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CHARLES J RIETHER
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RE: GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #11-0284
JECUSCO vs. RIETHER

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 that reads "m.p. bowler".

Michael P. Bowler

Encl.

cc: Attorney J A. Rebollo
Attorney David A. Corbett
Melissa Jecusco

NOTICE REGARDING DECISION
SANCTIONS OR CONDITIONS.

GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT # 11-0284

THE ATTACHED DECISION IS PRESENTLY STAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRACTICE BOOK §§2-35 AND 2-38.

SECTION 2-35 STATES, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS:

(e) ... Enforcement of the final decision ... shall be stayed for thirty days from the date of the issuance to the parties of the final decision. In the event the respondent timely submits to the Statewide Grievance Committee a request for review of the final decision of the reviewing committee, such stay shall remain in full force and effect pursuant to Section 2-38(b).

SECTION 2-38 STATES, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS:

(b) ... Enforcement of a decision by a reviewing committee imposing sanctions or conditions against the respondent ... shall be stayed for thirty days from the issuance to the parties of the final decision of the reviewing committee pursuant to Section 2-35(g). If within that period the respondent files with the Statewide Grievance Committee a request for review of the reviewing committee's decision, the stay shall remain in effect for thirty days from the issuance by the Statewide Grievance Committee of its final decision pursuant to Section 2-36. If the respondent timely commences an appeal [of the sanctions or conditions to the Superior Court] pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, such stay shall remain in full force and effect until the conclusion of all proceedings, including all appeals, relating to the decision imposing sanctions or conditions against the respondent. If at the conclusion of all proceedings, the decision imposing sanctions or conditions against the respondent is rescinded, the complaint shall be deemed dismissed as of the date of the decision imposing sanctions or conditions against the respondent.

DECISION DATE: 3/2/12



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RE: Grievance Complaint #11-0284, Melissa Jecusco v. Charles J. Riether

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 December 15, 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 December 1, 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. The Respondent is reprimanded.

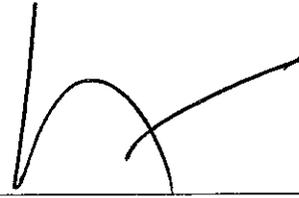
So ordered.

cc: Attorney David Corbett
Ms. Melissa Jecusco
Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo

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DECISION DATE: 3.2.12

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Attorney Noble F. Allen

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Attorney William J. O'Sullivan

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Mr. Patrick Sheridan

STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

MELISSA JECUSCO
Complainant

GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #
11-0284

v.

CHARLES J. RIETHER
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:

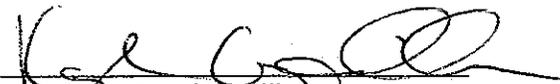
1. Charles J. Riether (hereinafter Respondent), juris number 102474 was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on April 30, 1984 and has no history of discipline.
2. The Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2011 and is currently in good standing
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated March 15, 2011.
4. On July 7, 2011 the Grievance Panel for the Judicial District of New Haven for G.A. 7 and the Towns of Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison and N. Branford found probable cause that the Respondent violated Rules 1.1, 1.2c, 1.3, 1.4(a)(2)(3), 1.16(d) and 8.4(3)(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 he failed to keep the Complainant reasonably informed about the status of her matter and that this conduct violated Rule 1.4(a)(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 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,

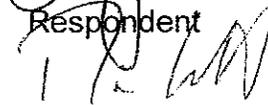
12/13/11
Date

By: 
Karyl L. Carrasquilla
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

12/7/11
Date


Charles J. Riether
Respondent

12/12/11
Date


David A. Corbett
Counsel for Respondent

STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

MELISSA JECUSCO
Complainant

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT :

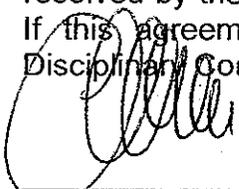
ss. North Haven

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(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 have discussed this matter and been advised by my attorney, David A. Corbett, regarding this Proposed Disposition.
6. I am aware of the current proceeding regarding my alleged violation of Rules of 1.1, 1.2c, 1.3, 1.4(a)(2)(3), 1.16(d) and 8.4(3)(4) the Rules of Professional Conduct.

7. I admit that I failed to keep the Complainant reasonably informed about the status of her matter and that this conduct violated Rule 1.4(a)(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
8. I agree to a reprimand pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
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.



Charles J. Riether

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 9th day of December, 2011

Janet A. Doerner

Notary Public/Commissioner of the Superior Court

JANET A. DOERNER
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 31, 2016