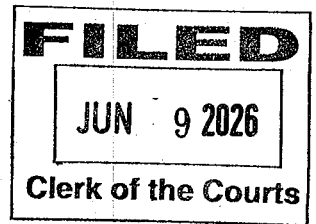


**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL B**



IN RE: Clinton Wade Lancaster, Respondent Attorney
Arkansas Bar No. 2011179
Case No. CPC-2025-033

FINDINGS AND ORDER

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Findings and Order is based arose from information provided to the Committee by Pat Henderson on September 16, 2024. The information related to the representation of Henderson by Respondent from August 2022 through May 2023.

1. Clinton Wade Lancaster (Lancaster) is licensed by the Supreme Court of Arkansas, and has been assigned Arkansas Bar No. 2011179.
2. In August 2022, Henderson retained Lancaster as legal counsel in case 60CV-21-4674.
3. On or about September 13, 2021, the opposing party filed a First Amended Verified Complaint.
4. On or about February 1, 2022, the Court entered a Default Judgment in favor of the opposing party because Lancaster did not timely file an Answer by the due date of October 4, 2021.
5. On or about September 9, 2022, the opposing party filed a Motion for Summary Judgment.
6. On or about January 3, 2023, the Court granted the opposing party's Motion for Summary Judgment because Lancaster failed to timely respond.

7. On or about January 3, 2023, the Court entered in favor of the Jill Tausch, Chip Tausch, and LMT Constructors, LLC, for \$23,157.18 with a pre-judgment interest of \$1,907.14. The Court also entered in favor of Henderson-Tausch, LLC for \$18,278.30 with a pre-judgment interest of \$1,503.33.

8. On or about February 9, 2023, the Court awarded the opposing party \$20,661.00 in attorney's fees.

9. On or about January 24, 2022, August 1, 2022, August 3, 2022, August 4, 2022, September 16, 2022, November 2, 2022, and February 6, 2023, Henderson unsuccessfully attempted to contact Lancaster.

10. Henderson remained generally uninformed about the status of his case until on or about March 21, 2023, when counsel for the opposing party sent him a letter.

11. On or about May 19, 2023, Henderson paid the court \$62,096.48, the total award of the judgment and attorney's fees.

12. On or about September 16, 2024, Henderson submitted a grievance to the Office of Professional Conduct (OPC).

13. On or about September 24, 2025, the OPC sent an email to Lancaster, which requested a response by October 8, 2025.

14. On or about October 8, 2025, Lancaster requested an extension for his response. Lancaster stated that Jennifer Lancaster, his wife, was impeding his access to files in their practice management software.

15. On or about October 8, 2025, Jennifer Lancaster informed the OPC that Lancaster remained an administrator of their shared case management software and denied restricting his access to files.

16. On or about October 9, 2025, OPC granted Lancaster an extension until October 15, 2025.

17. On or about October 15, 2025, Lancaster submitted his response.

18. Lancaster stated that he was unable to review Henderson's file.

19. Lancaster misrepresented that the complaint was filed in 2020 and that the events occurred five years ago.

20. The complaint was filed in 2021.

21. Lancaster stated that he could not recall the events alleged by Henderson and did not retain records of calls and emails.

22. Lancaster admitted that the case was too complex for him to handle.

23. Lancaster admitted that he failed to file the Answer to the Amended Complaint timely.

24. On or about November 10, 2025, Respondent was served with a formal complaint, supported by an affidavit from Pat Henderson.

25. On or about December 15, 2025, Respondent filed an Answer to Complaint, Motion to Dismiss, and Waiver of Service.

Upon consideration of the formal complaint and attached exhibit materials, the response to it, and other matters before it, and the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, Panel B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct finds:

A. The conduct of Lancaster, as set forth in the formal complaint, violated **Rule 1.1** when he lacked the legal knowledge to represent Henderson and failed to be prepared for filing deadlines. **Arkansas Rule 1.1** requires that a lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.

B. The conduct of Lancaster, as set forth in the formal complaint, violated **Rule 1.3** when he failed to file timely responses to the First Amended Complaint and Motion for Summary Judgement. **Arkansas Rule 1.3** requires that a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

C. The conduct of Lancaster, as set forth in the formal complaint, violated **Rule 1.4(a)(3)** when he failed to keep Henderson informed about the status of the case and failed to communicate with Henderson. **Arkansas Rule 1.4(a)(3)** requires that a lawyer shall keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter.

D. The conduct of Lancaster, as set forth in the formal complaint, violated **Rule 1.19(b)** when he failed to maintain Henderson's file for five years after the conclusion of the representation. **Arkansas Rule 1.19(b)** provides that a lawyer shall take reasonable steps to maintain the client's file in paper or electronic format for five years after the conclusion of the representation in a matter.

E. The conduct of Lancaster, as set forth in the formal complaint, violated **Rule 8.4(d)** when his failure to timely file responses resulted in summary judgment for the opposing party. **Arkansas Rule 8.4(d)** provides that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

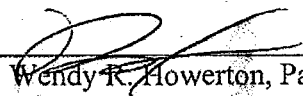
WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel B, that Clinton Wade Lancaster, Arkansas Bar Number 2011179, be, and hereby is, CAUTIONED for his conduct in this matter.

In assessing the sanction, the Panel finds that the attorney's prior disciplinary record was a factor.

The Panel further assesses a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00), and costs of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00).

The fine and costs assessed herein totaling TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$2,650.00) shall be payable by cashier's check or money order payable to the "Clerk, Arkansas Supreme Court" delivered to the Office of Professional Conduct within thirty (30) days of the date this Findings and Order is filed of record with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

By: _____
Wendy R. Howerton, Panel Chair

Date: 5/6/26