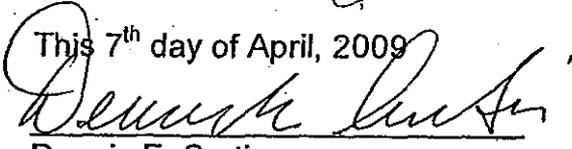
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9. I understand that Disciplinary Counsel will recommend that this matter be resolved by the imposition of the sanction set forth in the Proposed Disposition. If this agreement is rejected by the Statewide Grievance Committee, the Disciplinary Counsel will pursue this matter at a contested hearing.


John Claude Bahrenburg

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 7th day of April, 2009


Dennis E. Curtis
Commissioner of the Superior Court