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RE: GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #09-1134
BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF BRI vs. GARLASCO

Dear Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel:

Enclosed herewith is the decision of the reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee concerning the above referenced matter. In accordance with the Practice Book Sections 2-35, 2-36 and 2-38(a), the Respondent may, within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, submit to the Statewide Grievance Committee a request for review of the decision.

A request for review must be sent to the Statewide Grievance Committee at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael P. Bowler".

Michael P. Bowler

Encl.

cc: Attorney Gail S. Kotowski
Attorney Raymond J. Plouffe
BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF BRI



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RE: Grievance Complaint #09-1134, Town of Bridgewater v. Paul Garlasco

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Proposed Disposition Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b)* (hereinafter "*Proposed Disposition*") filed August 9, 2011 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 October 13, 2011, 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.

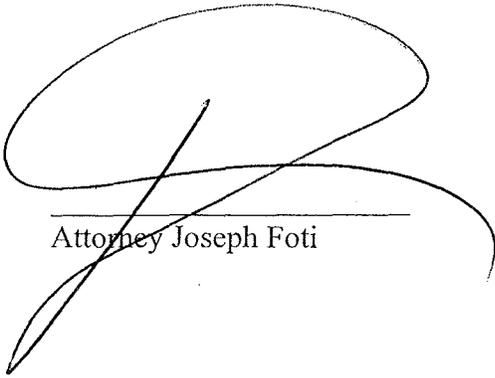
We order the Respondent to attend, in-person and at his own expense, a continuing legal education ("CLE") course in legal ethics. On-line courses and materials only courses do not comply. The course must cover Connecticut law. The CLE course is to consist of a minimum of three credit hours, and is to be taken within nine months of the approval of this agreement. The Respondent will provide the Statewide Grievance Committee with written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within thirty days of completion of the CLE course. So ordered.

cc: Attorney Fred Baker
Attorney Brendon Levesque
Attorney Raymond Plouffe
Attorney Gail Kotowski

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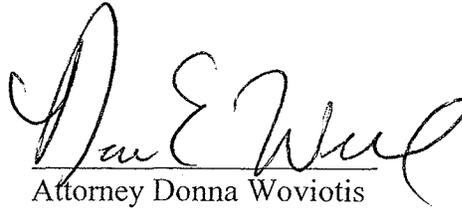
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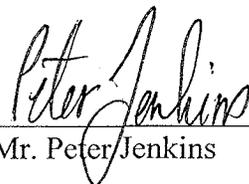


Attorney Donna Woviotis

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Mr. Peter Jenkins

STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN
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Complainant

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09-1134

v.

PAUL GARLASCO
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. Paul Garlasco (hereinafter Respondent), juris number 303250, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on May 16, 1985 and received a reprimand in January 2011.
2. The Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2011 and is currently in good standing.
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated December 29, 2009.
4. On March 25, 2010, the Litchfield Judicial District Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent violated Rules 3.1 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 admits that during the course of legal proceedings, and in

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asserting his position, he failed to exercise proper judgment as an attorney, in that he made some statements, which at the time made, did not have a sufficient basis in fact and that this conduct violated Rule 3.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

- 6. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that the Respondent will attend in-person and at his own expense a continuing legal education ("CLE") course in Legal Ethics. Online courses and materials only courses do not comply. The CLE course is to consist of a minimum of 3 credit hours, and is to be taken within nine months of the approval of this agreement. The Respondent will provide the Statewide Grievance Committee with written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within 30 days of completion of the CLE course.
- 7. The Respondent understands that this is a disciplinary sanction and condition pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
- 8. The Respondent further understands that his failure to comply with all of the terms of this condition will result in the filing of a presentment pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37 (c).
- 9. The 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, the Disciplinary Counsel will pursue this matter at a contested hearing.

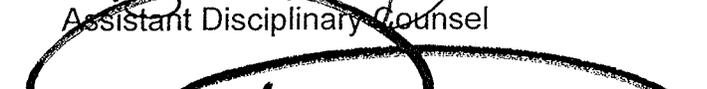
WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82(b).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,

Date 8/5/11

By: 
Karyl S. Carrasquilla
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

Date 7/29/11


Paul Garlasco
Respondent

Date 8/1/11


Raymond Prouffe, Jr.
Counsel for Respondent

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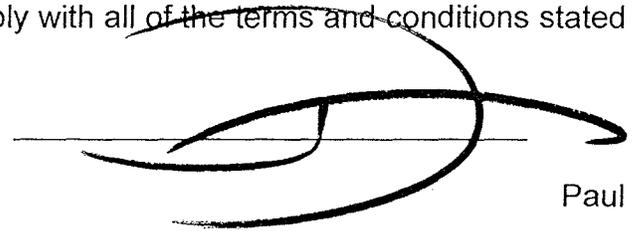
I am over the age of 18 and believe in the obligation of an oath. Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d), I make the following affidavit:

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 consulted with my attorney, Raymond Plouffe, Jr. regarding this matter and Proposed Disposition.
5. I have been neither subject to coercion nor duress and I am fully aware of the consequences of this Affidavit and Proposed Disposition.
6. I am aware of the current proceeding regarding my alleged violation of Rules 3.1 and 8.4(4) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
7. I admit that I failed to exercise proper judgment as an attorney during the course of legal proceedings with the Complainant and that in asserting my position, I made some statements which at the time made, did not have a sufficient basis in fact and that this conduct violated Rule 3.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
8. I agree to attend in-person and at my own expense a continuing legal education ("CLE") course in Legal Ethics. Online courses and materials only courses do not comply. The CLE course is to consist of a minimum of 3 credit hours, and is to be taken within nine months of the approval of this agreement. I understand and agree that it is my obligation to provide the Statewide Grievance Committee with written confirmation of my

compliance with this condition within 30 days of completion of the CLE course.

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.

10. I further understand that my failure to comply with all of the terms and conditions stated herein will result in a presentment.



Paul

Garlasco

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 27th day of July, 2011

Doreen F. Pilkington

Notary Public/~~Commissioner of the Superior Court~~

DOREEN F. PILKINGTON
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016