

Oregon Bar Complaint

July 4th 2018

Complaint Against: Jeffery D. Goodwin, Michael Scheibli, Heart of the Valley Law

Unethical Billing Practices, Practicing Oregon Law without license, Negligence, Acting without Approval or Consent of Client.

(Please read previous complaints Cover letter, Amy Margolis Greenspoon Marder, Dana Sullivan, Charlie VanRossen, Katherine Heekin as it directs the narrative)

We find various complaints with Jeffery D. Goodwin, Michael Scheibli, and Heart of the Valley Law.

After undergoing a lengthy litigation and history of attorney abuse, and were issued a second lawsuit that was problematic for so many reasons we reached out to the Oregon State Bar referral program because we had called attorneys from all over Oregon and could find no assistance with our case and the finances we were left with. Knowing that the referral program did not promise pro bono but we hoped for a reasonable rate.

We were contacted by Mr. Scheibli and began working with him with the intention of bankruptcy because he felt confident that even though we stated we could not do this that he would find a way. And would help put an end to these lawsuits and abuse.

I was still broken and unaware of the trespasses by our previous counsel, and although very nervous about signing such a high hourly rate, felt assured that the solutions were simple and not time consuming.

The hourly rate at \$525 and hour was beyond excessive, especially because we were being represented by an Oregon attorney whom we still have never met, but getting the advice from Mr. Scheibli who was a California attorney.

We discovered that ultimately we had no recourse to bankruptcy and the old litigation and new one began to make waves.

It was at this time that Mr. Scheibli also discussed his desire to get into the industry we are in and that he would like to buy in and become business partners and get out of the legal situation we were in.

This made it problematic for us, because we needed an attorney, not someone trying to get something from us again.

It made for difficult relations and I was conflicted.

At that time we discovered the serious malpractice committed by our previous attorney and it was at that time that Mr. Scheibli became increasingly unavailable.

Throughout working with them, we have never met, nor spoken with Jeffery D. Goodwin. But he was representing us.

The billing became just a phone call for funds. And we were almost double billed knowingly by the firm for the filing fee. We were called to make the filing fee payment and they stated double. We pointed out that this was incorrect and Mr. Scheibli just said oh yea, your right, pay it by first thing.

I also saw on a review that he was only charging someone else \$250 an hour and felt like I was being taken advantage of.

When motions and items were filed with the court it was never shared with me. It took me forever to obtain it for my records.

Finally Mr. Scheibli made sure the Oregon paralegal was in meeting to make sure we got the correct legal advice, but because of Mr. Scheibli not being licensed we had to pay then for two people. Which should not have been our responsibility.

We almost received judgement on the new case because they were not checking the court records and we were uninformed that one of the defendants was served with hour's notice to file response.

It was now that I was incredibly upset at the negligence and lack of communication to what was being filed and happening in our case.

Ultimately we ended up resolving our old case on our own and then have been awaiting the signature to complete this.

But, without our knowledge or permission we received the notice of substitution of counsel.

To someone that I never spoke to or met or approved.

I was deeply upset and when I finally spoke to Mr. Scheibli I was informed that they were attempting a take over of the firm and that he was with the firm.

The settlement still waits to be signed. I recently discovered when I emailed them on the 1st that they have shut down. All my emails failed and they have deleted accounts.

I was never informed that they were closing, but I guess they made the decision without our knowledge and substituted counsel and this was their way of exiting.

Having already endured and still enduring so much abuse of the legal system I cannot believe this is my experience.

Now I am exactly where I was in my last case, a victim of attorney malpractice and ethics, with a difficult financial road to getting new counsel, and ultimately in the middle of another vexatious lawsuit that is in its own right abusing the legal system for barratry and extortion.

Now I need the Oregon State Bar to step in and take action.

Not just here but in ALL the other complaints that I have filed today.

The abuse, and illegal activity, and damage has reached apex and all these attorneys.

Being an attorney has its own sense of power. And it is easy for attorneys to abuse that power.

I request action. As a public service to the countless damages we have suffered and potential damage to our future.