

SANCTIONS AND ACTIONS AFFECTING LICENSURE (FY 2020)

AMBE, Jude – Disbarred on October 21, 2019, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with his client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, failing to take steps to protect his client's interest upon termination of his representation, failing to maintain candor to the tribunal, knowingly making false statements to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent neglected his client's immigration case, failed to appear in court, made various material misrepresentations to a tribunal and to Bar Counsel and failed to deposit unearned funds in an attorney trust account.

ANTHONY, Steven Cochario – Suspended on August 21, 2019, effective immediately, until further order of the Court of Appeals.

ASAKI, David Wayne – Commission Reprimand on July 2, 2019, for failing to provide a written retainer agreement when collecting a contingency fee, representing a client involving a conflict of interest, and failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account. Respondent represented a business owned by two individuals in equal shares. Respondent obtained and collected a judgement on behalf of the business but disbursed the funds to only one owner.

BAGHERI, Babak – Disbarred by Consent on January 9, 2020, for knowingly making false statements to Bar Counsel, committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent downloaded confidential client information onto external hard drive after he was terminated and recorded a meeting without the participants' knowledge or consent.

BAH, Mohamed Alpha – Disbarred on March 12, 2020, effective immediately, for failing to represent his clients competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with his clients, failing to safekeep unearned fees in his attorney trust account and failing to obtain his client's informed consent, confirmed in writing, to hold the funds outside of trust, failing to properly withdraw from representation, failing to reasonably expedite litigation, engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent neglected his clients' matters, failed to maintain client funds in an attorney trust account, failed to refund unearned fees to his clients, and engaged in dishonest and deceitful conduct related to the misappropriation of funds.

BAILEY, Genevieve N. – Commission Reprimand on January 23, 2020, for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. Respondent, who is admitted to practice law in Georgia, but not Maryland, filed a Response and Objection in a family law matter before the Circuit Court for Montgomery County.

BALANNIK, Dmitry David – Disbarred by Consent on November 22, 2019, effective January 15, 2020, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of

representation, failing to adequately communicate with his client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to take steps to protect his client's interest upon termination of his representation, failing to reasonably expedite litigation, failing to maintain fairness to opposing parties and counsel, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In bankruptcy matters, Respondent failed to comply with court orders, failed to appear at hearings, filed multiple bankruptcy cases to stall legitimate debt collection and foreclosure proceedings, routinely failed to file documents required by the bankruptcy code and failed to correct his clients' false testimony during a meeting of creditors.

BEARD, Christopher Lee – Commission reprimand on April 11, 2020, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account and failing to promptly remove earned fees from his attorney trust account. For a number of years, Respondent did not reconcile his attorney trust account and held earned fees in trust which caused several negative client ledger balances to go unnoticed.

BROWN, Brian Stuart – Reprimand by Consent on January 9, 2020, in a reciprocal action from the District of Columbia, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently and failing to adequately communicate with his client. Respondent failed to take any action in his client's case that caused a three-year delay in the client's receipt of the proceeds from a \$100,000.00 judgment.

BROWN, Warren Anthony – Commission Reprimand on July 25, 2019, for failing to represent his client diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his client and failing to act promptly and decisively in refunding a client's retainer payments at the time when such representation was terminated.

BURCH, Larry Neal – Commission Reprimand on April 10, 2020, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account. Respondent failed to safekeep funds when he disbursed disputed funds from his attorney trust account to his operating account before the dispute was resolved.

CAPRISTO, Joseph C. – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on March 20, 2020, effective on June 19, 2020, with the right to petition for reinstatement in 90 days, for failing to represent his client competently, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent allowed his assistant to access his attorney trust account that contained debtor funds from debt collection matters, allowed the assistant to continue working after he discovered she had misappropriated funds from his operating account, and later discovered that over \$33,000.00 of debtor funds were misappropriated from his attorney trust account while the assistant had access to the account.

COLLINS, Natalie Thryphenia – Suspended for sixty (60) days on June 8, 2020, effective on July 8, 2020, for failing to represent her client competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with her client, failing to maintain fairness to opposing party and counsel, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to respond to discovery requests and two motions for sanctions, failed to prepare her client, a witness, and herself for a hearing, and disregarded her professional obligations to her client, opposing counsel, a court-appointed attorney, and the court.

COOKE, Ira Charles – Commission Reprimand on December 23, 2019, for failing to diligently represent his client and failing to adequately communicate with his client. Respondent failed to advise his client regarding the likelihood of success of a Motion for Modification of Sentence before the revisory period expired and failed to adequately explain the scope of his representation to the client.

DAILEY, Jonathan Christian – Disbarred on March 18, 2020, for disclosing confidential client information, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. After Respondent's client received settlement funds, he induced his client into giving him money as an "investment," misappropriated the funds, and repeatedly provided his client with misleading and false information about the funds.

DANSO, Judith Sakyi – Commission Reprimand on May 11, 2020, for failing to promptly remove earned fees from her attorney trust account and failing to maintain adequate client matter records.

EKEKWE, Olekanma Arnette – Indefinite Suspension on November 20, 2019, with the right to petition for reinstatement after reinstatement in the District of Columbia, in a reciprocal action from the District of Columbia for failing to represent her client competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with her client, collecting unreasonable fees, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. In a suit against the University of the District of Columbia, Respondent failed to conduct any legal research, failed to correct deficiencies in the complaint, failed to take further action in the matter despite informing her client she would do so, refused to refund any fees to her client, and deliberately falsified an invoice in support of her argument that she was entitled to fees paid by the client.

GONZALEZ, Edward – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on September 27, 2019, in a reciprocal action from the District of Columbia, for failing to adequately communicate with his clients, failing to protect his clients' interests upon termination of his representation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to provide Spanish-speaking clients with translated fee agreements and documents related to bankruptcy filings and threatened to withdraw from representation if clients did not execute new fee agreements to secure Respondent's requested fees.

HANCOCK, Charles Leonard – Indefinite Suspension on June 26, 2020, for engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice and knowingly manifesting by words or conduct bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. For approximately seven years, while working for the federal government, Respondent participated in an exchange of e-mails using his official government email address during work hours to make disturbingly inappropriate and offensive statements that demonstrated bias or prejudice for Hispanic, Asian, and African American people, and people whom he referred to as gay men, who were his colleagues.

HENSLEY, Samuel Edward – Disbarred on February 6, 2020, effective immediately, for failing to represent his clients competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his clients, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, failing

to properly withdraw from representation, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to appear at a client meeting and a court hearing, failed to inform his client about his absence, failed to respond to his clients' attempts to contact him, failed to distribute settlement funds to his client's medical provider, failed to return his collected fee to his client after performing no legal service, failed to deposit a retainer payment into his attorney trust account, abandoned his client's case without notice, and misrepresented to his client that he was licensed to practice law in a state where he was not.

HERISCHI, Ali – Reprimand on June 22, 2020, for failing to adequately communicate with his client, failing to recognize a conflict of interest, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent represented foreign investors in connection with their efforts to obtain visas through the United States' EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program. Respondent charged each client a flat fee of \$20,000 for services related to obtaining a visa and failed to advise his clients that he received an additional referral fee of \$40,000 from a third party if the client invested in a particular development project.

HOERAUF, Gwyn Cara – Disbarred on April 24, 2020, effective immediately, for failing to represent her client competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with her client, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to maintain candor to the tribunal, failing to maintain proper dealings with an unrepresented person, knowingly making false statements of material fact, failing to correct a misapprehension in a matter and failing to respond to Bar Counsel, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent facilitated an attorney-client relationship between her client's alleged victim, a 16 year old minor, and another attorney, and misled the circuit court in an effort to conceal that relationship and conceal her efforts to dissuade the victim from cooperating with the prosecution. In addition, Respondent failed to file motions on a client's behalf and misrepresented that she had done so, and made misrepresentations to Bar Counsel regarding the representation.

HULL, Miguel Alan – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on February 28, 2020, effective March 13, 2020, for committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness as an attorney and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal contempt for violating a civil protection order.

JOHNSON, Kim Yvette – Disbarred by Consent on October 4, 2019, effective immediately, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In a bankruptcy matter, Respondent instructed her client to make unauthorized disbursements and collected attorney's fees, without court approval and in direct violation of court orders.

KANE, Jr., Eugene Ignatius – Indefinite Suspension on August 26, 2019, effective September 25, 2019, for failing to represent his clients competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with his clients, failing to identify a conflict

of interest, failing to properly withdraw from representation, filing frivolous pleadings, failure to maintain candor to the tribunal and fairness to opposing parties and counsel, knowingly making a false statement of material fact, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent provided inaccurate legal advice to clients to the detriment of those clients, repeatedly failed to communicate with clients regarding the status of their cases and made misrepresentations in his personal bankruptcy and tax return filings.

KANE, Malcolm Bruce – Disbarred by Consent on March 9, 2020, effective immediately, for failing to represent his client competently, representing a client involving a conflict of interest, soliciting a substantial gift from a client, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent prepared trust documents that included a \$100,000.00 bequest to himself, depleted \$275,000.00 in trust assets for personal gain, and used approximately \$180,000.00 from the trust to retain two attorneys to represent his personal interests in receiving compensation for his resignation as trustee.

KARDIAN, David Patrick – Disbarred by Consent on June 10, 2020, for committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent pled guilty to one count of possession of child pornography in violation of Maryland Code Annotated, Criminal Law Article, Section 11-208.

KAUFMAN, Kenneth Steven – Disbarred on November 22, 2019, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with his client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to take steps to protect his client's interest upon termination of his representation, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to communicate with his client regarding the status of her case, ignored her many attempts to contact him, failed to respond to or oppose motions for summary judgment, failed to appear at two hearings, failed to inform his client that her case was dismissed, failed to inform his client of pending punitive sanctions, and failed to participate in the attorney grievance proceeding.

LANGRALL, Craig Harrison – Disbarred on May 22, 2020, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his client, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to identify a conflict of interest, failing to maintain truthfulness in statements to others, committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent repeatedly made misrepresentations to his client regarding the status of her cases, including the misrepresentation that he secured \$900,000.00 in judgments in the client's favor when, in fact, the cases were dismissed because of his failure to serve defendants.

LEONARD, Robert Joseph – Commission reprimand on April 24, 2020, for engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent used his cell phone to record court

proceedings despite notices prominently displayed throughout the courthouse prohibiting such conduct.

LORD, Nancy Theresa – Temporary Suspension on May 22, 2020, effective immediately, in a reciprocal action from the Nevada, pending further Order of the Court of Appeals.

LOVE, Jonathan Frederick Seamon – Commission Reprimand on July 1, 2019, for failing to provide competent and diligent representation, failing to adequately communicate his client, collecting unreasonable fees and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to respond to a request for discovery in his client’s divorce matter, failed to adequately communicate with his client prior to her merits hearing, and failed to advise his client that the outstanding attorney’s fees had significantly exceeded Respondent’s initial estimate.

LOVEJOY, Frederick Arthur – Reprimand on January 23, 2020, in a reciprocal action from Connecticut, for failing to maintain fairness to opposing parties and counsel and failing to maintain respect for rights of third persons. Respondent failed to pay a judgment owed by his firm for court reporting services, and in an effort to avoid payment, registered a new firm as an LLC with a slightly different name and claimed the previous firm ceased doing business and had no assets.

MARKEY, James Andrew – Indefinite Suspension on June 26, 2020, for engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice and knowingly manifesting by words or conduct bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. For approximately seven years, while working for the federal government, Respondent participated in an exchange of e-mails using his official government email address during work hours to make disturbingly inappropriate and offensive statements that demonstrated bias or prejudice for Hispanic, Asian, and African American people, and people whom he referred to as gay men, who were his colleagues.

McKENNA, Christopher Benedict – Reprimand by Consent on November 20, 2019, for committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney. Respondent was convicted of criminal harassment.

MILLER, Anne Margaret – Disbarred on January 29, 2020, for failing to represent her client diligently, failing to adequately communicate with her client, collecting unreasonable fees, knowingly making false statements of material fact, failing to correct a misapprehension in a matter, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. For approximately one year, Respondent repeatedly misled her client to believe that Respondent had filed an adoption petition on behalf of her client when, in fact, she had not.

MILTON, Gregory J. – Indefinite Suspension on March 3, 2020, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, filing frivolous pleadings, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent repeatedly failed to provide information to Bar Counsel, including records to show he properly maintained his attorney trust account, made cash withdrawals from his attorney trust account, and filed multiple frivolous filings.

MOIR, Thomas Ian – Temporary Suspension on February 28, 2020, pending further order of the Court of Appeals.

MURRAY, Charles Alex – Interim Suspension on May 8, 2020, effective immediately, pending further Order of the Court, in a reciprocal action from the Supreme Court of Florida.

NOLAN, Terrence Michael – Commission Reprimand on July 25, 2019, for failing to safekeep unearned fees in his attorney trust account and failing to obtain his client's informed consent, confirmed in writing, to hold the funds outside of trust.

NOWICKI, John Walter – Commission Reprimand on April 23, 2020, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account. Respondent failed to maintain accurate trust account records and failed to perform monthly reconciliations for a number of years.

OSTENDORF, Jason Alan – Commission Reprimand on August 26, 2019, for failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account. Respondent collected a fee from his client in the amount of \$20,000.00 and failed to deposit any of those funds in his attorney trust account until earned.

PANTELEAKIS, Nicholas Peter – Disbarred by Consent on August 12, 2019, effective September 3, 2019, for failing to maintain candor to the tribunal, committing a criminal act that that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness as an attorney and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent made false statements to a detective and an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigations regarding the whereabouts of Respondent's girlfriend. In addition, Respondent represented his girlfriend in her child custody matter and made false statements to the Court regarding the whereabouts of the minor child.

PAUL, Dana Andrew – Commission Reprimand on March 4, 2020, for failing to adequately communicate with his clients, collecting unreasonable fees, engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to timely advise his clients regarding the opinion of their expert witness, threatened to withdraw his representation unless his clients' agreed to pay an increased fee and limited email communications, and represented a client before the District Court for Anne Arundel County while suspended from the practice of law.

PHAROAH, Marie Lott – Commission Reprimand on December 4, 2019, for failing to safekeep unearned fees in her attorney trust account, failing to obtain her client's informed consent, confirmed in writing, to hold the funds in a non-trust account, and failing to keep contemporaneous time records in order to provide her client with an accurate invoice.

PLANTA, William Clark – Disbarred on December 6, 2019, effective immediately, for failing to represent his clients competently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with his client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, failing to take steps to protect his client's interest upon termination of his representation, failing to reasonably expedite litigation, failing to maintain candor to the tribunal, failing to maintain fairness to opposing parties and counsel, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation

that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent appeared late and lied to the court about his tardiness, failed to appear, missed discovery and filing deadlines resulting in the imposition of sanctions, misappropriated and mishandled client funds, and failed to return unearned fees upon termination of representation.

POWERS, James Aloysius – Disbarred by Consent on May 22, 2020, effective immediately for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent continued to practice law after his license to practice was revoked in Virginia and after he was disbarred in New York, and Respondent failed to inform Bar Counsel of the revocation and disbarment.

POWERS, Ralph Wilson – Commission reprimand on January 21, 2020, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account and failing to properly withdraw from representation. Respondent withdrew funds held in trust without his client’s knowledge or permission, and upon completion of his representation failed to either return or bill against the client’s the remaining funds held in trust.

REED, James Kevin – Disbarred by Consent on October 24, 2019, effective immediately, for failing to adequately communicate with his client, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, knowingly failing to respond to a request for information by Bar Counsel, knowingly making false statements to Bar Counsel, committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent misappropriated client funds and provided falsified bank statements during Bar Counsel’s investigation.

RHEINSTEIN, Jason Edward – Disbarred on January 24, 2020, for failing to represent his client competently, failing to maintain fairness to opposing parties and counsel, failing to maintain respect for rights of third persons, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent misrepresented facts to a circuit court judge in an effort to intimidate his opponents, advanced unsubstantial claims of fraud against an opposing party and, without basis, led a tribunal to believe that an opposing party had been facing criminal charges, repeatedly attempted to disqualify any attorney retained by the opposing party and to bully counsel into settling cases for ridiculous amounts. Respondent also pursued litigation in a vexatious manner and caused intolerable delay in the disciplinary proceeding.

RILEY, Nina M. – Commission Reprimand on July 24, 2019, for the unauthorized practice of law and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent appeared on behalf of her client in a criminal matter despite the fact that she is not admitted to the Maryland Bar. After the court advised that Respondent was unable to participate in the Maryland matter, she drafted a “Pro Per” Motion for Reconsideration and Evaluation by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene which was subsequently filed with the court.

ROLLINS, III, Edward Dorsey Ellis – Suspended by Consent for sixty (60) days on August 21, 2019, effective September 1, 2019, for engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent received probation before judgement for one count of disorderly conduct and one count of indecent exposure.

ROMELL, Luke – Commission Reprimand on December 3, 2019, for engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Without permission of the court, Respondent took possession of a shirt that had been admitted into evidence as one of the State’s exhibits, removed the shirt from the courtroom and instructed his client to try on the shirt. Respondent’s conduct delayed the proceedings and prejudiced the orderly administration of the trial.

ROTHMAN, Michael Steven – Commission Reprimand on December 23, 2019, for failing to adequately communicate with his client, failing to safekeep funds in his attorney trust account, and failing to take steps to protect his client’s interest upon termination of his representation. Respondent withdrew funds from his attorney trust account before they were earned and left his client’s file in a public area outside of his office.

ROWLAND, Dale Edward – Disbarred by Consent on May 15, 2020, effective immediately, for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. For approximately four months following Respondent’s indefinite suspension from the practice of law, Respondent continued to practice and intentionally concealed his suspension from his employer.

RYAN, III, Charles Joseph – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on November 20, 2019, for disclosing confidential client information, failing to uphold his duty to a former client, and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent represented a current client in litigation filed against a former client involving licenses for cellular and broadband multimedia services. During his representation of the current client, Respondent disclosed confidential information obtained during his representation of the former client.

SAVINGTON, Richard Lee – Disbarred by Consent on October 23, 2019, for committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to disclose to law enforcement that his client was hiding in Respondent’s home and Respondent entered a guilty plea to harboring a fugitive.

SILBER, Lewis Maurice – Disbarred by Consent on February 28, 2020, effective June 27, 2020, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to disburse settlement funds to his client and a third-party lien holder and misappropriated \$328,381.24 in client and third-party funds.

SINGH, Raj Sanjeet – Suspended for sixty (60) days on July 17, 2019, effective August 16, 2019, for failing to represent his clients diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his clients, representing a client involving a conflict of interest, failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney

trust account, knowingly making a false statement to Bar Counsel, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent represented both spouses in an immigration matter, failed to communicate regarding conditions on the resident status of the immigrant spouse before a two-year limitations period, and undertook to advise one spouse on whether he could bring criminal charges against the other spouse. In addition, Respondent gave a misleading statement under oath to Bar Counsel about whether he usually complied with rules requiring deposit of client funds in an attorney trust account.

SKLAR, Jason Evan – Disbarred by Consent on April 2, 2020, for committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute.

SMITH-SCOTT, Arlene Adasa – Disbarred on January 10, 2020, effective immediately, for failing to represent her clients competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with her clients, failing to abide by the scope of representation, collecting unreasonable fees, disclosing confidential client information, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, failing to properly withdraw from representation, failing to maintain truthfulness in statements to others, candor to the tribunal, and fairness to opposing parties and counsel, knowingly making false statements of material fact, failing to correct a misapprehension in a matter, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent represented herself in bankruptcy proceedings and filed frivolous pleadings, motions and appeals, intentionally hindered the trustee's ability to administer the case, and made false statements of material fact to the court. In addition, Respondent represented several clients and failed to file motions and appeals, made knowing misrepresentations and intentionally concealed information from her clients, and misappropriated client funds.

TAYLOR, Era Sherran – Commission Reprimand on April 27, 2020, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account and failing to promptly remove earned fees from her attorney trust account. The Respondent failed to create and maintain attorney trust account records and made several cash withdrawals from her attorney trust account.

TOLAR, Jane – Suspended by Consent for sixty (60) days on August 19, 2019, effective September 20, 2019, for knowingly making a false statement of material fact and knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel. Respondent misrepresented to Bar Counsel's investigator that she had not received or seen a copy of the complaint filed against her and failed to respond to Bar Counsel's numerous requests for information.

TOTTEN, Frank T. – Commission Reprimand on January 24, 2020, for failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account. Respondent failed to establish appropriate record-keeping systems which eventually caused his attorney trust account to be overdrawn.

TSIMPEDES, Athanasios Theodore – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on August 12, 2019, effective September 1, 2019, in a reciprocal action from the Supreme Court of New Jersey, for failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, knowingly failing to respond to a request for information by the New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to create and maintain records associated with the receipt and disbursement of client and third-party funds and comingled funds in his attorney trust account.

TURNER, John Winfield – Disbarred by Consent on October 24, 2019, effective immediately, for committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent was convicted of three counts of possession of child pornography.

UGWUONYE, Ephraim Chukwuemeka – Disbarred on December 9, 2019, in a reciprocal action from the District of Columbia, for failing to adequately communicate with his clients, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to safekeep funds in his attorney trust account, and engaging in behavior that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent recklessly misappropriated client funds.

WALTON, Charles Earl – Reprimand by Consent on October 21, 2019, for failing to represent his client diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his client, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In an EEOC matter, Respondent failed to appear for the Oral Argument.

WASHINGTON, Geoffrey Warren – Commission Reprimand on April 10, 2020, for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law and conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent appeared before the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings without being admitted to do so and without filing a motion to appear *pro hac vice*.

WILLIAMS, Patrick Todd – Disbarred by Consent on January 23, 2020, for failing to represent his clients competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his clients, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to properly withdraw from representation, failing to reasonably expedite litigation, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent abandoned his law practice including approximately 70 open client matters.

WOO, David B. – Disbarred by Consent on December 3, 2019, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to adequately communicate with his client, failing to safekeep funds in his attorney trust account, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent misappropriated approximately \$28,000 of funds intended to pay his clients' creditors and failed to disburse in a timely manner \$3,000 held in trust and due to a third party.

YATES, Charles Darrow – Suspended for sixty (60) days on February 28, 2020, effective March 29, 2020, with the right to petition for reinstatement conditioned upon showing that his tax

obligations are current, for committing a criminal act that that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness as an attorney and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to timely file State and federal income tax returns and pay the related taxes over an extended period of time.

ZIPIN, Philip B. – Reprimand on June 8, 2020, in a reciprocal action from the District of Columbia, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his client, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In an Estate matter before the District of Columbia Superior Court Probate Division, the Respondent failed to file letters of conservatorship which allowed a third party to take out a mortgage on his client's home without the Respondent's knowledge or consent, failed to file taxes on his client's behalf, and failed to timely file a final accounting.