

**In re: THE INVESTIGATION INTO COMPLAINT OF UNPROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT AGAINST COUNSELLOR EDDIE S. WATSON BY DR. A. AMECHI**

JUDGMENT WITHOUT OPINION

Decided: December 21, 1979.

At the call of this matter, Counselor Toye C. Barnard, Chairman of the Grievance and Ethics Committee, appeared for the Committee; but Counsellor Watson failed to appear. Whereupon the Chairman of the Committee made the following record in the minutes of Court:

“Counsellor Toye C. Bernard of Grievance and Ethics Committee respectfully informs this Honourable Court that Counsellor Eddie Watson, who excepted to the findings of the Committee and announced appeal to The Liberian National Bar Association, has failed to perfect his appeal or ask for a hearing by the Bar Association in keeping with the Rule provided under Rules and Procedure Governing Conduct of Lawyers. Therefore, we have submitted our findings to this Honourable Court for final determination. And respectfully submit.”

This matter was heard and determined by the Grievance and Ethics Committee, and the Committee’s ruling was entered on the 6th of June, 1979. The Committee recommended, as follows:

- “1. That Counsellor Watson should return to his client, Siatta Dukuly the mount of seven thousand dollars he collected from the insurance company on her behalf, less 10% legal fees for services rendered in collecting the amount from the insurance company. This amount should be paid within ten days from the reading of this ruling.

2. That after deduction by Counsellor Watson of his 10% legal fees out of the balance of \$5,700.00, \$3,600.00 should be paid by Counsellor Watson to Doctor Amechi on behalf of Siatta Dukuly and the balance \$2,100.00 should be paid to Siatta Dukuly by Counsellor Watson.

3. That because of his unprofessional behaviour in this matter, Counsellor Watson be suspended from the practice of law directly or indirectly within the Republic of Liberia for a period of two years, provided the amount referred to in count two above is paid within the prescribed time, otherwise Counsellor Watson shall be suspended for a period of five years.”

In view of the foregoing circumstances, it is adjudged that the findings and recommendations of the Grievance and Ethics Committee should be and the same are hereby confirmed. The Clerk of this Court is ordered to inform all courts of the

recommendations quoted herein which we now confirm and order enforced. And it is so ordered.

Note: Mrs. Justice Brooks-Randolph being absent did not take part, hence has not signed this judgment.