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Thomas Joseph P.O. Box 2111 Brattleboro, VT 05303

When Responding Please Use:

Re:

File No. 37705-5-KB

Respondent(s): Matthew Michael Curley

Dear Mr. Joseph:

We have opened an investigative file regarding your complaint of alleged ethical violations against the above attorney¹. An investigation will be conducted into your allegations and you will be notified of the results. Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 15(a) requires that a complete copy of your original complaint and any additional or supplemental written submissions be provided to the attorney. It could take a few months before the investigation will be concluded. If during this time, you learn additional information concerning this matter that you feel is relevant to our inquiry, please send it to us in writing.

You should understand that we do not represent your legal interests and cannot give you legal advice. The filing of this complaint does not preserve your legal rights or remedies in your underlying legal matter, such as legal malpractice or the statute of limitations, and is not an action to pursue a civil or monetary recovery. You should consult independent legal advice regarding such issues.

Our function is limited to consideration of whether there has been a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct pursuant to the requirements imposed by Rule 9 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

We appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention.

Sandy Garrett Chief Disciplinary Counsel

By: *Kevin D. Balkwill* Disciplinary Counsel 615-695-0943

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