STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE BAR

Fee Arbitration Commission, Panel 2

Susan C. Thorner
Petitioner

v.

James M. Whittemore
Respondent

AWARD AND DETERMINATION

FAC# 19-063

A telephonic hearing in the above matter was held on March 28, 2019, before a duly authorized Fee Arbitration Panel of the Fee Arbitration Commission of the Board of Overseers of the Bar. This Panel was designated to hear the controversy existing between the above-named parties as set forth in the Petitioner’s Fee Arbitration Petition. The members of this Panel were Chair Michael R. Poulin, Esq.; Carrie Folsom, Esq.; and public member Cheryl Brandt. The Petitioner participated and testified. The Respondent participated in the hearing and was represented by Attorney Justin Andrus, Esq. Based upon the evidence introduced, the Panel finds as follows:

Petitioner made retainer payments to Respondent totaling $7,250, and Respondent earned $2,550, so the Panel awards $4,700 to Petitioner.

In order to preserve the confidentiality of the written materials and the testimony submitted at the hearing, the findings of fact and conclusions are not set forth in the Award and Determination. This Award and Determination is accompanied, however, by a separate supplemental document which sets forth the findings of facts and conclusions of the Panel. By ruling of the Chair, the attached supplemental document shall not be considered part of the award, which is a public document. In accordance with Maine Bar Rule 7(h), the supplemental document shall be confidential and shall not be open to the public or disclosed to any person except as otherwise set forth in Maine Bar Rule 7(h).

The Award and Determination is in full settlement of all claims submitted to the Arbitration Panel. The undersigned has subscribed to this award on April 15, 2019.

Michael R. Poulin, Esq.
Chair, Panel 2
Fee Arbitration Commission