

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 4 DB 2022  
Petitioner :  
 : File No. C3-20-554  
v. :  
 : Attorney Registration No. 87739  
WILLIAM E. VINSKO, JR. :  
Respondent : (Luzerne County)

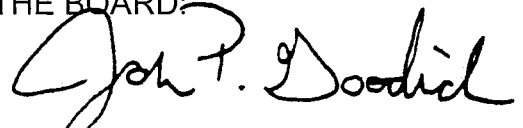
ORDER

AND NOW, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, in accordance with Rule 208(a)(5), Pa.R.D.E., the determination by a Review Panel of the Disciplinary Board of the above captioned matter is accepted; and it is

ORDERED that the said WILLIAM E. VINSKO, JR. be subjected to a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** by the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as provided in Rule 204(a) and Rule 205(c)(8) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

Costs shall be paid by the Respondent.

BY THE BOARD:



Board Chair

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Attest:



Marcee D. Sloan, Board Prothonotary  
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**PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

William E. Vinsko, Jr., you appear before the Disciplinary Board for the imposition of a Public Reprimand ordered by the Board on January 18, 2022. It is an unpleasant task to publicly reprimand one who has been granted the privilege of membership in the bar of the Commonwealth. Yet as repugnant as this task may be, it has been determined necessary that you receive this public discipline.

Mr. Vinsko, the record demonstrates that on June 6, 2019, Carmella Yenkevich retained you to represent Castle Auditorium in a civil matter arising out of a breach of a lease agreement by Hazleton Area School District. During your representation, you delayed making filings to move forward with litigation despite multiple requests by Ms. Yenkevich. You also failed to respond to Ms. Yenkevich's attempts at communication on numerous occasions and failed to provide documents and information when requested. Ms. Yenkevich ultimately obtained new counsel and requested a refund. In September 2020, you sent Ms. Yenkevich a refund and withdrew from the case. You apologized to Ms. Yenkevich and Castle Auditorium and acknowledged that you should have taken action sooner and that your dilatory conduct allowed the Hazleton Area School District to unnecessarily prolong the dispute at issue.

By your conduct, you violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC"):

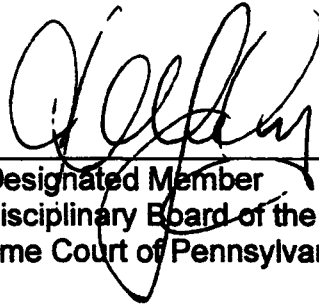
1. RPC 1.1 – A lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.
2. RPC 1.3 – A lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.
3. RPC 1.4(a)(2), (3), and (4) – A lawyer shall reasonably consult with the client about the means by which the client's objectives are to be accomplished; keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter; and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.
4. RPC 1.4(b) – A lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.
5. RPC 3.2 – A lawyer shall make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interests of the client.

We note that you have a history of discipline consisting of a Public Reprimand imposed in 2019 and an Informal Admonition imposed in 2020. Your record of discipline is troubling and should serve as notice to you that you must conduct your practice within the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Vinsko, your conduct in this matter is public. This Public Reprimand is a matter of public record and shall be posted on the Disciplinary Board's website at

[www.padisciplinaryboard.org](http://www.padisciplinaryboard.org)

It is the Board's duty to reprimand you for your misconduct. Any subsequent violations on your part can only result in further discipline and perhaps more severe sanctions. We sincerely hope that you will conduct yourself in such a manner that future disciplinary action will be unnecessary.



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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 on March 4, 2022.