

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL A**

IN RE: RONALD LYNN GRIGGS
 Arkansas Bar ID #72046
 CPC Docket No. 2016-007

CONSENT FINDINGS AND ORDER

The formal charges of misconduct against Ronald Lynn Griggs upon which this Findings and Order is based arose from information obtained from Union County DR-2013-641 and Arkansas Supreme Court CV2015-986. Mr. Griggs is an attorney practicing primarily in El Dorado, Arkansas. Following Mr. Griggs' receipt of the formal complaint, Mr. Griggs entered in to discussion with the Executive Director which resulted in an agreement by consent pursuant to Section 20.B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Procedures Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2011).

Mr. Griggs represented George Gorman, Jr. on a child custody/support matter in Union County DR-2013-641. On March 3, 2015, the court issued an order in favor of the opposing party. On March 13, 2015, Griggs filed a Motion for New Trial. The court never ruled on Griggs' motion which on the thirtieth day, April 12, 2015, was deemed denied. On May 11, 2015, Griggs filed Notice of Appeal and Designation of Record. On July 23, 2015, Griggs filed a Motion to Extend Time to File the Record. The court granted the motion and extended time from August 8, 2015 to December 4, 2015. Griggs should have filed the record with the Clerk on or by November 12, 2015. Griggs tendered the record to the Clerk on November 30, 2015, but the record was not accepted. Griggs filed a Motion for Rule on Clerk, and in that motion, Griggs states "it appears that the mistake in calculation of the latest possible due date for the record to be lodged arose because counsel for Appellant used the date of the Notice of Appeal

and counted seven (7) months forward.” On January 7, 2016, the Arkansas Supreme Court denied Griggs’ Motion for Rule on Clerk.

Upon consideration of the formal complaint and attached exhibit materials, the response to it, and other matters before it, and the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, Panel A of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct finds:

1. Ronald Lynn Griggs’ conduct violated Arkansas Rule 1.1, as Griggs erroneously calculated the date by which the record was due in the appeal of his client George Gorman, Jr., and caused the record to be tendered beyond the seven (7) month deadline.

2. Ronald Lynn Griggs’ conduct violated Arkansas Rule 8.4(d), as Griggs’ failure to timely file the record with the Clerk resulted in an end to the appeal of his client, George Gorman, Jr.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel A, that Ronald Lynn Griggs, Arkansas Bar ID# 72046 be, and hereby is, **CAUTIONED** for his conduct in this matter, and assessed \$50 costs. The costs assessed herein shall be payable by cashier’s check or money order payable to the “Clerk, Arkansas Supreme Court” delivered to the Office of Professional Conduct within thirty (30) days of the date this Findings and Order is filed of record with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE
ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT - PANEL A

By: /s/ Michael Boyd, Chair, Panel A

Date: March 18, 2016

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