

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.031850 - In re: Richard Michael Ruggiero. 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 Richard Michael Ruggiero is disbarred.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.031883 - In re: Jeffrey Bruce Steinback. 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 Bruce Steinback is suspended from the practice of law for thirty (30) days.

Suspension effective December 12, 2023.

Respondent Jeffrey Bruce Steinback 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.031908 - In re: Jaime Teodoro Zeas. 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 Jaime Teodoro Zeas, who has been disciplined in the State of New York and the District of Columbia, is disbarred in the State of Illinois.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.031909 - In re: Daniel Lawrence Peters. 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 Daniel Lawrence Peters is suspended from the practice of law for ninety (90) days.

Suspension effective December 12, 2023.

Respondent Daniel Lawrence Peters 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.031916 - In re: Kenese Lashea Dowdy. Disciplinary Commission.

Amended 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 Kenese Lashea Dowdy is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed after thirty (30) days 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 her conduct;
- b. Respondent shall successfully complete the ARDC Professionalism Seminar by December 31, 2023;
- c. Respondent shall complete all MCLE requirements and return to good standing on the master roll of attorneys;
- d. 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;

- e. 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 her conduct;
- f. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within seven (7) days of any arrest or charge alleging her violation of any criminal or quasi-criminal statute or ordinance;
- g. 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 her practice of law and the nature and extent of her compliance with the conditions of probation;
- h. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change of address;
- i. Respondent shall comply with all treatment recommendations of her treating physician, including the taking of medications as prescribed, and including participation in psychological counseling and therapy as may be recommended;
- j. Respondent shall provide to her treating physician and the Administrator an appropriate release authorizing the treating professional 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 plan;
- k. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change in treatment professionals; and

- I. Probation shall be revoked if respondent is found to have violated any of the terms of probation. The remaining five (5) months of the six (6) month period of 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.

Suspension effective December 12, 2023.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.031927 - In re: Patrick Joseph Ahern. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by Patrick Joseph Ahern to be placed on permanent retirement status pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 756(a)(8). Allowed. Effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.