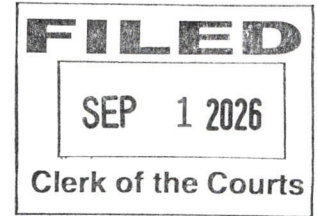


**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL A**



IN RE: Brian Lee Campbell, Respondent Attorney
 Arkansas Bar No. 2007069
 Case No. CPC-2025-039

FINDINGS AND ORDER

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Findings and Order is based arose from information provided to the Committee by Melba Ferguson (Ferguson).

On January 17, 2026, the Respondent, Brian Lee Campbell (Campbell), was served with a formal complaint, supported by affidavit from Ferguson. Respondent failed to file a response to the complaint, which failure to timely respond, pursuant to Section 9.C(4) of the Procedures, constitutes an admission of the factual allegations of the formal complaint and extinguishes Respondent's right to a public hearing.

1. Campbell is licensed by the Supreme Court of Arkansas and has been assigned Arkansas Bar No. 2007069.

2. On or about March 9, 2023, Ferguson consulted with and subsequently retained Campbell for legal services. Campbell agreed to prepare a Last Will and Testament for Ferguson and her husband, and file it with the Benton County Recorder's Office.

3. On or about March 9, 2023, Ferguson paid Campbell \$1,500.00.

4. On or about March 9, 2023, Ferguson and Campbell discussed what materials Campbell required from Ferguson.

5. On or about March 20, 2023, Ferguson met with Campbell in his office.

6. On or about March 24, 2023, Ferguson expected a phone call from Campbell but did not receive one. Ferguson sent Campbell a follow-up text message.

7. On or about March 30, 2023, Ferguson texted Campbell again due to his failure to respond to her March 24, 2023, text message.

8. On or about March 31, 2023, Campbell responded to Ferguson's text messages and requested a copy of her drafted probate documents.

9. On or about June 7, 2023, Ferguson and her husband signed their Last Will and Testament at Campbell's office. Campbell's wife and brother served as witnesses. Campbell's wife, Stephanie Campbell (Stephanie), also notarized the documents. Ferguson did not receive a copy of her signed and notarized Last Will and Testament.

10. On or about July 23, 2024, Ferguson contacted Campbell by text message to request a filed copy of her Last Will and Testament. She did not receive a response.

11. On or about August 22, 2024, Ferguson contacted the Benton County Recorder's Office and was informed that her Last Will and Testament had not been filed.

12. On or about August 26, 2024, Ferguson sent Campbell a text message again and requested Campbell to file a copy of her Last Will and Testament at the Benton County Recorder's Office.

13. On or about August 28, 2024, September 6, 2024, October 5, 2024, and October 8, 2024, Ferguson sent Campbell follow-up text messages.

14. On or about August 30, 2024, Ferguson sent Stephanie a message through Facebook Messenger requesting that Stephanie reach out to Campbell on Ferguson's behalf. Stephanie informed Ferguson that her message was relayed to Campbell and he would reach out to Ferguson.

15. On or about September 12, 2024, Ferguson reached out again to Stephanie because she had not yet heard from Campbell. She did not receive a response.

16. After Ferguson signed her probate documents, all her attempts to contact Campbell unsuccessful because he did not return phone calls, text messages, or emails, and he was not present at his office.

17. On or about June 16, 2025, Ferguson submitted a grievance to the Office of Professional Conduct (OPC).

18. On or about November 3, 2025, the OPC sent an email to Campbell for another matter, which requested a response by November 17, 2025.

19. On or about November 14, 2025, the OPC sent a follow-up email to Campbell to confirm receipt of the November 3, 2025, email.

20. On or about November 20, 2025, the OPC sent another email to Campbell, which requested that he acknowledge receipt and informed him of Ferguson's grievance.

21. On or about December 1, 2025, the OPC sent an email to Campbell with Ferguson's grievance attached. It requested an acknowledgement of receipt by the end of the business day.

22. On or about November 19, 2025, and November 24, 2025, the OPC made repeated attempts to contact Campbell by phone.

23. To date, the OPC received no response from Campbell and was unable to contact him.

24. On or about November 26, 2025, Ferguson's husband noticed Campbell was at his office. Ferguson's husband spoke with Campbell and was told that their will was "probably in storage somewhere."

25. To date, Ferguson did not receive a copy of her probate documents, and they were not filed at the Benton County Recorder's Office.

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

A. The conduct of Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 1.2 (a)** when he failed to file Ferguson's Last Will and Testament with the Benton County Recorder's Office as agreed when he was retained. **Arkansas Rule 1.2 (a)** requires that a lawyer shall abide by a client's decisions concerning the objectives of representation, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d), and, as required by Rule 1.4, shall consult with the client as to the means by which they are to be pursued.

B. The conduct of Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 1.3** when he failed to promptly file Ferguson's Last Will and Testament, which was signed and notarized on June 7, 2023, and failed to provide a copy to Ferguson, resulting in an unreasonable delay. **Arkansas Rule 1.3** requires that a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

C. The conduct of Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 1.4(a)(3)** when he failed to respond to Ferguson's requests for status updates. **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 Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 1.4(a)(4)** when he failed to timely respond to Ferguson's communications, failed to acknowledge receipt of Ferguson's requests, and failed to advise Ferguson when a response may be expected. **Arkansas Rule 1.4(a)(4)** requires that a lawyer shall promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

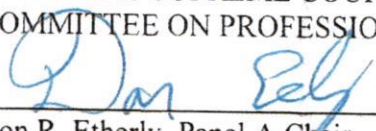
E. The conduct of Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 8.1(b)** when he failed to respond to OPC's request for a response. **Arkansas Rule 8.1(a)** provides that an applicant for admission to the bar, or a lawyer in connection with a bar admission application or in connection with a disciplinary matter, shall not: (a) knowingly make a false statement of material fact; or (b) fail to disclose a fact necessary to correct a misapprehension known by the person to have arisen in the matter, or knowingly fail to respond to a lawful demand for information from an admissions or disciplinary authority, except that this rule does not require disclosure of information otherwise protected by Rule 1.6.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel A, that Brian Lee Campbell, Arkansas Bar Number 2007069, be, and hereby is, **CAUTIONED** for his conduct in this matter.

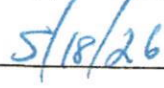
The Panel further assesses a fine of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,000.00), costs of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$150.00), and orders the Respondent to pay restitution to Melba Ferguson in the amount of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,500.00).

The fine, restitution, and costs assessed herein totaling TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (**\$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



Don R. Etherly, Panel A Chair



Date