

IN THE MATTER OF
ROBINSON FAMILY
FUNERAL HOME, L.L.C.
BELLE CHASE, LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF EMBALMERS
AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS
CASE NO.: 15/16-0024

ADMISSION and CONSENT

This matter came before the Board on this the 13th day of October, 2016 for hearing.

Before the Board appears:

JEROME ROBINSON, Individually, and as the designated licensed manager and owner of the ROBINSON FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, L.L.C., BELLE CHASE, LOUISIANA

who by his signature below, advised and confirmed to the Board that he, Jerome Robinson is the licensed manager and owner of the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana, and on or about January 11, 2016 Rhonda Childree, sister of decedent, Ronald Protti, contacted Jerome Robinson of the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C. to make a removal and handle the funeral services. During the initial phone conversation Ms. Childree informed Mr. Robinson that Mr. Ronald Protti had an estranged wife and two adult sons. Ms. Childree also informed Mr. Robinson that she, the sister of the decedent, would be handling all of the arrangements for Mr. Protti, and she would be financially responsible for the services. Ms. Childree also informed Mr. Robinson that none of the arrangements should be discussed with Mrs. Donna Loras Protti, the estranged wife of the decedent. Mr. Robinson informed Ms. Childree that Mrs. Protti's signature would be needed on the paperwork because Mr. Protti was still legally married to Mrs. Protti. Mr. Robinson agreed to only allow Mrs. Protti to sign the paperwork, but to direct all questions about the arrangements to Ms. Childree. Mr. Robinson stated that because he contracted with Ms. Childree, and because he was cognizant of the various privacy laws, he immediately assured Ms. Childree that all of Mrs. Protti's questions regarding the arrangements would be directed to her. The named funeral establishment's failure to allow the decedent's wife the right to control the interment is in violation of LA R.S. 8:655 (A) and LA R.S. 8:46 (A) (5).

The named licensee is appearing before the Board at this time for the specific purpose of admitting to the above violation and to accept full responsibility, both individually, as the licensed manager and owner, and on behalf of the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana, before this Board and therefore makes the following admissions:

"Jerome Robinson is a licensed funeral director (#U-1262); the designated manager and the owner of the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Board;

"That the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana is a licensed establishment (# 2877) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Board;

That Jerome Robinson and the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana did violate the provisions of LA R.S. 8:655 (A) in that the establishment known as the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana failed to grant the decedent's wife, Mrs. Donna Loras Protti, the right to control the interment of her deceased

husband, Ronald Protti pursuant to law.

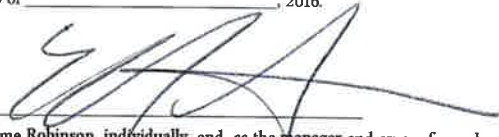
That Jerome Robinson and the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana did violate the provisions of LA R.S. 8:46 (A) (5) in that the establishment known as the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana engaged in unprofessional, unethical, or dishonest conduct in failing to grant the decedent's wife, Mrs. Donna Loras Protti, the right to control the interment of her deceased husband, Ronald Protti.

That the parties to this Admission and Consent wish to admit their responsibility both individually and for and on behalf of the entity known as the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana for violating the provisions of LA R.S. 8:655 (A) and LA R.S. 37:846 (A) (5) as noted herein above and pursuant to these admissions, and to avoid the necessity of a personal appearance before the Board to attend the scheduled formal hearing, they do hereby consent to the use of these formal admissions, and, they also do hereby consent to the imposition of reasonable sanctions and penalties in the amount of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for violation of LA. R.S. 8:655 (A) and One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for violation of LA, R.S. 37:846 (A) (5) which is being imposed under the penalty provisions found under the provisions of LA R.S. 37:850 or Title 46, Chapter 23, under which the Board operates; the parties consent to the suspension of one half of the violation amount for each violation and the parties agree to pay the Board One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the above violations;

That they further admit and consent to the jurisdiction of the Board over these matters and acknowledge the Board's power and authority to accept and enter into such decree, and they do further waive their appearance, and all requirements of notice;

That with the signing of this Admission and Consent the parties are to immediately Cease and Desist in any further actions which would represent further violation of LA R.S. 8:655 (A) and LA R.S. 37:846 (A) (5) as such would leave Jerome Robinson and the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C. Belle Chase, Louisiana open to possible further sanctions by the Board.

Metairie, Louisiana this _____ day of _____, 2016.


Jerome Robinson, individually, and as the manager and owner for and on behalf of the Robinson Family Funeral Home, L.L.C., Belle Chase, Louisiana