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Merrick Grutchfield
Professional Responsibility Program
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Professional Responsibility Program
109 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05609-0703

Re: In Re: Melvin Fink, PRB File No. 2021-018

Dear Merrick:

Enclosed please find the *Respondent's Answer* to the Petition of Misconduct in connection with the above matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin".

Erin Williams
Case Management Assistant

Enclosure

cc: Melvin Fink
Sarah Katz, Office of Bar Counsel

STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

In Re: Melvin Fink, Esq.
PRB File No. 2021-018

RESPONDENT'S ANSWER

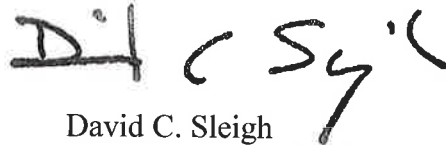
COMES NOW the Respondent, by and through counsel, David C. Sleight, and respectfully submits the following Answers to the Petition of Misconduct:

1. Admitted;
2. Admitted;
3. Insufficient knowledge regarding husband's motives. Thus, denied;
4. Admitted in part and denied in part. Both Respondent and Husband live in Springfield. Respondent represented husband's mother in a divorce approximately 20 years ago. Respondent's neighbor is husband's mother's sister.
5. Admitted;
6. Admitted;
7. Admitted;
8. Admitted;
9. Admitted;
10. Insufficient knowledge to answer. Thus, denied;
11. Admitted;
12. Denied;
13. Denied;
14. Admitted;

15. Denied. Service was complete on June 17th and EFiled on June 26th;
16. The Answer and Counterclaim were dated June 29, 2020. Husband's transmittal letter was dated July 30, 2020 and not received by Respondent's office until sometime between August 3rd and August 6th;
17. Denied;
18. Admitted;
19. Admitted;
20. Admitted;
21. Admitted;
22. Admitted;
23. Admitted;
24. Admitted;
25. Admitted;
26. Admitted;
27. Admitted;
28. Admitted.

DATED at St. Johnsbury, Vermont on March 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. C. Sleight", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David C. Sleight
Counsel for Melvin Fink