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January 14, 2025

Re: Alphonse A. Talarico
in relation to
Paul Dulberg
Thomas Kost
No. 2024IN00264

Dear Mr. Dulberg and Mr. Kost:

We have concluded our inquiry in the above matter and have determined that there is not a sufficient basis for further action by this Commission.

You told us that you hired attorney Alphonse Talarico to represent Mr. Dulberg in his claims against his former attorneys. You believe that Mr. Talarico failed to report Mr. Dulberg's former attorneys for misconduct to this agency. You also do not believe that Mr. Talarico adequately represented Mr. Dulberg.

As we previously advised you, the duties of the ARDC are primarily limited to investigating and prosecuting allegations of professional misconduct against attorneys. When we have sufficient evidence of serious misconduct by an attorney, we may initiate proceedings seeking disciplinary sanctions against the lawyer, such as suspension or disbarment from the practice of law. Because of our limited duties, the Commission generally does not act on disagreements concerning the value of an attorney's services.

Mr. Talarico, through counsel, maintained that he zealously represented Mr. Dulberg. He provided us with a description and list of the services he provided to Mr. Dulberg. The documents we reviewed appear to reflect that the attorney took actions reasonably calculated to achieve Mr. Dulberg's legal goals and, thus, we would not be able to prove that Mr. Talarico failed to provide Mr. Dulberg with the legal services he was obligated to provide.

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For the foregoing reasons, we have determined that a formal disciplinary prosecution of Mr. Talarico, based on your complaints, would not be successful. Accordingly, we are closing our file in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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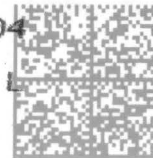
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