

ATTACHMENT 16

William W. Cobb
425 Jones Road
East Burke, VT 05832
william.cobb@comcast.net

August 2, 2022

Vermont Supreme Court
111 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Re: Disciplinary Decision
In re: William Cobb, Esq.
Docket No. 22-AP-145
PRB No. 2020-99, 2020-103

To the Vermont Supreme Court:

I am aware that the Court has provided me with an opportunity to file a brief on my own behalf regarding the above-referenced matter. Respectfully, however, I choose not to do so.

When the Professional Conduct Board issued its decision on May 24, 2022, I requested 45 days to be able to resolve my pending matters and to suspend my Vermont law practice. The Professional Conduct Board granted my request and allowed me until July 10, 2022 to finalize my cases. I have done so.

Since that time, I have been focusing on what is necessary to allow me to come back to Vermont as a lawyer in good standing. I recognize that the suspension is lengthy, but I believe in the basic fairness of our disciplinary system, and its goals of correction and rehabilitation. I take responsibility for the misconduct that the Board found I engaged in. My goal is to use this as a learning experience and to make sure that something similar does not happen again.

Since July 10, 2022, I can report that I have become a GAL in six cases in Bennington Family Division and have let other courts know that I am available as a GAL. I have also used this time to improve my knowledge of rules and regulations and have taken 24.5 hours of CLE credits. Each week, I also travel to Newburgh, New York to spend time with my 86-year-old mother. I would not have had this opportunity without the suspension, and I am grateful to have the time to do this.

At the Professional Conduct Board hearing, my attorney submitted proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law with arguments which addressed the merits of each count along with discussion about appropriate punishment. To the extent that the Court requests argument, I rely on what has already been submitted and incorporate those arguments by reference. However, it is far more positive for me to look ahead than to look behind, and I respectfully rely on the Vermont Supreme Court's discretion as it relates to this matter in its entirety.

Very truly yours,

William W. Cobb

William W. Cobb