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DISTRICT XIII ETHICS COMMITTEE,		: SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
		: DISTRICT XIII ETHICS COMMITTEE
Complainant,		:
v.		: DOCKET NO. 2013-0028E
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WALTER N. WILSON,		: <b>DISCIPLINARY ACTION</b>
		: <b>COMPLAINT</b>
Respondent.		:
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District XIII Ethics Committee by way of complaint against Respondent says:

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. Walter N. Wilson (Respondent) was admitted to the Bar of this State in 1980 (Attorney ID No. 024571980).
2. Respondent maintains a law office at 67 Beaver Avenue, Suite 5, Annandale, New Jersey 08801.

**FIRST COUNT**

1. In or about September 2011, Respondent was retained by Roger McLaughlin (hereinafter referred to as "McLaughlin") of 20 Cold Spring Road, Califon, New Jersey, on behalf of himself, with respect to a tax appeal regarding his home located in the Township of Tewksbury, New Jersey.

2. By a series of telephone calls and emails, Respondent represented that there was a tax appeal pending in the Hunterdon County Tax Court.

3. On or about December 16, 2011, Respondent informed McLaughlin that “we have filed with the State and I will provide more feedback on Monday. . . .”

4. Despite Respondent’s representations, Respondent had not filed anything with the State regarding McLaughlin’s tax appeal.

5. In fact, Respondent had not taken any action with respect to McLaughlin’s tax appeal.

6. Upon information and belief, McLaughlin went to the tax assessor’s office to inquire as to the status of his tax appeal, the clerk stated: “I know Walter Wilson. He hasn’t been here. We haven’t heard from him.”

7. Thereafter, Respondent ceased communications with McLaughlin and continues to this day to ignore McLaughlin’s communication attempts.

8. As a result of Respondent’s inaction in the tax appeal matter, McLaughlin was required to pay additional assessments, penalties and interest.

9. Respondent’s neglect of McLaughlin’s tax appeal and his client, McLaughlin, violates the following disciplinary rules:

- a. RPC 1.1 – Competence, which states in relevant part that a lawyer shall not neglect a matter;
- b. RPC 1.3 – Diligence, which requires reasonable diligence and promptness in representing the client;
- c. RPC 4.1 – Truthfulness in Statements to Others, which precludes a lawyer from knowingly making a false statement of material fact; and

- d. RPC 8.4 – Misconduct, which forbids activity involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

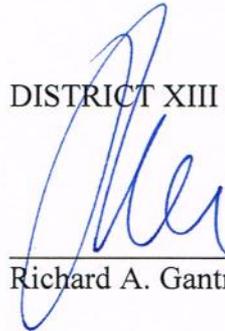
WHEREFORE, Respondent should be disciplined.

**SECOND COUNT**

1. At all relevant times, Respondent had a duty to cooperate in the investigation of this disciplinary matter and provide a written reply to requests for information.
2. Respondent failed to respond to written correspondence and telephone calls requesting his response to the allegations contained in the Attorney Ethics Grievance form dated September 4, 2013.
3. Respondent has failed to cooperate in any manner with the investigation into this matter.

WHEREFORE, Respondent should be disciplined.

DISTRICT XIII ETHICS COMMITTEE



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Richard A. Gantner, Esq.

Dated: March 7, 2014