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RE: Grievance Complaint #09-0898, Joseph Celentano v. Jennifer Celentano

Dear Assistant 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 *Proposed Disposition Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(b)* (hereinafter "*Proposed Disposition*") filed April 14, 2010 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 14, 2010, a majority of 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 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 reprimanded.

Reviewing committee member Ms. Dahlia Johnston dissented from this decision.

So ordered.

cc: Mr. Joseph Celentano
Attorney Ronald Murphy
Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo

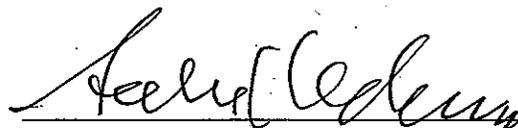
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Attorney Salvatore C. DePiano

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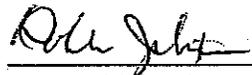
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Attorney Frank J. Riccio, II

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Ms. Dahlia Johnston

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Joseph Celentano
Complainant

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v.

Jennifer Celentano
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:

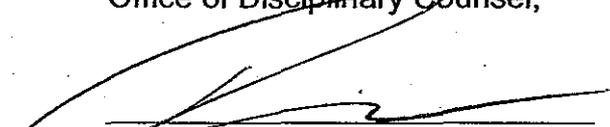
1. Jennifer Celentano (hereinafter Respondent), juris number 418968, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on 02/07/2001 and has no history of discipline.
2. The Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2010 and is currently in good standing.
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated 10/9/1009.
4. On 1/29/2010, the Grievance Panel for the Judicial District of New Haven for G.A. 7 and the Towns of Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, and North Branford found probable cause that the Respondent violated Rules 8.4(2), 8.4(3), and 8.4(4) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
5. The Respondent has tendered an affidavit pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d) attached hereto, and although the Respondent denies some or all of the material facts in the complaint, she acknowledges that there is sufficient evidence to prove by clear and convincing evidence the material facts constituting a violation of Rule 8.4(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
6. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that the Respondent will be reprimanded pursuant to Practice Book §2-37(a).
7. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree to dismiss allegations of violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(2) and 8.4(4)

8. The Respondent and the Disciplinary Counsel agree that the 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, the Disciplinary Counsel will pursue this matter at a contested hearing.

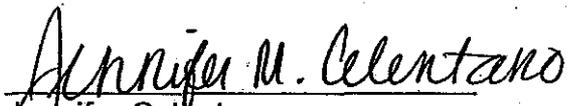
WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82(b).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,

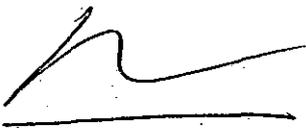
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By: Beth Baldwin
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

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Jennifer M. Celentano
Respondent

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Row Murphy
Counsel for Respondent

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AFFIDAVIT

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COUNTY OF *Fairfield* ^{ss.}

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

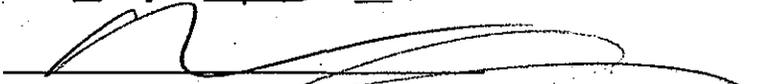
1. The Proposed Disposition attached hereto and made a part hereof is voluntarily submitted.
2. I hereby consent to the form of disposition set out in the foregoing Proposed Disposition.
3. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this matter with the assistance of an attorney 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 Proposed Disposition.
5. I am aware of the current proceeding regarding my alleged violation of Rules 8.4(2), 8.4(3), and 8.4(4) of the Rules of Professional.
6. 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 8.4(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

7. I agree to a reprimand pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
8. I understand 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.


Jennifer Celentano

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 4 day of April, 20 10


Notary Public/Commissioner of the Superior Court