DISCIPLINARY QUARTERLY REPORT

Reporting Period: July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024

REPORT BY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Final Decisions

Final Decisions of the NM Supreme Court ……3

In the Matter of Donna Baslee, (No. S-1-SC-40071). The New Mexico Supreme Court entered an order indefinitely suspending the Respondent pursuant to Rule 17-206(A)(3) NMRA, effective August 19, 2024, for a period no less than 1 year.

In the Matter of Andrew Indahl, (S-1-SC-40367). The New Mexico Supreme Court ordered a public censure against Respondent.

In the Matter of Sarah Van Cott, (S-1-SC-40475). The New Mexico Supreme Court entered an order indefinitely suspending the Respondent pursuant to Rule 17-206(A)(3) NMRA. The indefinite suspension was deferred and Respondent is on probation until September 19, 2025. Respondent will also be issued a Formal Reprimand.

Summary Suspensions

Total number of attorneys summarily suspended……0

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

Administrative Suspensions

Total number of attorneys administratively suspended.....1

Disability Inactive Status

Total number of attorneys removed from disability inactive states 0

Charges Filed

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly revealing information relating to the representation of client without informed consent, using means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass a third person, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty and/or engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly failing to provide competent representation to a client, by allegedly bringing, asserting, or controverting a frivolous issue in a proceeding when there is no basis in law and fact for doing so, by allegedly failing to make

reasonable assurance that all lawyers in the firm conform to the Rules of Professional Conduct, by allegedly failing to make reasonable efforts to ensure that subordinate lawyers within the firm conform to the Rules of Professional Conduct, by allegedly knowingly making a false statement of material fact in connection with a disciplinary matter, by allegedly failing to promptly inform a client of a decision or circumstance with respect to which the client's informed consent is required, by allegedly failing to reasonably consult with a client about the means by which the client's objectives are to be accomplished, by allegedly failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter, by allegedly failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, by allegedly using means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass a third person, by allegedly engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and/or by allegedly engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

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……0

Formal Reprimands

Total number of attorneys formally reprimanded 0

Informal Admonitions

Total number of attorneys admonished 2

Letters of Caution

Total number of attorneys cautioned 14

Attorneys were cautioned for the following conduct: (6) lack of competence, (1) failure to communicate, (1) lack of fairness to opposing party/counsel, (1) disruption of a tribunal, (1) improper conduct with unrepresented party, (1) prosecutorial misconduct, (1) conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, (2) dishonesty, deceit, fraud, misrepresentation, (3) unauthorized practice of law.

Complaints Received

Allegations	*No. of Complaints*
Trust Account Violations	1
Conflict of Interest	0
Dishonesty, deceit, fraud, misrepresentation	12
Specifically prohibited conflicts	5
Neglect and/or Incompetence	63
Failure to Follow Client Instructions	0
Misrepresentation or Fraud	0
Improper Withdrawal	0
Breach of Confidentiality	1
Fees	9
Improper Communications	0
Failure to Communicate	8
Improper statements about judge's integrity	3
Prosecutorial Misconduct	8
Improper Statements about Judge	0
Improper Means	1
Criminal Conduct	1
UPL	0
Improper Trial Publicity	0
Lack of Fairness to Opposing Party/Counsel	2
Contact with Represented Party	0
Meritless Claims or Defenses	0
Lack of Diligence	2
Other	3
Disruption of Tribunal	1
Unauthorized practice of law	3
*Total number of complaints received	177*

*Denotes total number of complaints received through 9/30/2024. May differ from the total number reflected in allegations due to reporting timing.