

**ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND**

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MARIANNE J. LEE, ESQUIRE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

June 29, 2018

Gregory J. Milton, Esquire
9701 Apollo Drive
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Largo, MD 20774

RE: BC Docket No. 2015-1652
Complainant: Deborah Braun

Dear Mr. Milton:

The Attorney Grievance Commission, at its meeting on June 20, 2018, approved the proposed Reprimand agreed upon by you and Bar Counsel and directed that this letter of Reprimand be administered to you.

Pursuant to Maryland Rule 19-717, the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland hereby reprimands Gregory J. Milton, Esquire, Respondent, for engaging in professional misconduct that violated Rules 1.3, 1.4, and Rule 19-308.1(b) of the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct, as then enacted.

On or about May 21, 2014, the Complainant, Deborah Braun, retained the Respondent to represent her in two matters that were then pending in the District Court for St. Mary's County; a replevin action in which she was the plaintiff and a criminal action. Ms. Braun agreed to pay the Respondent an hourly rate of \$125.00. The Respondent entered his appearance in both matters on behalf of Ms. Braun. In July 2014, the Respondent learned that the trial in Ms. Braun's replevin action had been scheduled for September 10, 2014. The Respondent informed Ms. Braun that due to a scheduling conflict, he could not attend trial that day. In August 2014, Ms. Braun informed the Respondent that she could not attend the September 10, 2014 trial date due to a recent surgery. On September 9, 2014, the day before trial was scheduled to begin, the Respondent filed a motion for postponement. That same day, the court denied the motion for postponement. On September 10, 2014, neither the Respondent nor Ms. Braun appeared for trial, and the court dismissed Ms. Braun's replevin action with prejudice. Prior to the dismissal, the Respondent negotiated with opposing counsel for the return of all of Ms. Braun's property. Throughout the pendency of the representation in both

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matters, Ms. Braun paid the Respondent \$2,400.00. The Respondent failed to send Ms. Braun a billing invoice, or otherwise communicate to her how he disbursed her funds.

On July 10, 2015, Ms. Braun filed a complaint against the Respondent with Bar Counsel. During the course of the investigation, Bar Counsel requested from the Respondent a copy of Ms. Braun's client ledger, required to be maintained by then Maryland Rule 16-606.1. While the Respondent acknowledged Bar Counsel's request, he failed to provide the ledger requested.

The Maryland Rules provide that a reprimand constitutes discipline which is public and open to inspection. Bar Counsel will be providing a copy of this letter to the Complainant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marianne J. Lee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marianne J. Lee
Executive Secretary

MJL/sg

cc: Paul F. Kemp, Esquire
Jennifer L. Thompson, Esquire

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