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Elizabeth Tarbert

Karen Kelly referred me to you for an ethics question about The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service. I contacted TFB LRS for a referral for a lawyer who does libel and slander litigation. A referral was made, but the lawyer has no experience with libel or slander. Doesn't this violate the following rule?

Rule 4-7.2, communications concerning a lawyer's services

(b) Prohibited Statements and Information

(5) Advertising areas of practice - a lawyer or law firm shall not advertise for legal employment in an area of practice in which the advertising lawyer or law firm does not currently practice law

Also, Karen Kelly found the referral, but the lawyer has not paid the 12% fee to TFB, even though I paid the lawyer almost \$20,000 on an hourly basis, beginning in March, 2007.

Thank you.

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