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RE: GCF 26-240 – *Justin A. Tahai v. Patrick S. Bedard, Esq.*

Dear Mr. Tahai:

I have reviewed your May 25, 2026, complaint regarding Attorney Patrick Bedard. At the outset, please understand that my investigation has no bearing on any underlying legal matter. Instead, my authority is restricted to a review only of Attorney Bedard's conduct as is alleged in your complaint filing.

In that regard, the Maine Bar Rules of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court govern the procedure utilized for reviewing and processing grievance complaints. Specifically, Maine Bar Rule 13(a), (b), (c), & (d) directs Bar Counsel's review and disposition of the complaints. In conducting that review, Bar Counsel analyzes the complaint allegations within the context of the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC).

Please understand that an attorney's primary duty is to his client, and most of an attorney's ethical obligations under the MRPC inure to the client's benefit, not to opposing parties (such as yourself). There are also provisions under the MRPC that are designed to guarantee the honesty and integrity of attorneys, and to ensure that they comply with their obligations as officers of the court. While there are provisions of the MRPC that relate to an attorney's ethical obligations to opposing counsel and unrepresented people, those rules correspond primarily to the attorney's obligations of truthfulness and the fair administration of justice. The information reviewed in this disciplinary investigation failed to establish that Attorney Bedard acted in a way that violated those provisions of the MRPC.

Here, you asked the Board of Overseers of the Bar's Bar Counsel's office to re-litigate Protection from Abuse and Family Matter cases currently before the courts. While you write you do not request the Board decide those issues, it is the action you seek. In your filing, however, you have alleged no facts or law that equate to MRPC violations by Attorney Bedard.

For example, you blame Attorney Bedard for his client's conduct, saying his client (also your former spouse) violated communication and other orders of the courts and rules



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applicable to her.<sup>1</sup> You then assert that the conduct of Attorney Bedard's client is imputable to Attorney Bedard. However, in the first instance you have provided no support that your allegations about Attorney Bedard's client are true. Even if you had provided evidence that the allegations about Attorney Bedard's client are valid, a violation of court orders is under the jurisdiction of the court that issued them, or on appeal to the authority above it (such as the Maine Supreme Judicial Court). The Board of Overseers of the Bar, however, has no jurisdiction to hear appeals from Maine courts or to serve as a panel for re-litigating issues before them.

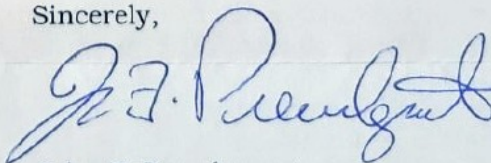
Despite your objections to Attorney Bedard's methods, he was ethically required to follow his client's lawful instructions. Attorney Bedard, further, is not responsible for his client's behavior unless it approaches limits that were not demonstrated by the information reviewed in the grievance investigation. The information reviewed in the grievance investigation did not show that Attorney Bedard failed to in his duties to his client. Further, Attorney Bedard's professional representation of his client does not violate ethical rules. Since the information reviewed in this grievance investigation does not support that Attorney Bedard's conduct violated the ethics rules, I must close this complaint.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Maine Bar Rules, I am dismissing this complaint. As a consequence of that dismissal, the matter will be kept confidential by the Board of Overseers of the Bar and Bar Counsel. See also the attached "Dismissal Guidelines."

Please note that the Maine Bar Rules permit you to have a public (non-attorney) member review this dismissal. Your **written request must be made within 21 days of receipt of this dismissal letter**. You can send your request via email to the Board Clerk at [Clerk@mebaroverseers.org](mailto:Clerk@mebaroverseers.org) or by U.S. Mail to the address listed on this letterhead. Any such review will be conducted by a public member of the Grievance Commission or the Board of Overseers of the Bar. By letter, the Clerk of the Board will subsequently notify you and Attorney Bedard of the results of that public member's review. Please do not, however, include any additional materials or comments with your request as they will not be included within the lay member's review.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John F. Prendergast  
Assistant Bar Counsel

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