

**BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD
OF THE
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY REGISTRATION
AND
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:)	
)	
SHELDON LEE BANKS,)	
)	Commission No. 2020PR00068
Attorney-Respondent,)	
)	
No. 107263.)	

ANSWER

SHELDON BANKS, Attorney-Respondent, through his counsel, SHELDON SOROSKY, Answers this Complaint.

COUNT I

1. Admits.
2. Admits.
3. Respondent admits that he met with Tonya Oldham and agreed to review the case to determine what arguments were available for Undra L. Ingram to pursue in an appeal. Respondent admits he asked for a \$10,000 fee for that purpose. Respondent admits he required \$5,000 to start his work on Ingram’s case. Respondent denies that he would consider or did consider the funds he would receive or received, for work on this case, a security retainer. Respondent admits that a portion of the funds he received might be expended to obtain trial transcripts. Respondent admits there was not a written fee agreement.
4. Admits.
5. Admits.

6. Denies.

7. Admits.

8. Admits.

9. Respondent admits that, concerning Respondent's Bank of America account ending in "8723", he may have drawn checks on said account, in payment of business expenses. However, Respondent denies that fees that he received on the Ingram case were to be used by Respondent solely and only for work and costs relating to representation of Ingram. Respondent admits that fees he received on the Ingram case were used, by Respondent, for general business purposes. Respondent denies that the use of funds received on the Ingram case was conversion.

10. Admits.

11. Admits.

12. Admits.

13. Denies.

14. Respondent admits that concerning his Bank of America account ending in "8723", Respondent may have drawn checks on this account or transferred funds from this account for business obligations. Respondent denies the use of those funds constituted conversion.

15. Respondent admits that he had not obtained or read trial transcripts, or filed post-trial motions on the Ingram case. Respondent admits that he used funds, paid by Oldham, for his (Respondent's) business expenses. However, Respondent denies that the funds paid by Oldham had to be designated for the Ingram case.

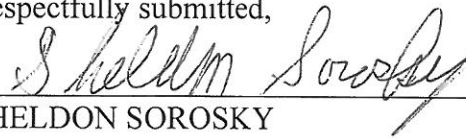
16. Admits.

17. Admits.
18. Admits.
19. Denies.
20. Admits.
21. Denies.

COUNT II

22. No objection.
23. Admits.
24. Admits.
25. Admits.
26. Admits.
27. Admits.
28. Admits.
29. Admits.
30. Admits.
31. Admits.
32. Denies.

Respectfully submitted,



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