DISCIPLINARY QUARTERLY REPORT

Reporting Period: April 1, 2022-June 30, 2022

REPORT BY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Final Decisions

Final Decisions of the NM Supreme Court ……2

In the Matter of Shannon Robinson, (No. S-1-SC-39155). The New Mexico Supreme Court entered an order permanently disbarring the Respondent pursuant to Rule 206(A)(1) NMRA, effective May 4, 2022.

In the Matter of Angela DeLorme-Gaines (No. S-1-SC-38916). The New Mexico Supreme Court entered an order indefinitely suspending the Respondent pursuant to Rule 206(A)(3) NMRA, effective May 5, 2022

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.....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 provide competent representation, failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client, by failing to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interest of the client, by failing to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter and failing to comply with reasonable request for information, by knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal and/or engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly failing to provide competent representation, failing to promptly inform the client of a decision which required the client's informed consent, by failing to consult with the client about the means by which the client's objectives are to be accomplished and keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter, by failing to effect to an orderly termination of the attorney/client relationship, by asserting

an issue for which there is no basis of law which is not frivolous, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly failing to obtain written informed consent to limit representation, by failing to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter, by failing to have a written fee agreement, failing to properly deposit client legal fees paid in advance, by failing to properly keep complete records of trust account funds, and by failing to keep a trust account plan.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly failing to provide competent representation to a client, by failing to expedite litigation, by failing to hold clients' funds separate from his own, by withdrawing client funds prior to earning them or incurring expenses; and by engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Charges were filed against an attorney for allegedly communicating about the subject of representation with a person the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer in the matter, and by using means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay or burden a third person, by failing to provide competent representation to a client, by engaging in conduct prejudicial o the administration of justice, and by implying an ability to influence improperly an official to achieve results by means that violate the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Injunctive Relief

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

Reinstatement from Probation

Petitions for reinstatement filed 2

Formal Reprimands

Total number of attorneys formally reprimanded 1

Informal Admonitions

Total number of attorneys admonished 5

Letters of Caution

Total number of attorneys cautioned 4

Attorneys were cautioned for the following conduct: (2) ex parte contact with the Court; (1) failure to communicate, lack of diligence; (1) Unauthorized practice of law.

Complaints Received

Allegations	*No. of Complaints*
Trust Account Violations	0
Conflict of Interest	1
Neglect and/or Incompetence	70
Misrepresentation or Fraud	13
Improper Withdrawal	0
Fees	7
Improper Communications	0
Failure to Communicate	18
Ex Parte Contact with the Court	4
Lawyer Acting as Witness	3
Prosecutorial Misconduct	5
Advertising Violations	1
Improper Statements about Judge	0
Improper Means	0
Criminal Conduct	1
UPL	2
Improper Trial Publicity	1
Lack of Fairness to Opposing Party/Counsel	9
Contact with Represented Party	0
Specifically prohibited Conflicts	6
Meritless Claims or Defenses	1
Engaged in Conduct Prejudicial to Admin. Of Justice	1
Lack of Diligence	12
Failure to Follow Client Instructions	1
Other	2
Total number of complaints received	163*

*Denotes total number of complaints received through 6/30/2022. May differ from the total number reflected in allegations due to reporting timing.