

# DISCIPLINARY QUARTERLY REPORT

Reporting Period: April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020

*REPORT BY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL*

## Final Decisions

Final Decisions of the NM Supreme Court .....0

## Summary Suspensions

Total number of attorneys summarily suspended.....1

*Matter of Matthew J. O'Neill, Esq.* (Supreme Court No. S-1-SC-38193) New Mexico Supreme Court entered an order summarily suspending Respondent from the practice of law.

## Administrative Suspensions

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

## Disability Inactive Status

Total number of attorneys removed from disability inactive states .....0

## Charges Filed

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly failing to hold a client's funds separate from his own; knowingly making a false statement of fact or law to a tribunal; unlawfully obstructing another party's access to evidence; engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal; engaging in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal; using means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay or burden a third person; and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly failing to provide competent

representation; failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness; failing to communicate; failing to expedite litigation; and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly failing to provide competent representation; failing to act with reasonableness and competence in representing a client; failing to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interests of the client; knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of the tribunal; and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects; and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

**Injunctive Relief**

Total number of injunctions prohibiting the unauthorized practice of law .....0

**Reciprocal Discipline**

Total number of attorneys reciprocally disciplined .....0

**Reinstatement from Probation**

Petitions for reinstatement filed .....0

**Formal Reprimands**

Total number of attorneys formally reprimanded .....0

**Informal Admonitions**

Total number of attorneys admonished .....0

**Letters of Caution**

Total number of attorneys cautioned .....5

Attorneys were cautioned for the following conduct: (1) lack of diligence (2 letters of caution issued); (2) lack of competence (2 letters of caution issued); and (3) sexual harassment.

## Complaints Received

<i>Allegations</i>	<i>No. of Complaints</i>
Trust Account Violations.....	0
Conflict of Interest.....	8
Neglect and/or Incompetence.....	71
Misrepresentation or Fraud.....	12
Relationship with Client or Court.....	22
Fees.....	3
Improper Communications.....	1
Criminal Activity.....	1
Personal Behavior.....	6
Other.....	20
Total number of complaints received.....	144