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The Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Attn: William M. Blitch, Jr., Disciplinary Counsel  
Post Office Box 12159  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Stephan V. Futeral  
File Number: 25-DE-L-0753

Dear Mr. Blitch,

Concerning the letter I received from you dated May 28, 2025, I believe you misunderstood my complaint because you stated that it concerned the outcome of a case handled by a lawyer when in fact it was a complaint that Mr. Dickson had overcharged me for his Alternate Dispute Resolution services and it had nothing to do with the outcome of any case. It is definitely misconduct for Mr. Dickson to charge me \$535.00 and not to charge the other party any fee at all. Perhaps you were confused since I mentioned the case that the ADR was associated with. My complaint does not concern the outcome of that case, which is still pending, or any other case. The complaint concerns G. Wells Dickson and Stephan V. Futeral conspiring together to make me pay the entire ADR fee.

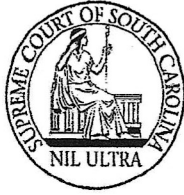
I am enclosing a copy of the complaints on the two attorneys so you can actually read and correct your error in judgement. I am sure that as the Disciplinary Counsel you would not want to err in disciplining two lawyers that schemed to charge only one party a fee for mediation which is exactly what they did. Mr. Futeral was aware that he wasn't charged for the ADR and I was incurring the entire cost which should have been divided equally between both parties so both he and Mr. Dickson had knowledge that they were involved in misconduct.

If you read my complaints, I'm not sure how you could come to the conclusion they had anything to do with the outcome of a case, but I'm sure you have to handle numerous complaints on lawyers and judges and these two obviously fell through the cracks. If you would promptly address your error by reading my complaint and not simply dismiss it with a standard form letter, I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,



Janet L. Frisco



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May 28, 2025

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Janet Laurenzi Frisco  
203 Cardinal Drive  
Summerville, SC 29485

RE: Lawyer: Stephan Victor Futeral, Esquire  
File Number: 25-DE-L-0753

Dear Ms. Frisco:

This office has received your complaint involving Stephan Victor Futeral, Esquire. The authority of this office and the jurisdiction of the Commission on Lawyer Conduct concerning complaints against lawyers are limited to issues of whether a lawyer has committed misconduct or is incapacitated within the guidelines of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement (RLDE), Rule 413, SCACR, adopted by the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

These rules do not apply to matters related to whether or not the outcome of a case handled by a lawyer was fair. We do not have authority to intervene in any matter presently pending before a court or to change the outcome of the decision of a court. These are legal matters that must be addressed by you to the court or raised by you on appeal using appropriate appellate procedures.

We find that the allegations you have raised involve legal matters that would not constitute misconduct or incapacity under these rules and, as such, are not within the jurisdiction of this office. For this reason, your complaint is dismissed pursuant to the provisions of Rule 413-19(a), SCACR.

Sincerely,

Georgia K. Higgins

GKH/lsk



The Supreme Court of South Carolina  
OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL  
COMPLAINT FORM

1. Your name and address:

Janet L. Frisco

2. Phone number(s) and email:

(843) 804-0875 janetfrisco@yahoo.com

3. Name of attorney being  
complained against:

Stephan V. Futeral

4. Business Address of attorney or judge being complained against:

534 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464

5. Please provide the type of the case if applicable (i.e. divorce, criminal, etc.):

Alternate Dispute Resolution Mediation (ADR)

6. Did you employ the attorney? If yes, please give approximate dates and the amount, if any, paid (If judge, please write N/A):

7. In the space below, please provide specific information regarding any alleged misconduct upon which your complaint is based:

Mr. Dickson was referred to me by the plaintiff's attorney, Stephan V. Futeral, for Pet Helpers, Inc. v Janet Frisco Case No. 2021-CP-10-4862 to serve as a mediator. Mr. Dickson charged me \$500.00 (EXHIBIT A) for his mediation services (EXHIBIT B) and I found out recently through discovery requests (EXHIBIT C) to Mr. Futeral who I have filed a complaint against for legal malpractice that Mr. Dickson did not charge Mr. Futeral for the mediation services although he requested two rooms for the conference. I believe it is customary for both parties in a civil case to share in the cost of mediation. Mr. Dickson and Mr. Futeral knowingly conspired to charge me the full amount for mediation service so I will file a separate complaint on Mr. Futeral

Note: You should retain the original document or your own copy of any documentation submitted with your complaint.

If you have retained a new attorney, please provide their name, address and telephone number:

Signature: Janet L. Frisco Date: May 20, 2025

*Janet L. Frisco*

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