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Re: Complaint about Foster Samuel Burton Friedman

Dear Mrs. Gagnon:

The Virginia State Bar received your complaint. We reviewed your complaint to ascertain whether it described conduct violating a provision of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct.

We will not take further action regarding your complaint. Your concerns raise legal questions concerning the capacity of your parents' mental capacity to retain Mr. Friedman for preparing their testamentary plans. The VSB is not an alternate forum to resolve these types of issues. You should consult a lawyer in private practice to advise you on your situation. If you do not know a lawyer to consult, you may find a lawyer through the Virginia Lawyer Referral Service (VLRS). A \$35.00 fee will be collected from you by the VLRS at the time of the referral. For information about VLRS, visit its website at www.VLRS.net or call (800) 552-7977 (toll-free) and (804) 775-0808.

The VSB has limited authority and cannot address all situations through its disciplinary process. It is the policy of the VSB not to respond to multiple requests for reviews of the same complaint. Please review our website at: www.vsb.org for information about the disciplinary process.

Although we can take no further action, we thank you for sharing your concerns with the VSB.

Very truly yours,

James C. Bodie
Intake Counsel