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RE: Grievance Complaint #08-0955,
Ansonia/Milford Judicial District Grievance Panel v. Dimenstein

Dear Chief 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 *Disposition - Practice Book § 2-82(b)* (hereinafter "*Proposed Disposition*") filed March 13, 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 9, 2009, 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 Chief 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 a continuing legal education ("CLE") course in legal ethics. Online courses and material only courses do not comply. The CLE course is to consist of a minimum of three credit hours, and is to be taken within six months of the approval of this agreement. The Respondent is further ordered to provide the Statewide Grievance Committee with written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within thirty days of completion of the CLE course.

Reviewing committee member Attorney Frank Riccio, II was not available for the April 9, 2009 hearing. The Respondent's counsel did not waive the participation of Attorney Riccio in the consideration and decision of the *Proposed Disposition*. Accordingly, Attorney Riccio participated in the consideration and decision of the matter by review of the entire record, including the *Proposed Disposition*.

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So ordered.

cc: Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo
Attorney Richard Albrecht
Attorney Gail Kotowski

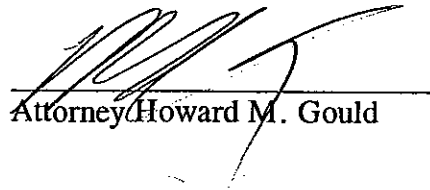
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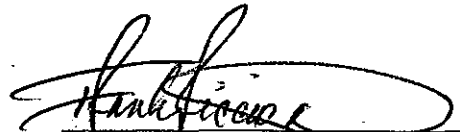
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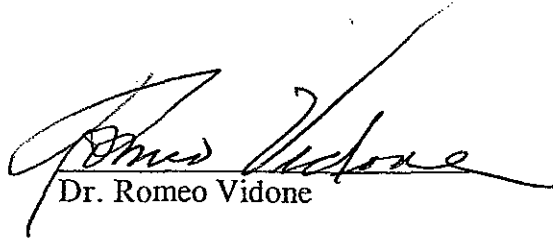
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**MIDDLETOWN REVIEWING
COMMITTEE**

DISPOSITION-PRACTICE BOOK § 2-82(b)

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

1. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint filed by the Complainant Panel on September 24, 2008.
2. On December 3, 2008 the Waterbury Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent had violated Rules 1.5(b), 1.7(a)(1) and (2) and 8.4(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct in connection with a real estate transaction where he represented both of the parties to the transaction and prepared a note and mortgage and other related documents to effect transfer of title and the placement of a mortgage. Later, it was learned that one of the parties was apparently not whom she had claimed to be but was, in fact, probably an impostor.
3. The Respondent has tendered an admission of fact in accordance with his affidavit attached hereto, admitting certain of the facts related to the complaint.
4. Respondent has been admitted to practice since 1957. He was disbarred in 1968 and reinstated in 1979.
5. As a disciplinary order, Respondent has agreed to accept an order of legal education in accordance with Practice Book 2-37(a)(5).

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6. The Respondent will attend in-person and at his own expense a continuing legal education ("CLE") course in professional responsibility or legal ethics. Online courses do not comply. The CLE course is to consist of a minimum of 3 credit hours, and is to be taken within six months of the approval of this agreement. The Respondent will provide the Statewide Grievance Committee written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within 30 days of completion of the CLE course.
7. Disciplinary Counsel has advised the Complainants of the disposition of this matter by notice to the panel counsel and any objection will be made known to the Reviewing Committee.

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

3/11/09
Date

Office of Disciplinary Counsel


By Mark A. Dubois
Chief Disciplinary Counsel


3/5/09
Date

Respondent Morton Dimenstein


Morton Dimenstein

3/6/09
Date

Respondent Morton Dimenstein


By Richard L. Albrecht, Esq.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

Ss: Milford

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 follow affidavit:

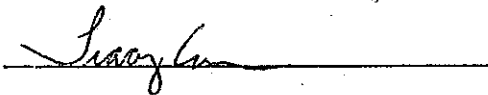
1. This Admission and is voluntarily submitted.
2. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this matter and I waive that right by entering into this agreement.
3. I have been neither subject to coercion nor duress and I am fully aware of the implications of this Affidavit and Admission.
4. I am aware of the current proceeding regarding my alleged violation of Rules 1.5(b), 1.7(a)(1) and (2) and 8.4(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct in connection with my representation of a former Wife and her former Husband in a conveyance from the former Wife to the former Husband of her residence to facilitate a refinance of the first mortgage to avoid a foreclosure and loss of the former Wife's residence. There was subsequently a claim by the former Wife that she was not the person who had come to my office and participated in the above described transaction, but that person was an imposter who forged her signature.

5. Although I contest these proceedings and believe I have not violated any Rule of Professional Conduct, I admit that my conduct could be found by a reasonable trier of fact to constitute a violation of one or more of the Rules of Professional Conduct of which I have been charged.
6. I agree to attend in-person and at my own expense a continuing legal education ("CLE") course in professional responsibility or legal ethics. Online courses do not comply. The CLE course is to consist of a minimum of 3 credit hours, and will be taken within six months of the approval of this agreement. I will provide the Statewide Grievance Committee written confirmation of my compliance with this condition within 30 days of completion of the CLE course.
8. I agree that this matter may be submitted to a reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee in accordance with Practice Book 2-82(b).


Morton Dimenstein

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 5th day of March, 2009.



Notary Public

Tracy Connors
My Commission Expires: 07/31/2012