STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE BAR

Fee Arbitration Commission, Panel 1A

Derek Chapman
Petitioner

v.

Bruce Hepler, Esq.
Respondent

AWARD AND DETERMINATION

FAC 16-370

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 designed to hear the controversy existing between the above named parties as set forth in the Petitioner's Petition. A hearing was held on January 10, 2017 at the Biddeford District Court in Biddeford, Maine. Both parties appeared and were provided opportunity to present all testimony and evidence to their satisfaction.

Based upon the evidence introduced, the Panel denies the Petitioner's petition. Respondent shall be entitled to $5,635.93 that is currently being held in escrow by agreement of the parties pending resolution of this fee dispute.

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).

This Award and Determination is in full settlement of all claims submitted to the Arbitration Panel.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has subscribed to this Award and Determination on January 12th, 2017.

Susan E. Driscoll, Esq.
Panel IA Chair
Fee Arbitration Commission