

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.029550 - In re: Kiflom Tekie Meles. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 763. Allowed. Respondent Kiflom Tekie Meles, who has been disciplined in the District of Columbia, is disbarred in the State of Illinois.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029552 - In re: Bianca Christina Lee. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board. Allowed. Respondent Bianca Christina Lee is disbarred.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029562 - In re: Colin Francis Carr. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board. Allowed. Respondent Colin Francis Carr is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) months and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029565 - In re: Jeffrey Wade Deer. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board. Allowed. Respondent Jeffrey Wade Deer is suspended from the practice of law for fifteen (15) months.

Suspension effective February 19, 2019.

Respondent Jeffrey Wade Deer shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029566 - In re: Brian M. Fornek. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Brian M. Fornek to strike his name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a). Allowed. Effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029569 - In re: Ralph Frederick Tellefsen, III. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Ralph Frederick Tellefsen, III to strike his name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a). Allowed. Effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029574 - In re: Tyrone Davis. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board. Allowed. Respondent Tyrone Davis is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years and until further order of the Court and until he pays restitution in the amount of \$750 to Ressie Holmes; \$1,500 to Beth Griffin; and \$1,090 to Derrick Plummer and Gwenevere Plummer Scales.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029576 - In re: Michael Glen Conrad. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Denied. Respondent Michael Glen Conrad is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a one (1) year period of probation, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Respondent shall comply with the provisions of Article VII of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules on Admission and Discipline of Attorneys and the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and shall timely cooperate with the Administrator in providing information regarding any investigations relating to his conduct;
- b. Respondent shall reimburse the Commission for the costs of this proceeding as defined in Supreme Court Rule 773 and shall reimburse the Commission for any further costs incurred during the period of probation;
- c. At least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of the period of probation, respondent shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct;
- d. Probation shall be revoked if respondent is found to have violated any of the terms of probation. The remaining six (6) month period of suspension shall commence from the date of the determination that any term of probation has been violated;
- e. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within seven (7) days of any arrest or charge alleging his violation of any criminal or quasi-criminal statute or ordinance;
- f. Respondent shall attend meetings as scheduled by the Commission probation officer;
- g. Respondent shall submit to an independent audit of his client trust account, conducted by an auditor approved by the Administrator, at respondent's expense, six (6) months after the commencement of probation. Respondent and the Administrator shall each receive copies of the audit;
- h. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change of address;

- i. Respondent shall successfully complete the ARDC Professionalism Seminar within the first six (6) months of probation;
- j. Respondent shall establish and utilize a system for the handling of funds belonging to clients and third parties that conform to the requirements of Rule 1.15 of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010) and instructions provided to respondent by the Administrator, including the following Trust Account Procedures:

Basic accounting records that must be maintained daily and accurately:

Account Check Register – list sequentially all trust account deposits and trust account checks and maintain a current and accurate daily balance on the trust account;

Account Receipts Journal – list chronologically all deposits into the trust account, each deposit to list the date of the deposit, the source of each deposit, the client matter, the deposit number and the amount of the deposit, and maintain a copy of each item deposited;

Account Disbursement Journal – list chronologically all trust account disbursements and identify each disbursement with the date of the disbursement check, the trust account check number, the payee, the purpose of the disbursement, the client matter, and the amount of the disbursement check;

Client Ledger Journal – list chronologically for each client matter all receipts, disbursements and remaining balances, preparing a separate page for each client matter and listing chronologically all receipts and disbursements and remaining balances for each client matter; and

Source documents which must be preserved for seven (7) years;

Bank statements;

Deposit slips;

Cancelled checks – all trust account checks must have a named payee (no checks written to "cash") and the memo portion of the check must contain a reference to a client matter;

Time and billing records;

Copies of records from client files that are necessary for a full understanding of the lawyer's financial transactions with the client: e.g., retainer and engagement agreements; settlement statements to clients showing the disbursement of the settlement proceeds; bills sent to clients and records of payments to other lawyers or non-employees for services rendered; and

Reconciliation – there must be a running balance maintained for all ledgers and account books. The balances in the client ledger journal must be reconciled each month with the balances in the trust receipts and disbursement journals, the account checkbook register and the bank statements. Records of each reconciliation must be maintained for seven (7) years;

- k. Respondent shall disclose to the Administrator on a quarterly basis, by way of signed reports, information pertaining to the nature of respondent's compliance with the above-described conditions;
- l. Respondent shall promptly report to the Administrator any failure to comply with any part of the above-described conditions; and

m. Respondent shall respond to any inquiries by the Administrator regarding respondent's compliance with the above-described conditions.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029588 - In re: Robert Vincent Schaller. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose discipline on consent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(b). Allowed. Respondent Robert Vincent Schaller is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months.

Suspension effective February 19, 2019.

Respondent Robert Vincent Schaller shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029591 - In re: Andrew M. Carter. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose discipline on consent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(b). Allowed. Respondent Andrew M. Carter is censured.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029594 - In re: Robin Lynn Perry. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Robin Lynn Perry to strike her name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a). Allowed. Effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029595 - In re: Scott Alan Spencer. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 763. Allowed. Respondent Scott Alan Spencer, who has been disciplined in the State of New York, is disbarred in the State of Illinois.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029598 - In re: John George Steckel. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board. Allowed. Respondent John George Steckel is suspended from the practice of law for eighteen (18) months and until further order of the Court and until he pays restitution of unearned fees to two former clients.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029612 - In re: Roy A. Ekstrand. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 763. Allowed. Respondent Roy A. Ekstrand, who has been disciplined in the State of California, is suspended from the practice of law in the State of Illinois for one (1) year, with the suspension stayed after thirty (30) days by a two (2) year period of probation, subject to the conditions imposed upon respondent by the Supreme Court of California and until he successfully completes the conditions of probation imposed upon him by the Supreme Court of California.

Suspension effective February 19, 2019.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029617 - In re: Paula Rose Weisberg. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose discipline on consent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(b). Allowed. Respondent Paula Rose Weisberg is suspended from the practice of law for thirty (30) days and until she makes restitution in the amount of \$1,500 to Catherine Marchese.

Suspension effective February 19, 2019.

Respondent Paula Rose Weisberg shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from her conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029630 - In re: Alan Kent Wittig. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 763. Allowed. Respondent Alan Kent Wittig, who has been disciplined in the State of Arizona, is reprimanded in the State of Illinois and placed on probation for one (1) year, *nunc pro tunc* to November 1, 2016, which shall be deemed satisfied in Illinois by respondent's successful completion of the period of probation imposed upon him in the State of Arizona.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029632 - In re: Matthew S. Jones. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 763. Allowed. Respondent Matthew S. Jones, who has been disciplined in the State of Texas, is suspended from the practice of law in the State of Illinois for one (1) year, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a one (1) year period of probation, *nunc pro tunc* to January 1, 2016, which shall be deemed satisfied in Illinois by respondent's successful completion of the period of probation imposed upon him in the State of Texas.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029639 - In re: Philip Jeffrey Nathanson. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 763. Allowed. Respondent Philip Jeffrey Nathanson, who has been disciplined in the State of Arizona, is reprimanded in the State of Illinois and placed on probation for two (2) years, *nunc pro tunc* to July 25, 2016, which shall be deemed satisfied in Illinois by respondent's successful completion of the period of probation imposed upon him in the State of Arizona.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029648 - In re: Soo-Hyun Jung. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Soo-Hyun Jung to strike his name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a). Allowed. Effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029649 - In re: Maurice James Salem. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Allowed. Respondent Maurice James Salem is suspended from the practice of law for ninety (90) days and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.