

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

MICHAEL MCVEIGH,)	No. ED98891
)	
Appellant,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.)	
)	
LAWRENCE FLEMING,)	Honorable Theresa Counts Burke
)	
Respondent.)	Filed: October 1, 2013

Michael McVeigh (McVeigh) appeals the judgment entered after a bench trial ordering him to pay Larry Fleming (Fleming) 4 cents per page for photocopies of the original paper documents he provided to Fleming. McVeigh contends that the trial court erred in ordering him to bear a portion of the costs associated with making copies of the original paper documents that were part of McVeigh's case file because as Fleming's client, Fleming was obligated to return those documents to McVeigh at no cost to him. Because the trial court erred in ordering McVeigh to pay a duplication fee of 4 cents per page, that portion of the trial court's judgment is reversed. Accordingly, the case is remanded with directions to enter judgment in accordance with this opinion. In all other respects, the judgment is affirmed.

REVERSED IN PART.

Division Three holds: The trial court erred in ordering McVeigh to pay Fleming 4 cents per page in duplication costs because a client's file is property that belongs to the client, a lawyer must return the client's property once representation has been terminated, and a lawyer must bear the cost of copying the file.

Opinion by: Angela T. Quigless, J.

Robert J. Dowd, Jr., P.J., Roy L. Richter, J., Concur

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