

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH

## LITCHFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT GRIEVANCE PANEL

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December 15, 2016

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Re: Rehman vs. Imlay Grievance Complaint No. 16-0632

Litchfield Grievance Panel

## NO PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

Dear Mr. Rehman and Attorney Imlay:

Pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-32 and Rule 1 of the Grievance Panel Rules of Procedure, the Litchfield Grievance Panel (hereinafter, "Grievance Panel") has completed its investigation of the above referenced grievance complaint. At a meeting of the Grievance Panel held on December 15, 2016, the Grievance Panel determined that the record did not support a finding of probable cause that the Respondent engaged in misconduct. Accordingly, the grievance complaint is dismissed. The Grievance Panel made its determination based upon the written record and without the need for a hearing.

The Grievance Panel determined that the Complainant is a member of the Board of the ARRL. ARRL is a Connecticut non-stock membership association. The Complainant alleges the unauthorized practice of law on the Respondent's part, as he is not admitted in Connecticut, but rather the District of Columbia and Maryland. The Respondent is General Counsel for the ARRL and has the primary responsibility as an advocate for ARRL and addressing FCC matters in Washington. ARRL has Connecticut counsel, the firm of Day Pitney LLP.

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The Complainant's eligibility to run for re-election has been denied by the Ethics and Elections Committee of the ARRL. It appears that this is the motivation of the present grievance. Contrary to the Complainant's allegations, attendance by the Respondent at two (2) meetings a year does not equate to the unauthorized practice of law.

The Grievance Panel cannot make a finding that Attorney Imlay violated Rule 5.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-32(i), this letter and a copy of the Grievance Panel's record are being filed with the Statewide Grievance Committee. Please note that the dismissal of this complaint is a final decision and that there is no right to appeal, review or reconsideration of this decision by any disciplinary authority. You may contact the undersigned for assistance in understanding the reasons for the dismissal. I am available most afternoons by telephone at (203) 453-6030.

Very truly yours,

Gail S. Kotowski GSK: cg

cc: Statewide Grievance Committee Litchfield Grievance Panel