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Mr. Monroe A. Miller Jr.
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Re: Grievance Received against Zebulon Loranzo Smathers, Attorney
Our file number: 22G1392

Dear Mr. Miller:

The grievance you filed against the above-named attorney was received on December 29, 2022 and has been assigned the file number listed above. Please refer to the file number in any correspondence regarding the grievance and direct any additional information or questions you may have to me.

The State Bar will review the grievance. As part of that review, the Bar may refer the grievance to a local grievance committee. If this happens, you will be notified in writing. In either case, you or other witnesses may be contacted. We may also contact the respondent for a response. You should not be concerned that the grievance is being ignored if you are not contacted, however. We assume that you have explained the grievance on the grievance form and generally will not contact you unless we need more information. After the review is completed a decision will be made and you will be notified in writing.

The N.C. State Bar's authority is restricted to determining whether a lawyer violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and, if so, imposing appropriate professional discipline. The State Bar cannot advise you or assist you concerning any legal matters in which you may be involved. **You should not wait until the grievance at the State Bar is resolved before seeking legal advice concerning any claims you may have or any lawsuit in which you are involved.**

Sincerely,

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