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RE: Grievance Complaint 08-0788, Arpaia & Chiucarello v. Antonacci

Dear Assistant 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 "*Agreement*") filed January 2, 2009 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Agreement*, 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 January 14, 2009, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Agreement*, a copy of which is attached hereto together with the *Affidavit* of the Respondent. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Agreement* 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 consisting of a minimum of three (3) credit hours in legal ethics within six months of the date of this order. The Respondent is further ordered to provide written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within thirty (30) days of his completion of the CLE course.

So ordered.

cc: Anthony R. Arpaia
L. J. Chiucarello, Jr.
Attorney Gail Kotowski

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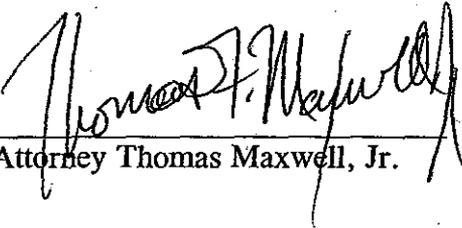


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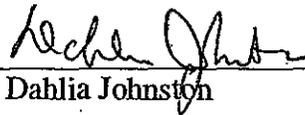


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STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

NO. 08-0788

**ANTHONY ARPAIA and
L.J. CHIUCARELLO, JR.**
Complainants

v.

RAYMOND J. ANTONACCI
Respondent

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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 Complainants on August 23, 2008.
2. On October 7, 2008, the Waterbury Judicial District Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent had violated Rule 1.3(Diligence), Rule 1.4(a)(Communication) and Rule 8.4(3)(Misconduct) in that Respondent failed to timely record a release of mortgage on the land records for the Complainants and to inform them of same. Further, it appears that the Respondent took an acknowledgment for the Complainants but was not present in the room when it was executed.
3. The Respondent admits that he failed to timely record a Release of Mortgage for the Complainants.
4. 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 violation of Rule 1.3(Diligence).

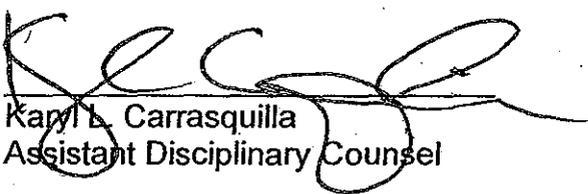
5. Respondent has been admitted to practice in Connecticut since 1974, and has no history of discipline.
6. The Respondent has made restitution in the amount of \$1153. to the Complainants.
7. The Respondent agrees to attend a total of three (3) hours of Continuing Legal Education in legal ethics within the next six months. Internet and "materials only" courses do not meet this CLE requirement. Respondent must notify Disciplinary Counsel in writing that this condition has been met within ten days of completion.
8. The Respondent understands that this is a Disciplinary Sanction and Condition pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-37 (a)(2)(5).
9. The Respondent represents that he is remorseful over his actions/inaction.

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,

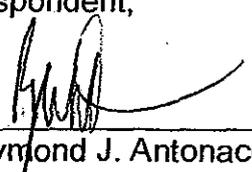
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By:


Karyl L. Carrasquilla
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

Respondent,

12/29/08
Date


Raymond J. Antonacci

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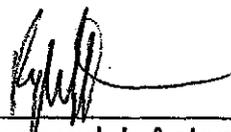
COUNTY OF *New Haven*) ss. *Waterbury*

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 and that I have the right to be represented by an attorney and I waive these rights 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 1.3 Diligence, 1.4 Communication and 8.4(3) Misconduct as they relate to my representation of Complainants in a release of a mortgage and a subsequent deed to the City of Waterbury.

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 Rule 1.3 of the Rules of Professional Conduct in that I failed to properly and timely record a release of mortgage for the Complainants.
7. I understand that the imposition of the foregoing conditions constitutes a disciplinary sanction.
8. I have refunded the Complainants fee of \$1153.
9. I agree to attend a total of three (3) hours of Continuing Legal Education in legal ethics within the next six months. Internet and "materials only" courses do not meet this CLE requirement. I agree to notify Disciplinary Counsel in writing that this condition has been met within ten days of completion.
10. I apologize to the Complainants for my actions/inaction.
11. I understand that my failure to comply with all of the terms and conditions stated herein will result in the filing of a new grievance complaint.



Raymond J. Antonacci

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 29 day of December, 2008.



Notary Public
Commissioner of the Superior Court