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Re: Richard A. Chopin

Dear Mr. Bernofsky:

I have and thank you for your correspondence dated December 31, 2011 inquiring about a disciplinary investigation into Attorney Richard A. Chopin. Unfortunately, both the Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX, §16 as well as the policy of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel prevents us from commenting upon the existence of a disciplinary investigation prior to the filing of formal charges against any attorney. I will certainly acknowledge to you that the Office of Disciplinary Counsel is aware of the various allegations against Mr. Chopin. Beyond that, I am afraid I am not permitted to comment.

Additionally, as the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board system is a part of the Supreme Court's judicial function and constitutional responsibility for overseeing the practice of law, we are not subject to a public records request. Nevertheless, I do appreciate the fact that you are interested in holding lawyers accountable for violations of our rules of professional conduct.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Charles B. Plattsmier".

Charles B. Plattsmier

Chief Disciplinary Counsel

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