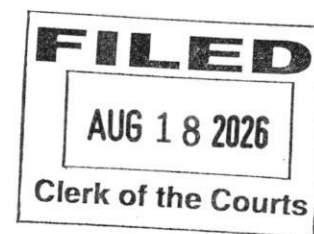


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**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL A**



IN RE: Brian Lee Campbell, Respondent Attorney
 Arkansas Bar No. 2007069
 Case No. CPC-2026-008

FINDINGS AND ORDER

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

On January 17, 2026, the Respondent, Brian Lee Campbell (Campbell), was served with a formal complaint, supported by affidavit from Bartlett. 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 July 18, 2023, Bartlett consulted with and subsequently retained Campbell to handle three adoption matters for a fee of \$1,300.00. Bartlett paid Campbell that same day via PayPal.

3. On or about July 20, 2023, Campbell emailed Bartlett documents and requested that Bartlett complete and return them.

4. On or about July 20, 2023, Bartlett completed the documents and submitted them to Campbell via email.

5. For the following two weeks, Campbell communicated with Bartlett about the status of his case until communications ceased.

6. In October 2023, Bartlett drove an hour from his residence to Campbell's office. Because Campbell was not there, Bartlett left a note on the door.

7. In 2024, Bartlett consulted with three other attorneys and was informed by each that \$1,300.00 is below the customary fee for three adoptions.

8. On or about June 25, 2024, Bartlett sent Campbell a letter by certified mail which requested him to contact Bartlett. It was not accepted and was returned to Bartlett in July 2024.

9. Bartlett has been unable to contact Campbell since August 2023.

10. On or about July 24, 2024, Bartlett filed a grievance with the Office of Professional Conduct (OPC).

11. On or about November 3, 2025, the OPC sent Campbell an email requesting a response by November 17, 2025, and an acknowledgement of receipt of the email.

12. On or about November 14, 2025, the OPC sent Campbell a follow-up email requesting acknowledgment of receipt.

13. On or about November 20, 2025, the OPC sent another email to an email address associated with Campbell.

14. On or about November 24, 2025, the OPC attempted to contact Campbell by phone but was unable to reach him.

15. On or about December 1, 2025, the OPC sent another email to Campbell requesting a response.

16. To date, the OPC has been unable to communicate with Campbell.

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 1.3** when he failed to either act in Bartlett's case or take corrective measures such as withdrawing and transmitting a refund to Bartlett. **Arkansas Rule 1.3** requires that a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

B. The conduct of Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 1.4(a)(3)** when he failed to communicate with Bartlett about the status of his case. **Arkansas Rule 1.4(a)(3)** requires that a lawyer shall keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter.

C. The conduct of Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 1.4(a)(4)** when he failed to respond to Bartlett's reasonable requests for information. **Arkansas Rule 1.4(a)(4)** requires that a lawyer shall promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

D. 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 information. **Arkansas Rule 8.1(b)** provides that a lawyer in connection with a disciplinary matter shall not knowingly fail to respond to a lawful demand for information from an admissions or disciplinary authority, except for information otherwise protected by Rule 1.6.

E. The conduct of Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 8.4(c)** when he failed to complete the services for which he was retained after accepting payment from Bartlett. **Arkansas Rule 8.4(c)** provides that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

F. The conduct of Campbell, as set forth in the attached Exhibits, violated **Rule 8.4(d)** when his failure to communicate with his client caused an unnecessary delay in his case. **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 A, that Brian Lee Campbell, Arkansas Bar Number 2007069, be, and hereby is, **REPRIMANDED** for his conduct in this matter.

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

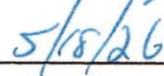
The Panel further assesses a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$2,500.00), costs of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$150.00), and orders the Respondent to pay restitution to Kris Bartlett in the amount of ONE THOUSAND THREE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,300.00).

The fine, restitution, and costs assessed herein totaling THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (**\$3,950.00**) 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