DISCIPLINARY QUARTERLY REPORT

Reporting Period: January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

REPORT BY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Final Decisions

Final Decisions of the NM Supreme Court ……2

In the Matter of John B. Campbell, (No. S-1-SC-40258). The New Mexico Supreme Court entered an order indefinitely suspending the Respondent pursuant to Rule 17-211(B)(1) NMRA, effective February 27, 2024, for a period no less than 18 months.

In the Matter of Francis J. Rio, (No. S-1-SC-39928). The New Mexico Supreme Court entered an order indefinitely suspending the Respondent no less than 1 year, with the suspension deferred and conditions imposed. A formal reprimand was also ordered.

Summary Suspensions

Total number of attorneys summarily suspended……1

Total number of attorneys summarily suspended (reciprocal)…….0

Administrative Suspensions

Total number of attorneys administratively suspended.....2

Disability Inactive Status

Total number of attorneys removed from disability inactive states 0

Charges Filed

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly filing a criminal complaint without factual or legal basis and with no good-faith agreement for an extension, modification or reversal of existing law, by using means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay or burden a third person and/or engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for alleged lack of candor toward a tribunal, failing to provide adequate and/or competent representation to a client; failing to act diligently on behalf of a client, engaging in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal, by using means that have no other purpose than to embarrass, delay or burden a third person; by making a statement with reckless disregard as to its truth or falsity concerning the integrity of a judge, by asserting an issue without basis in fact; and/or misconduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

Injunctive Relief

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

Reciprocal Discipline

Total number of reciprocal discipline filed ……..1

Reinstatement from Probation

Petitions for reinstatement filed 0

Public Censure

Total number of public censures……1

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 11

Attorneys were cautioned for the following conduct: (1) conflict of interest, (1) specifically prohibited conflicts, (1) improper statements about judge's integrity, (3) failure to communicate, (5) lack of diligence, (2) lack of competence, (1) improper conduct with represented party, (1) improper means, (1) improper fees.

Complaints Received

Allegations	***No. of Complaints***
Trust Account Violations	0
Conflict of Interest	1
Specifically prohibited conflicts	2
Neglect and/or Incompetence	21
Failure to Follow Client Instructions	0
Misrepresentation or Fraud	7
Improper Withdrawal	0
Fees	4

Improper Communications.....11
Prosecutorial Misconduct..... 4
Advertising Violations.....0
Improper Statements about Judge…….....….0
Improper Means……..…18
UPL…….…...0
Improper Trial Publicity……..…0
Lack of Fairness to Opposing Party/Counsel……..... 3
Contact with Represented Party…….0
Meritless Claims or Defenses…….0
Lack of Diligence…….……..…11
Other.....29
Total number of complaints received.....183

*Denotes total number of complaints received through 3/31/2024. May differ from the total number reflected in allegations due to reporting timing.