

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.030490 - In re: Sarah Jane Melisande Jones. Disciplinary Commission.

Petitions by petitioner Sarah Jane Melisande Jones and the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Allowed. The petition of Sarah Jane Melisande Jones for reinstatement to the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 767 is allowed and petitioner Sarah Jane Melisande Jones is reinstated to the practice of law in Illinois, subject to the following conditions which shall remain in effect for the first three (3) years following reinstatement:

- a. Petitioner shall comply with 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. Petitioner, upon reinstatement, shall comply, or document that she has complied, with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements for reinstated attorneys set out in Supreme Court Rule 791(f);
- c. Petitioner shall attend meetings as scheduled by the Commission probation officer. She 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 her reinstatement;
- d. Petitioner shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change of address;
- e. Petitioner shall begin a course of treatment with a qualified mental health professional acceptable to the Administrator and shall report to such mental health professional on a weekly basis for the first year the conditions are in effect and thereafter not less than once

per month, with the Administrator advised of any change in attendance deemed warranted by such professional. Petitioner shall comply with all treatment recommendations of the mental health professional, including scheduled sessions and the taking of medications as prescribed. Sessions may occur by phone or video conferencing;

- f. Petitioner shall provide the Administrator and approved mental health professional with an appropriate release authorizing the professional to (1) disclose to the Administrator, on at least a quarterly basis, information pertaining to the nature of petitioner's compliance with any treatment plan established with respect to petitioner's condition; (2) promptly report to the Administrator petitioner's failure to comply with any part of an established treatment plan; and (3) respond to any inquiries by the Administrator regarding petitioner's treatment and compliance with any established treatment plan;
- g. Upon return to practice, petitioner shall be supervised by a licensed attorney approved by the Administrator. Petitioner shall notify the Administrator of the names and addresses of any and all attorneys with whom she establishes a supervisory relationship and shall provide notice to the Administrator of any change in supervising attorneys within fourteen (14) days of the change. Petitioner shall authorize the supervising attorney to meet with a representative of the Administrator and work out a supervision plan, which shall include the attorney meeting with petitioner on a monthly basis and the attorney submitting a quarterly written report to the Administrator regarding the nature of petitioner's practice, the number of cases being handled by petitioner, and the attorney's general appraisal of petitioner's continued fitness to practice. Meetings may occur by phone or video conferencing;
- h. Petitioner shall promptly report any violation of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct;

- i. Petitioner's conditional reinstatement shall be revoked if she is found to have violated any of the conditions of reinstatement, and she shall be suspended from the practice of law until further order of the Court;
- j. Within six (6) months of the Court's final order in this matter, petitioner shall locate L.G. Guadarrama and R.M. Gonzalez, and, within three (3) years of the Court's order, shall pay restitution to L.G. Guadarrama in the amount of \$10,231 and to R.M. Gonzalez in the amount of \$13,000 and provide proof of payment to the Administrator; and
- k. If petitioner cannot locate L.G. Guadarrama and/or R.M. Gonzalez within six (6) months of the Court's final order, petitioner shall pay \$23,231 to the ARDC Client Protection Program, in lieu of restitution, minus any monies paid to L.G. Guadarrama or R.M. Gonzalez within three (3) years of the Court's final order in this matter.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.031343 - In re: Barbara Ann Susman. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by respondent Barbara Ann Susman for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Denied. Respondent Barbara Ann Susman is suspended from the practice of law for five (5) months, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a one (1) year period of probation, subject to the following conditions, as recommended by the Review Board:

- 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 investigation relating to her conduct;
- b. Respondent shall successfully complete the ARDC Professionalism Seminar within the first six (6) months of probation;

- c. During the first thirty (30) days of probation, respondent shall 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;
- d. 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 filing deadlines are noted;
  - iii. A system by which telephone messages are recorded and telephone calls are returned in a timely manner; and
  - iv. A system by which requests by clients for the status of their legal matters are answered, either orally, or in writing, in a timely manner;
- e. Respondent shall authorize the attorney assigned to work with her 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;
- f. 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;
- g. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change of address;
- h. 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;
- i. At least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of probation, respondent shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from her conduct;
- j. 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; and
- k. Probation shall be revoked if respondent is found to have violated any of the terms of her probation. The five (5) month period of suspension shall commence from the date of determination that any term of probation has been violated.

Order entered by the Court.

Anne M. Burke, J. took no part.  
Neville, J. took no part.

M.R.031403 - In re: Rebecca Suzanne Murray. 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 Rebecca Suzanne Murray is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months and until further order of the Court and until she successfully completes the ARDC Professionalism Seminar.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.031415 - In re: Christopher Robert Emerald. 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 Christopher Robert Emerald is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year and until he makes restitution to Nancy Silver-Hacker in the amount of \$2,500, less any expenses he incurred and any amount he has already paid to her.

Suspension effective December 14, 2022.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.031418 - In re: Ronald Richard Duebbert. 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 Ronald Richard Duebbert is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

Neville, J. took no part.

M.R.031421 - In re: Alison Marie Yohanna. 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 Alison Marie Yohanna is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months.

Suspension effective December 14, 2022.

Respondent Alison Marie Yohanna 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.031429 - In re: Blake Erin Stone. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Blake Erin Stone 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.031473 - In re: John Paul Kolb. 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 John Paul Kolb is suspended from the practice of law for thirty (30) days.

Suspension effective December 14, 2022.

Respondent John Paul Kolb 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.