

**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	:	No. 211 DB 2015
Petitioner	:	
	:	C1-13-1069
v.	:	
	:	Attorney Registration No. 50365
CALVIN TAYLOR, JR.	:	
Respondent	:	(Philadelphia)

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Calvin Taylor, Jr., you stand before the Disciplinary Board, your professional peers and members of the public for the imposition of a Public Reprimand. It is an unpleasant task to publicly reprimand one who has been granted the privilege of membership in the bar of this Commonwealth. Yet as repugnant as this task may be, it has been deemed necessary that you receive this public discipline.

Mr. Taylor, you are being reprimanded today for your conduct involving the unauthorized practice of law. By Order dated April 6, 2011, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania approved a Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent, which resulted in your six-month suspension from the practice of law for engaging in unauthorized practice while on administrative suspension for failing to take the required Continuing Legal Education courses. As a result of the Joint Petition and resulting suspension, you knew that by July 1 of every year, it was necessary to pay the annual fee and to file the PA Attorney's Annual Fee Form in order to maintain an active law license. Furthermore, you knew that your failure to comply with the Continuing Legal Education requirements or to pay the annual fee and to file the fee form would result in your removal from active status and placement on administrative suspension.

On or about May 15, 2013, you received the 2013-2014 Fee Form from the Attorney Registration Office and a postcard reminder from that Office at the end of June 2013, to complete the fee form. You failed to complete and return the 2013-2014 fee form with the annual fee to the Attorney Registration Office by July 1, 2013. You were administratively suspended by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated September 18, 2013, effective October 18, 2013. A certified letter informing you of your administrative suspension was sent to you by the Attorney Registrar, dated September 18, 2013. Although you were notified of the certified mail by the Post Office, you failed to retrieve the letter. The Post Office returned the letter to the Attorney Registration Office as "UNCLAIMED"; the Registration Office received that letter on about October 22, 2013. The letter was resent and you received it on October 25, 2013.

During the time frame of October 18, 2013 to the date you received the letter, you engaged in the unauthorized practice of law when you served as an arbitrator on October 18, 2013, represented a client at a sentencing on October 21, 2013, and advised another client to waive her preliminary hearing on October 22, 2103. After receiving the letter, you notified the Disciplinary Board by letter of October 30, 2013 that, among other things, you had not known you were administratively suspended, that upon learning of your status, you informed your clients of the suspension and advised them that you could not represent them until you were back in good standing, and you admitted violating the rules. On November 12, 2013, you were reinstated to active status.

Your conduct in this matter has violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement:

1. RPC 5.5(a) - A lawyer shall not practice in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction or assist another in doing so.
2. RPC 7.1 – A lawyer shall not make a false or misleading communication about the lawyer or the lawyer’s services. A communication is false or misleading if it contains a material misrepresentation of fact or law, or omits a fact necessary to make the statement considered as a whole not materially misleading.
3. RPC 8.4(d) – It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.
4. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) – Willful violation of any other provision of the Enforcement Rules shall be grounds for discipline, via:
 - a. Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(3) - A formerly admitted attorney may have direct communication with a client or third party regarding a matter being handled by the attorney only if the communication is limited to ministerial matters.
 - b. Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(4) – A formerly admitted attorney is specifically prohibited from engaging in any of the following activities:
 - i. (iii) – performing any law-rated services for any client who in the past was represented by the formerly admitted attorney;

- ii. (iv) – representing himself as a lawyer or person of similar status;
- iii. (v) – having any contact with clients either in person, by telephone, or in writing, except as provided in paragraph (3);
- iv. (vi) – rendering legal consultation or advice to a client;
- v. (vii) – appearing on behalf of a client in any hearing or proceeding or before any judicial officer, arbitrator, court, public agency, referee, magistrate, hearing officer or any other adjudicative person or body;
- vi. (viii) – appearing as a representative of the client at a deposition or other discovery matter;
- vii. (ix) – negotiating or transacting any matter for or on behalf of a client with third parties or having any contact with third parties regarding such a negotiation or transaction.

You have a history of discipline, as noted earlier, in that you were suspended for a period of six months in 2011 for similar misconduct.

Mr. Taylor, your conduct in this matter is now fully public. This Public Reprimand is a matter of public record.

As you stand before the Board today, we remind you that you have a continuing obligation to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement. This Public Reprimand is proof that Pennsylvania lawyers will not be permitted to engage in conduct that falls below professional standards. Be mindful that any future dereliction will subject you to disciplinary action.

This Public Reprimand shall be posted on the Disciplinary Board's website at www.padisciplinaryboard.org.




Designated Member
The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Administered by a designated panel of three Members of The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 14, 2016.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned, Respondent in the above proceeding, herewith acknowledges that the above Public Reprimand was administered in his presence and in the presence of the designated panel of The Disciplinary Board at the District I Office located at 1601 Market Street, Suite 3320, Philadelphia, PA on April 14, 2016.



Calvin Taylor, Jr.