

DISCIPLINARY BOARD
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

MARK ELLIOTT,

Lawyer (Bar No. 54007).

Proceeding No. 25#00039

DISCIPLINARY BOARD ORDER
DECLINING *SUA SPONTE* REVIEW AND
ADOPTING HEARING OFFICER'S
DECISION

This matter came before the Disciplinary Board for consideration of *sua sponte* review pursuant to ELC 11.3(a). On March 5, 2026, the Clerk distributed the attached decision to the Board.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Board declines *sua sponte* review and adopts the Hearing Officer's decision¹.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2026.



Keith Evan Cohon, WSBA #15103
Chair, Disciplinary Board

¹ The vote on this matter was 14:0. Those voting were: Cohon, Throgmorton, Ashby, Carell, Doll, Endter, Kapri, Meyer, Miller, Munroe, Sheedy, Subramaniam, Washko, Zeidel.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I caused a copy of the DB Order Declining Sua Sponte Review and Adopting HO's Decision to be emailed to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to Respondent, Mark Ture Elliott, at mark.elliott@marktelliottlaw.com, and at [REDACTED] on the 19th day of March, 2026.



Clerk to the Disciplinary Board

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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF
LAW AND HEARING OFFICER'S
RECOMMENDATION

The undersigned Hearing Officer held a default hearing on written submissions under Rule 10.6 of the Washington Supreme Court's Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC).

**FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
REGARDING CHARGED VIOLATIONS**

1. The Formal Complaint (Bar File No.7) charged Mark Ture Elliott with misconduct as set forth therein. A copy of the Formal Complaint is attached to this decision.

2. Under ELC 10.6(a)(4), the Hearing Officer finds that each of the facts set forth in the Formal Complaint is admitted and established.

3. Under ELC 10.6(a)(4), the Hearing Officer concludes that each of the violations charged in the Formal Complaint is admitted and established as follows:

COUNT 1

4. By failing to diligently represent Mueller, Respondent violated RPC 1.3.

1 **COUNT 2**

2 5. By failing to advise Mueller that the motion to renew the restraining order had been
3 filed, Respondent violated RPC 1.4(a) and (b).

4 **COUNT 3**

5 6. By providing false information to Mueller, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(c).

6 **COUNT 4**

7 7. By failing to serve the prosecuting attorney Kingdon's motion for revision,
8 Respondent violated RPC 1.3 and RPC 3.2.

9 **COUNT 5**

10 8. By failing to respond to Kingdon's reasonable requests for information and/or by
11 failing to inform Kingdon about the court's order on reconsideration of the revision, Respondent
12 violated RPC 1.4(a) and (b).

13 **COUNT 6**

14 9. By failing to timely file a notice of intent to withdraw in the Kingdon matter,
15 Respondent violated RPC 1.16(d).

16 **COUNT 7**

17 10. By failing to respond to disciplinary counsel's written requests for response to
18 Kingdon's grievance, failing to produce Kingdon's client file to ODC, and/or by failing to appear
19 as commanded at the depositions, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(l)(by violating ELC 1.5, 5.3(f),
20 5.3(g), and 5.5(d)).

21 **COUNT 8**

22 11. By failing to communicate the settlement offer to Dennis, Respondent violated RPC
23 1.2(a), RPC 1.3, RPC 1.4(a) and (b), and RPC 1.16(d).

1 **COUNT 9**

2 12. By failing to withdraw after being terminated, Respondent violated RPC 1.16(d) and
3 8.4(d).

4 **COUNT 10**

5 13. By failing to refund unearned fees to Dennis after Dennis terminated Respondent's
6 representation, Respondent violated RPC 1.5(a) and RPC 1.16(d).

7 **COUNT 11**

8 14. By failing to respond to disciplinary counsel's written requests for response to
9 Dennis's grievance, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(l)(by violating ELC 1.5 and ELC 5.3(f)).

10 **COUNT 12**

11 15. By failing to properly draft or serve the motion for contempt and/or failing to properly
12 draft the motion for temporary orders, Respondent violated RPC 1.1, RPC 1.3, and RPC 3.2.

13 **COUNT 13**

14 16. By failing to respond to Taylor's reasonable requests for information. Respondent
15 violated RPC 1.4(a) and (b).

16 **COUNT 14**

17 17. By charging Taylor for work that was of no benefit to Taylor and failing to refund the
18 unearned portion of the fee, Respondent violated RPC 1.5(a) and RPC 1.16(d).

19 **COUNT 15**

20 18. By failing to withdraw after being terminated, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(d) and
21 RPC 1.16(d).

22 **COUNT 16**

23 19. By failing to respond to disciplinary counsel's written requests for a response to
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1 Taylor's grievance, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(l)(by violating ELC 1.5 and ELC 5.3(f)).

2 **COUNT 17**

3 20. By failing to perform work for Garrett in the probate matter and failing to act with
4 reasonable diligence on the guardianship matter, Respondent violated RPC 1.3 and RPC 3.2.

5 **COUNT 18**

6 21. By failing to respond to Garrett's reasonable requests for information, Respondent
7 violated RPC 1.4(a) and (b).

8 **COUNT 19**

9 22. By charging Garrett \$2,000 and performing little or no work on the guardianship
10 matter and by charging Garrett for legal work Respondent did not perform in the probate matter,
11 Respondent violated RPC 1.5(a).

12 **COUNT 20**

13 23. By failing to refund unearned fees to Garrett after Garrett terminated Respondent's
14 representation, Respondent violated RPC 1.16(d).

15 **COUNT 21**

16 24. By providing a false statement to the King County Superior Court, Respondent
17 violated RPC 3.3(a)(1) and RPC 8.4(c).

18 **COUNT 22**

19 25. By failing to respond to disciplinary counsel's written request for a response to
20 Garrett's grievance, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(l)(by violating ELC 1.5 and ELC 5.3(f)).

21 **COUNT 23**

22 26. By failing to act with reasonable diligence in representing Sehawneh, Respondent
23 violated RPC 1.3 and RPC 3.2.

1 **COUNT 24**

2 27. By failing to respond to Sehawneh’s reasonable requests for information Respondent
3 violated RPC 1.4(a) and (b).

4 **COUNT 25**

5 28. By charging Sehawneh \$1,500 and performing little or no work of benefit to
6 Sehawneh, Respondent violated RPC 1.5(a).

7 **COUNT 26**

8 29. By failing to refund any unearned to Sehawneh after Sehawneh terminated
9 Respondent’s representation, Respondent violated RPC 1.16(d).

10 **COUNT 27**

11 30. By failing to respond to disciplinary counsel’s written request for a response to
12 Sehawneh’s grievance, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(l)(by violating ELC 1.5 and ELC 5.3(f)).

13 **COUNT 28**

14 31. By failing to serve ODC with an affidavit of compliance after Respondent’s license
15 was interim suspended, Respondent violated RPC 8.4(l)(by violating ELC 1.5, ELC 14.1, and
16 ELC 14.3).

17 **FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**
18 **REGARDING RECOMMENDED SANCTION**

19 32. Respondent caused serious injury to Matthew Mueller, who had a restraining order
20 entered against Mueller without notice or the opportunity to be heard.

21 33. Respondent caused serious potential injury to Mueller, who risked being arrested for
22 violating a restraining order Mueller was unaware of.

23 34. Respondent caused injury to Elizabeth Kingdon, who was uninformed about
24 Kingdon’s case and sanctioned \$1,000 by the court and whose case was delayed.

1 35. Respondent caused injury to Sabrina Dennis, whose case was delayed, who was
2 uninformed and paid \$3,500 for services that were not completed.

3 36. Respondent caused injury to Kenyon Taylor, whose case was delayed, who was
4 uninformed and paid \$3,500 for services that were not completed.

5 37. Respondent caused serious injury to Rochelle Garrett, who lost the right to be heard
6 to attempt to prevent Garrett's sibling's death.

7 38. Respondent caused injury to Garrett, who was denied legal representation and
8 information about Garrett's case and paid \$2,500 for work on the guardianship that was of no
9 value and an additional \$1,500 for work on the probate that was never done.

10 39. Respondent caused injury to Etaf Sehawneh, who was uninformed and paid \$3,500 for
11 services that were not complete, and whose case was delayed.

12 40. Respondent's failure to cooperate with the grievance investigation caused injury to the
13 legal system by obstructing the investigation and by diminishing public confidence in the
14 profession.

15 41. The following standards of the American Bar Association's Standards for Imposing
16 Lawyer Sanctions ("ABA Standards") (1991 ed. & Feb. 1992 Supp.) presumptively apply in this
17 case:

18 42. ABA Standard 4.4 applies to violations of RPC 1.3, and RPC 1.4; Counts 1, 2, 4, 5, 8,
19 12, 13, 17, 18, 23, and 24:

20 ***4.4 Lack of Diligence***

21 4.41 Disbarment is generally appropriate when:

- 22 (a) a lawyer abandons the practice and causes serious or potentially serious
23 injury to a client; or
24 (b) a lawyer knowingly fails to perform services for a client and causes
serious or potentially serious injury to a client; or
(c) a lawyer engages in a pattern of neglect with respect to client matters
and causes serious or potentially serious injury to a client.

1 4.42 Suspension is generally appropriate when:
2 (a) a lawyer knowingly fails to perform services for a client and causes
3 injury or potential injury to a client, or
4 (b) a lawyer engages in a pattern of neglect and causes injury or potential
5 injury to a client.

6 43. For Counts 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 23, and 24, Respondent acted knowingly.

7 44. Under ABA Standard 4.42(a), the presumptive sanction for Counts 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 23,
8 and 24 is suspension

9 45. Under ABA Standard 4.41(a), the presumptive sanction for Counts 1, 2, 17, and 18 is
10 disbarment.

11 46. Under ABA Standard 4.41(c), the presumptive sanction for Counts 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12,
12 13, 17, 18, 23, and 24 is disbarment.

13 47. ABA Standard 4.5 applies to violations of RPC 1.1; Count 12:

14 ***4.5 Lack of Competence***

15 4.51 Disbarment is generally appropriate when a lawyer's course of conduct
16 demonstrates that the lawyer does not understand the most fundamental
17 legal doctrines or procedures, and the lawyer's conduct causes injury or
18 potential injury to a client.

19 48. Respondent's conduct demonstrates that Respondent does not understand the most
20 fundamental legal doctrines or procedures.

21 49. Under ABA Standard 4.51, the presumptive sanction is disbarment.

22 50. ABA Standard 6.1 applies to violations of RPC 3.3 and RPC 8.4(c); Count 21:

23 6.12 Suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer knows that false
24 statements or documents are being submitted to the court or that material
information is improperly being withheld, and takes no remedial action,
and causes injury or potential injury to a party to the legal proceeding, or
causes an adverse or potentially adverse effect on the legal proceeding.

51. Respondent acted knowingly.

52. Under ABA Standard 6.12, the presumptive sanction for Count 21 is suspension.

1 53. ABA Standard 6.2 applies to violations of RPC 3.2; Counts 4 and 12:

2 **6.2 Abuse of the Legal Process**

3 6.22 Suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer knows that he or she is
4 violating a court order or rule, and causes injury or potential injury to a
client or a party, or causes interference or potential interference with a legal
proceeding.

5 54. Respondent acted knowingly.

6 55. Under ABA Standard 6.22, the presumptive sanction for Counts 4 and 12 is
7 suspension.

8 56. ABA Standard 7.0 applies to violations of RPC 1.5, RPC 1.16, RPC 8.4(d), and RPC
9 8.4(l); Counts 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, and 28:

10 **7.0 Violations of Duties Owed as a Professional**

11 7.2 Suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer knowingly engages in
12 conduct that is a violation of a duty owed as a professional and causes
injury or potential injury to a client, the public, or the legal system.

13 57. Respondent acted knowingly.

14 58. The presumptive sanction for Counts 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26,
15 27, and 28 is suspension.

16 59. Under In re Disciplinary Proceeding Against Petersen, 120 Wn.2d 833, 854, 846 P.2d
17 1330 (1993), the “ultimate sanction imposed should at least be consistent with the sanction for
18 the most serious instance of misconduct among a number of violations.”

19 60. The following aggravating factors set forth in Section 9.22 of the ABA Standards
20 apply in this case:

- 21 (b) dishonest or selfish motive;
- (c) a pattern of misconduct;
- 22 (d) multiple offenses;
- (j) indifference to making restitution.

23 61. It is an additional aggravating factor that Respondent failed to file an answer to the
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1 Formal Complaint as required by ELC 10.5(a).

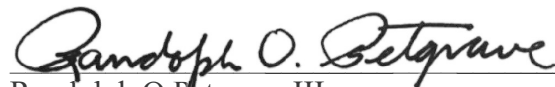
2 62. The following mitigating factors set forth in Section 9.32 of the ABA Standards apply
3 to this case:

4 (a) absence of a prior disciplinary record.

5 **RECOMMENDATION**

6 63. Based on the ABA Standards and the applicable aggravating and mitigating
7 factors, the Hearing Officer recommends that Respondent Mark Ture Elliott be disbarred.
8 Reinstatement shall be conditioned upon payment of \$1,000 to Elizabeth Kingdon, \$3,500 to
9 Sabrina Dennis, \$3,500 to Kenyon Taylor, \$3,500 to Etaf Sandy Sehawneh, \$4,000 to Rochelle
10 Garrett. Restitution should bear interest at 12% per annum.

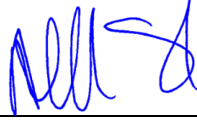
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12 DATED this 20th th day of ~~November 2025~~ January, 2026

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16 Hearing Officer
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I caused a copy of the FOF, COL, HO's Recommendation to be emailed to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to Respondent, Mark Ture Elliott, at mark.elliott@marktelliottlaw.com, and at [REDACTED] on the 21st day of January, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'MTE', is written above a horizontal line.

Clerk to the Disciplinary Board