STATE OF MAINE
Board of Overseers of the Bar

Fee Arbitration Commission, Panel 4

FAC# 14-492

Karen E. Hood, Petitioner

v.

Justin Michael Bennett, Esq., Respondent

AWARD AND DETERMINATION

The undersigned constitutes 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 Petition.

A hearing was held on March 4, 2015, in Bangor, Maine. The Petitioner and her husband, David Wood, were present and testified. The Respondent filed written submissions and, Respondent testified before the Panel. Based upon the evidence introduced, the Panel finds as follows:

Measuring the foregoing findings with the factors set forth in Rule 1.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Panel finds that Respondent’s fees and costs charged to Petitioner were reasonable. Therefore, Respondent owes Petitioner the sum of $0.00.

In order to preserve the confidentiality of the written materials and the testimony submitted at the hearing, the finding 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 9(j), 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 9(j).

The Award and Determination is in full settlement of all claims submitted to the Arbitration Panel.

The undersigned have subscribed to this award on March 6, 2015.

Edmond J. Bearor, Esq.
Panel Chair

Brett D. Baber, Esq.

Timothy Smith, CPA