

The State v. Daniel
E. Thomas, III 1
Appellate Case, NO. 2018-00217A

Hi my name is Daniel Edward Thomas III and I wrote the supreme Court of South Carolina office of Disciplinary Counsel in regards to a complaint against my court appointed attorney Micheal Edward Suggs Esquire under the file number 18-DE-L-0992 on a date of Sept. 17, 2018. I was "expedited" from P.A. Jail to Harry County S.C. on the date of April 28, 2018 where I sat for a total of four months during this time I haven't seen or spoken to Mr. Esquire and also failed to contact me about my case. During this time I received a letter from the Supreme Court on Oct. 10, 2018 which they informed me that my attorney Mr. Micheal Suggs. as been put under investigation. But before that

Michael Suggs had come to me while I was still in Harry County S.C. detention center. He came to me with a plea of two years in prison and probation with resatiation on July 12th 2018 and come to find out the plea had been expired for month I didn't get the plea until August so of course I had no choice and had to deny the plea which in my view is very unprofesional. He then come to with a visit on Oct 29, 2018 and had another plea that was also expired it was dated Oct 24th 2018 he then told me that that plea was still good so I signed it and he signed the plea was for time served for all charges the court date was then set for the date

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DATE: October 24, 2018
TO: Michael Suggs, Esquire
FROM: D. Tyler Bratton, Assistant Solicitor
RE: State vs. Daniel Edward Thomas III

Case # 18H02461

Pending Charge(s) Financial Identity Fraud

Warrant 2018A2610700462

Upon reviewing the above referenced case(s) the State makes the following offer regarding the disposition of the charge(s):

If the Defendant will plead guilty to: all charges.

The State offers the following: time served.

The Defendant must accept the offer by November 5 or it is considered rejected and the State will not make the offer again. Should the defendant accept the offer, he or she must enter the plea before or during the November term of court. Please review the offer with your client, sign and date as indicated below, and return to me no later than November 5. Please call me at 915-8622 if I may be of service.

DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE

TRIAL _____ GUILTY PLEA

Attorney's Signature Michael E. Suggs

Date: 10/29/18

Defendant's Signature Daniel Thomas

Date: 10-29-18

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DATE: July 12, 2018
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How do you go from 2 YRS to time served to 5 YRS that's INSANE

The State offers the following: 2 years and probation with restitution.

The Defendant must accept the offer by August or it is considered rejected and the State will not make the offer again. Should the defendant accept the offer, he or she must enter the plea before or during the August term of court. Please review the offer with your client, sign and date as indicated below, and return to me no later than August. Please call me at 915-8622 if I may be of service.

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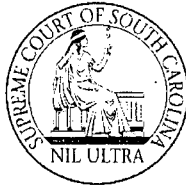
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RE: Lawyer: Michael Edward Suggs, Esquire
File Number: 18-DE-L-0992

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We have received your complaint against Michael Edward Suggs, Esquire. We will conduct an investigation into the matters you have reported. You will not necessarily be contacted prior to a decision regarding your complaint; therefore, you should submit any additional information or documentation to support your allegations at this time.

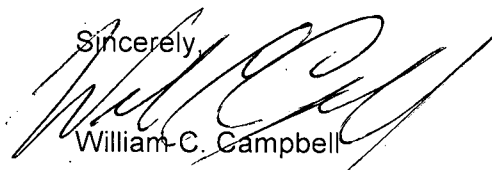
The authority of this office and the jurisdiction of the Commission on Lawyer Conduct are limited to issues of whether a lawyer is subject to discipline pursuant to the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement, Rule 413, SCACR. Where misconduct is found, this disposition might include a confidential letter of caution or admonition, a public reprimand, suspension, or disbarment. If our investigation does not reveal evidence of lawyer misconduct, your complaint will be dismissed.

We take this opportunity to advise you of the limited role of this office and the Commission so that you will be aware that we cannot provide you with assistance or advice. You should promptly seek assistance or advice that you might need from legal counsel or other sources. If you do not have an attorney and believe that you need one, you should contact the South Carolina Bar Lawyer Referral Service at 1(800) 868-2284.

Please note, this office does not have the authority to remove, replace, appoint, or substitute counsel in a case and cannot assist you in obtaining new counsel.

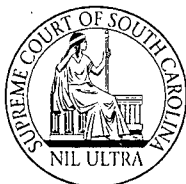
You will be notified of the final disposition of your complaint. It is often many months after receipt of a complaint before a final decision is made. In the meantime, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



William C. Campbell

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Re: Lawyer: Michael Edward Suggs, Esquire
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

This office has conducted an investigation concerning the allegations of lawyer misconduct raised in the complaint you filed in connection with the above-referenced matter. This investigation focused on those grounds for misconduct set out in the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement (RLDE), Rule 413, SCACR, adopted by the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

This office is not authorized to give advice concerning a legal dispute or dealings with a lawyer; nor is it empowered to intervene in a case. We cannot seek to cause things to be done by a lawyer on behalf of a complainant; nor can we seek to change the outcome of a case. Instead, this office deals solely with issues of misconduct or incapacity related to lawyers under these rules. We do so to preserve institutional values of the legal system in South Carolina for the benefit of the public as a whole, not to obtain individual benefit for a complainant.

The provisions of RLDE do not apply to legal matters related to whether or not the outcome of a dispute was fair or to errors of law or judgment that might have been made by a lawyer or judge. These are legal matters, which can only be addressed at trial or on appeal using appropriate procedures.

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In your complaint, you allege that Michael Edward Suggs, Esquire failed to communicate with you about your case, failed to diligently represent you, failed to meet with you, failed to consider the information you provided, failed to protect your rights, and failed to expedite the resolution of your case with a probationary sentence. As a result of your complaint, this office conducted an investigation to ascertain if Mr. Suggs's conduct violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and the RLDE.

From our investigation, this office has determined that there is insufficient evidence of any such lawyer misconduct on the part of Mr. Suggs arising out of the events mentioned in your complaint and that further investigation would not likely reveal any such evidence.

Please note, as we informed you in our acknowledgement letter, this office does not have the authority to remove, replace, appoint, or substitute counsel in a case and cannot assist you in obtaining new counsel.

Accordingly, you are hereby notified of the intent of this office to dismiss your complaint pursuant to the provisions of Rule 19(d)(1) of RLDE. You may seek a review of this decision by an investigative panel of the Commission on Lawyer Conduct pursuant to Rule 18(b), RLDE, by filing a written request, which must be received in this office no later than November 9, 2018. If you request a panel review, the lawyer will be given an opportunity to respond. Your request and the lawyer's response, if any, will be considered at the next investigative panel meeting. You will then be notified of the panel's decision. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this process.

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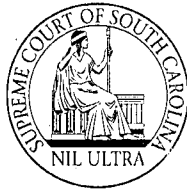
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Did not feel like I needed to go through with this because Mike Suggs led me to believe I got time served

This office previously informed you of its intent to dismiss the complaint you filed in connection with the above-referenced matter. You were given thirty days to submit your written request for a review of that decision. No request was received from you. Accordingly, the complaint in this matter is dismissed pursuant to the provisions of Rule 19(d)(1) of RLDE. As required by these rules, a copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Suggs as notice of the dismissal of this complaint.

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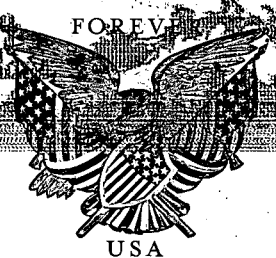
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