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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

via e-mail only: [REDACTED]

Re: Complaint about Steven Patrick Giballa

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

The Virginia State Bar received your complaint. We reviewed your complaint to ascertain whether it described conduct violating a provision of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct.

We will not take further action on your complaint. You complain that Mr. Giballa made numerous false statements in court appearances and in pleadings in a federal court case. As you know, the attorney you complain about represents the party adverse to you. Naturally, adverse parties have conflicting goals and positions. Merely because you disagree with the positions or tactics taken by your opponent does not mean that the lawyer advancing the position has acted unethically. The court in charge of your case can hear your or your lawyer's objections to the lawyer's actions. Under certain situations, the court can impose sanctions on the lawyer. If the court does sanction the lawyer, the VSB might initiate an investigation, but will not necessarily do so. If the court sanctions the lawyer, you may send us information about the sanctions and we will evaluate whether it is appropriate for the VSB to investigate.

The VSB has limited authority and cannot address all situations through its disciplinary process. It is the policy of the VSB not to respond to multiple requests for reviews of the same complaint. Please review our website at: www.vsb.org for information about the disciplinary process.

Although we can take no further action in this matter, we thank you for sharing your concerns with the VSB.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane A. Fletcher".

Jane A. Fletcher
Deputy Intake Counsel

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