

DISCIPLINARY QUARTERLY REPORT

Reporting Period: July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

REPORT BY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Final Decisions

Final Decisions of the NM Supreme Court2

Matter of Rafael Padilla, Esq., (No. S-1-SC-37594). The New Mexico Supreme Court issued an order on July 9, 2019, suspending Respondent from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, six (6) months of which were deferred, and Respondent was placed on probation for that period of time for violations of Rules 16-101.

Matter of Jennie Deden Behles, Esq., (No. S-1-SC-37393). The New Mexico Supreme Court issued an Opinion on September 23, 2019 in connection with its March 5, 2019 Order disbaring Respondent.

Summary Suspensions

Total number of attorneys summarily suspended.....0

Administrative Suspensions

Total number of attorneys administratively suspended.....0

Disability Inactive Status

Total number of attorneys removed from disability inactive states0

Charges Filed

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly failing to provide competent representation and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Injunctive Relief

Total number of injunctions prohibiting the unauthorized practice of law0

Reciprocal Discipline

Total number of attorneys reciprocally disciplined0

Reinstatement

Petitions for reinstatement filed3

Matter of G. Paul Howes, Esq. (S-1-SC-23414) Respondent petitioned for reinstatement on May 7, 2019 to the practice of law from a reciprocal disbarment.

Matter of Joseph M. Tapia, Esq. (S-1-SC-18414) Respondent petitioned for reinstatement on July 27, 2019 to the practice of law from an indefinite suspension.

Matter of Eric D. Dixon, Esq. (S-1-SC-37204) Respondent petitioned for reinstatement on September 11, 2019 to the practice of law from an indefinite suspension.

Formal Reprimands

Total number of attorneys formally reprimanded0

Informal Admonitions

Total number of attorneys admonished0

Diversion

Total number of attorneys referred to diversion3

Letters of Caution

Total number of attorneys cautioned3

Attorneys were cautioned for the following conduct: (1) trust account violations; (2) failure to communicate; and (3) lack of competence.

Complaints Received

<i>Allegations</i>	<i>No. of Complaints</i>
Trust Account Violations.....	2
Conflict of Interest.....	8
Neglect and/or Incompetence.....	64
Misrepresentation or Fraud.....	7
Relationship with Client or Court.....	23
Fees.....	9
Improper Communications.....	1
Criminal Activity.....	0
Personal Behavior.....	2
Other.....	22
Total number of complaints received.....	138