

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.028385 - In re: Michael E. Fleck. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to withdraw motion to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board. Allowed.

Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to remand to Hearing Board for presentation of additional evidence. Allowed.

It is further ORDERED, these reinstatement proceedings are continued and the cause remanded to the Hearing Board of the Attorney Registration Disciplinary Commission for the limited purpose of considering additional evidence to determine whether information learned by counsel for the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission on March 19, 2018, concerning alleged liability of petitioner not reported on his petition for reinstatement alters the Hearing Board's report and recommendation that petitioner be reinstated to the practice of law, subject to conditions. The Hearing Board's report of the remand proceedings shall be filed in the Commission and the matter shall proceed in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 753.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029225 - In re: Deborah Crouse Cobb. 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 Deborah Crouse Cobb is suspended from the practice of law for sixty (60) days.

Suspension effective June 14, 2018.

Respondent Deborah Crouse Cobb 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.029254 - In re: Steven Albert Miner. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by respondent Steven Albert Miner for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Denied. Respondent Steven Albert Miner is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years, as recommended by the Review Board majority.

Suspension effective June 14, 2018.

Respondent Steven Albert Miner 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.029259 - In re: George Raymond Ripplinger, Jr. 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 George Raymond Ripplinger, Jr. is censured.

Order entered by the Court.

Karmeier, C.J. took no part.

M.R.029263 - In re: William Eugene Dicks, Jr. 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 William Eugene Dicks, Jr. is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029265 - In re: Arnim Johnson, Jr. 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 Arnim Johnson, Jr. is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a two (2) year period of probation, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Respondent shall abstain from the usage of alcohol and any unprescribed controlled substances or illegal drugs;
- b. Respondent shall continue in his course of treatment with the multidisciplinary treatment team at Cook County Hospital, respondent's primary medical care facility;
- c. Respondent shall attend 12-step meetings and secure a sponsor with whom he will maintain regular contact. Respondent shall request that the sponsor communicate with the Administrator in writing every three (3) months regarding respondent's participation and progress, and report any lapses in sobriety or usage of controlled substances to the Administrator within 72 hours of his knowledge of that usage;
- d. Respondent shall, upon request by the Administrator, submit to random substance testing within eight (8) hours of receiving notice by the Administrator that he submit to the testing, the cost of which shall be paid by

respondent and the results of which will be reported to the Administrator;

- e. Respondent shall continue with his course of treatment with Dr. Johnny Williamson, or other such qualified mental health professional acceptable to the Administrator, and shall report to such professional on a regular basis of not less than four (4) times per year;
- f. Respondent shall comply with all treatment recommendations of Dr. Williamson, or other such qualified mental health professional, including the taking of medications as prescribed;
- g. Respondent shall provide to Dr. Williamson, or other such qualified mental health professional, an appropriate release authorizing him to: (1) disclose to the Administrator on at least a quarterly basis information pertaining to the nature of respondent's compliance with any treatment plan established with respect to respondent's condition; (2) promptly report to the Administrator respondent's failure to comply with any part of an established treatment plan; and (3) respond to any inquiries by the Administrator regarding respondent's mental or emotional state or compliance with any established treatment plans;
- h. Respondent shall attend meetings scheduled by the Commission probation officer as requested by the Administrator. Respondent shall submit quarterly written reports to the Administrator concerning the nature and extent of his compliance with the conditions of probation;
- i. Respondent shall comply with the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and shall timely cooperate with the Administrator in providing information regarding any investigation relating to his conduct;

- j. Respondent shall reimburse to the Commission 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; and
- k. Probation shall be revoked if respondent is found to have violated any of the foregoing terms. The six (6) month suspension shall commence from the date of the determination that any term of probation has been violated and shall continue until further order of the Court.

Respondent Arnim Johnson, Jr. 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/probation.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029273 - In re: Robert Good Lohman, III. Disciplinary Commission.

Petitions by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and respondent Robert Good Lohman, III for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Allowed. Respondent Robert Good Lohman, III is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year and until he successfully completes the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Professionalism Seminar.

Suspension effective June 14, 2018.

Respondent Robert Good Lohman, III 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.029277 - In re: Michael Joseph Fiandaca. 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 Michael Joseph Fiandaca is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year.

Suspension effective June 14, 2018.

Respondent Michael Joseph Fiandaca 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.029284 - In re: Bernhard Olson, II. 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 Bernhard Olson, II is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months.

Suspension effective June 14, 2018.

Respondent Bernhard Olson, II 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.029285 - In re: John Paul Carroll. Disciplinary Commission.

Petitions by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and respondent John Paul Carroll for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Allowed. Respondent John Paul Carroll is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months.

Suspension effective June 14, 2018.

Respondent John Paul Carroll 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.029302 - In re: Mark Brian Moran. 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 Mark Brian Moran is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years and until further order of the Court, with reinstatement conditioned upon the payment of restitution in the amount of \$6,250 to Cleveland and Sherrill Rayford, plus interest at the rate of 9% per annum, compounded from the date of September 25, 2011.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029303 - In re: Jeffrey Michael McCarthy. 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 Jeffrey Michael McCarthy is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a two (2) 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 successfully complete the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Professionalism Seminar within the first six (6) months of probation;

- c. Respondent shall during the first thirty (30) days of his probation, enroll in a law office management program acceptable to the Administrator and shall, upon enrollment, notify the Administrator in writing of the name of the attorney with whom respondent is assigned to work. Respondent shall successfully complete the law office management program prior to the end of the probation term. Through respondent's participation in the law office management program, respondent shall establish and utilize the following:
- i. A system for maintaining records as required by Supreme Court Rule 769;
  - ii. A diary and docketing system in accordance with the requirements established by the law office management program, including a mechanism by which approaching statutes of limitations and other filing deadlines are noted;
  - iii. A system by which telephone messages are recorded and telephone calls are returned in a timely manner;
  - iv. A system by which written requests by clients for the status of their legal matters are answered, either orally or in writing, in a timely manner;
  - v. A system whereby clients are apprised at the outset of representation of the basis upon which fees will be calculated and costs paid;
  - vi. For cases in which the fee is to be calculated on an hourly basis, a system by which clients are provided with regular itemized billing statements provided at least quarterly, setting forth the services performed by respondent, the date upon which each service was performed, the time spent by respondent on each service and the amount to be charged to the client; and



- vii. A system for the handling of funds belonging to clients and third parties that conforms to the requirements of Rule 1.15 of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and instructions provided to respondent by the Administrator, including Trust Account Procedures;
- d. Respondent shall authorize the attorney assigned to work with him in the law office management program to:
  - i. Disclose to the Administrator on a quarterly basis, by way of signed reports, information pertaining to the nature of respondent's compliance with the law office management program and the above-described conditions;
  - ii. Promptly report to the Administrator respondent's failure to comply with any part of the above-described conditions; and
  - iii. Respond to any inquiries by the Administrator regarding respondent's compliance with the above described conditions;
- e. Respondent shall attend meetings as scheduled by the Commission probation officer. Respondent shall submit quarterly written reports to the Commission probation officer concerning the status of his practice of law and the nature and extent of his compliance with the conditions of probation;
- f. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change of address;
- g. 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;

- h. At least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of his probation, respondent shall reimburse the Client Protection Program for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct;
- i. Respondent shall reimburse the Commission for the costs for this proceeding as defined in Supreme Court Rule 773 and shall reimburse the Commission for any further costs incurred during the period of probation; and
- j. Probation shall be revoked if respondent is found to have violated any of the terms of his probation. The period of suspension shall commence from the date of the determination that any term of probation has been violated and respondent shall be suspended for six (6) months and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029312 - In re: Benjamin William Meyer. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Benjamin William Meyer 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.029313 - In re: Scott Michael Baldwin. 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 Scott Michael Baldwin is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029324 - In re: Robert Glen Riffner. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Robert Glen Riffner 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.029325 - In re: Michelle Gonzalez. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by respondent Michelle Gonzalez for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Allowed. Respondent Michelle Gonzalez is censured and required to pay restitution to Ellen Adkins in the amount of \$4,000 within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Court's final order of discipline and to successfully complete the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Professionalism Seminar within one (1) year of the entry of the Court's final order of discipline.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.029329 - In re: Elizabeth Ann Johnson. 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 Elizabeth Ann Johnson is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.