

SANCTIONS AND ACTIONS AFFECTING LICENSURE (FY 2017)

ADOFF, Leonard H. – Disbarred by Consent on December 16, 2016, as a reciprocal action to his disbarment in New Jersey for failing to safe-keep property, for misappropriating client funds held in trust, for failing to maintain proper trust account records and for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

ALLENBAUGH, Mark Howard – Disbarred on October 7, 2016 as a reciprocal action to his United States Court of Appeals (Fourth Circuit) suspension, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, for failing to respond to court orders and for failing to refund a fee that had not been earned.

ANDERSON, Gary Michael – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on February 16, 2017, effective thirty (30) days from the date thereof, for failing to comply in a material way with the terms of a Conditional Diversion Agreement (“CDA”) that he entered into with Bar Counsel related to failing to safe-keep client funds in an attorney trust account and for failing to communicate, and in another matter, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, resulting in entry of a judgment against his client, for failing to keep his client informed of the status of her case, for failing to provide his client with an accounting of fee payments and upon termination of the representation, for failing to cooperate with requests from his former client’s new counsel.

BARBER, Andre P. – Disbarred on August 19, 2016, as a reciprocal action to his District of Columbia disbarment for filing frivolous pleadings and appeals, for making misrepresentations to an arbitrator and for making misrepresentations to the disciplinary authorities.

BELLAMY, Denise Leona – Disbarred by *Per Curiam* Order on April 3, 2017. Opinion of the Court of Appeals to follow.

BYRD, Charles Grant, Jr. – Disbarred by Consent on April 5, 2017, for criminal conduct (misappropriation of funds belonging to his law firm for his personal use and benefit) and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

BROWN, Ajile Fernandez – Commission Reprimand for the unauthorized practice of law in Maryland.

DENRICH, Diana Beth – Interim Suspension on February 16, 2017, for her criminal conviction.

ELLIS, Thomas F. – Commission Reprimand for failing to safe-keep client funds until earned, for failing to ensure that his firm had in effect measures giving reasonable assurance that his non-attorney’s conduct was compatible with his professional obligations, for failing to supervise his non-attorney assistant who was assigned to deposit and transfer funds from the attorney trust account and for failing to ensure that records were maintained for the attorney trust account.

EMORY, Dylan Richard – Disbarred by Consent on May 1, 2017, for his criminal conviction related to possession of child pornography.

EZEALA, Jude Chukwuma – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on March 21, 2017, for failing to represent a client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the client's decisions concerning the objectives of the representation, failing to keep the client informed of the status of her case, charging an unreasonable fee, failing to deposit the client's fees, paid in advance, into his attorney trust account without obtaining the client's informed written consent not to do so, failing to take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect the client's interests upon termination of the representation, failing to refund the client's advance payment of fee or expense that had not been earned or incurred, failing to ensure that his firm had in effect measures giving reasonable assurance that a non-attorney assistant's conduct was compatible with his professional obligations, failing to supervise his non-attorney assistant and assisting or allowing the non-attorney to engage in acts constituting the unauthorized practice of law.

FRAMM, Rhonda I. – Disbarred on August 24, 2016, for failing to represent her client competently, diligently and honestly, for failing to adequately communicate with her client and for making misrepresentations to a court.

FRIEDLANDER, Jonathan Kenneth – Disbarred by Consent on January 12, 2017, for failing to appropriately review and oversee his attorney trust account, for failing to maintain accurate and complete financial records of the attorney trust account, for commingling funds and for engaging in improper use of the attorney trust account.

FRIEDMAN, Laura – Reprimand for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law by signing form complaints *pro forma* on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants related to judgments by confession when she should have known that her license to practice law was on inactive status.

GALLAGHER, Sean Patrick – Commission Reprimand for failing, upon termination of the representation, to respond to his client's numerous requests for a copy of the discovery from the client's file, for returning only a portion of the discovery, for failing to return the remainder of the client's file for six (6) months and for failing to timely respond to lawful demands for information from Bar Counsel.

GRANT, Fred Kelly – Indefinite Suspension by Consent by Order filed April 21, 2017 (suspension effective July 3, 2017), for failing to represent a client with reasonable diligence and promptness, failing to keep the client informed of the status of the case and failing to respond promptly to the client's reasonable requests for information, failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, charging an unreasonable fee, failing to communicate the scope of the representation and basis or rate of the fee within a reasonable time after commencing the representation, failing to safe-keep the client's funds in a trust account, failing to deliver promptly to the client funds or other property that the client is entitled to receive, failing to take reasonable steps to protect his client's interests upon termination of the representation, including failing to refund an advance payment of fee or expense that had not been earned or incurred, and failing to respond to lawful demands for information from a disciplinary authority.

HARPER, George A. – Commission Reprimand for failing to deposit his client’s fees, paid in advance, into his attorney trust account without obtaining his client’s informed written consent.

HARRIS, Roger Lee, Jr. – Disbarred by Consent on May 25, 2017, for willfully forging client signatures on settlement checks, failing to disburse funds to his clients and a third-party medical provider, misappropriating client funds to his own use and benefit, failing to represent these clients with competence and reasonable diligence and failing to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their cases.

HENDERSON, Reid Donalan – Disbarred by Consent on September 16, 2016, as a reciprocal action to his disbarment in the District of Columbia, for failing to represent his clients with competence and reasonable diligence, for representing his clients when his physical or mental condition materially impaired his ability and upon termination of the representation, for failing to take reasonable steps to protect his clients’ interests and for failing to surrender papers and property to which his clients were entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that had not been earned or incurred.

JAFFE, Sandford Bruce – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on September 27, 2016, in connection with his operation of a commercial property leasing company, for permitting his employee to submit documents containing false or misleading information to a bank relating to a loan, for making inaccurate statements to a bank representative and for failing to correct false information that was previously provided. Respondent met with the bank’s officers, apologized for the problems created by his employee, provided an explanation letter for the loan file promising to rectify the problem and shortly thereafter repaid the loan prior to the termination date.

JOHNSON, Jerome P – One (1) –year suspension, effective 30 days from the date of the opinion, for failing to represent a client with reasonable diligence, for failing to adequately communicate with his client, upon termination of the representation, for failing to take steps to protect the client’s interest and for failing to respond to lawful demands for information from the office of Bar Counsel.

JONES, Robert Valliant – Commission Reprimand for engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice while appointed as Trust Clerk and Court Auditor for the Circuit Court for Cecil County, by charging higher fees than the rate of compensation set in the Administrative Order and billing parties for scheduling and court appearance fees for additional time required to complete the audit process. Although it was not his intention to act in a deceptive or fraudulent manner, he failed to request specific approval for additional compensation and regularly billed for and accepted payments of amounts that exceeded the court-authorized auditor’s fee.

JONES, Stephen Rowe – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on May 3, 2017, for his criminal conviction related to one count of sex offense in the fourth degree and one count of assault in the second degree.

KANE, Eugene I., Jr. – Commission Reprimand for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, for failing to adequately communicate with his client, upon termination of the representation, for failing to take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect the client’s

interest and for failing to make a reasonably diligent effort to comply with a legally proper discovery request by an opposing party.

KATZ, Cynthia Groomes – Reprimand by Consent on July 28, 2016, for failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit her client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

KILROY, Kelly Garner – Disbarred by Consent on May 18, 2017, for failing to maintain unearned client funds in trust and misappropriating client funds.

KIRWAN, Susan Myra Geller – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on May 30, 2017, to continue in effect, Respondent’s Indefinite Suspension on November 21, 2016, for failing to represent her clients with competence and reasonable diligence, failing to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and failing to respond to Bar Counsel’s lawful demand for information.

KIM, Woo-Jin – Disbarred by Consent on September 16, 2016, for misappropriating client funds and for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

KIRWAN, Susan Myra Geller – Indefinite Suspension on November 21, 2016, for failing to represent a client with competence and reasonable diligence, for failing to communicate with the client over a ten (10) –month period, for failing to respond to requests for information by the former client’s new attorney and for failing to respond to repeated requests for information from the Office of Bar Counsel.

KOTLARSKY, Mark – Disbarred by *Per Curiam* Order on April 4, 2017. Opinion of the Court of Appeals to follow.

LEE, Jun Young (200 Saint Paul Place, Baltimore MD 21202 – Admitted 12/13/2006) – Commission Reprimand for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law while he was decertified for non-payment of Client Protection Fund assessments.

LEE, Rolando Vincente (aka Lee, Roland) – 120-day Suspension by Consent on January 30, 2017, effective March 1, 2017, for failing to adequately communicate with his clients, for charging an unreasonable fee, for failing to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the firm had in effect measures giving reasonable assurance that his non-attorney employees conduct was compatible with his professional obligations as an attorney and for assisting and/or allowing the non-attorney employees to engage in acts constituting the unauthorized practice of law.

LEVITSKY, Jarrett L. – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on May 15, 2017, for maintaining his attorney trust account solely for the purpose of managing his personal funds after he ceased practicing law.

LITCHFIELD, Amber Kaye – Disbarred by Consent on October 7, 2016, for failing to provide reasonably diligent and prompt representation to a client relating to a ground rent redemption, for failing to communicate with her client, for failing to safe-keep property in an attorney trust account and for failing to account for funds disbursed to her. In another matter she misrepresented information to an attorney about the status of real property owned by her client and knowingly participated in the fraudulent submission of forged lien release letters to facilitate a short sale of the property.

LOGGIA, Elizabeth Glass – Commission Reprimand for failing to petition the Orphans' Court prior to making payments from an estate to herself as Personal Representative and upon termination of the representation by the client, for failing to timely refund an advance payment of fees or expense that had not been earned or incurred.

McMULLEN, Sean Patrick – Disbarred on April 20, 2017, as reciprocal discipline to his December 8, 2016 disbarment in the District of Columbia and his July 31, 2015 revocation of license in Virginia, based upon failing to file responsive pleadings to discovery, failing to notify clients of court actions, taking action without client approval, misrepresenting the status of his clients' matters and fabricating documents to support false statements to his clients. Respondent previously was suspended on an interim basis on March 2, 2017 pending further Order of the Court of Appeals.

MAHONE, Daniel Quinn – Commission Reprimand for failing to obtain his client's informed consent, confirmed in writing, to deposit an unearned fee paid in advance into an account that was not a client trust account.

MAHONE, Willie James – Indefinite Suspension on December 19, 2016, for failing to maintain records that accurately reflect the status of his attorney trust account, for commingling funds and for withdrawing cash from his trust account that created negative balances in multiple clients' accounts.

MAHONE, Willie James - Indefinite Suspension by Consent on February 22, 2017, for failing to safe-keep property, for failing to create and maintain financial records of the attorney trust account related to client funds and for failing to respond to lawful demands for information from Bar Counsel.

MIRSKY, Steven Edward – Indefinite Suspension on February 22, 2017, effective March 24, 2017, (with the right to apply for reinstatement ninety (90) days after the effective date), for failing to safe-keep client funds in trust, for failing to maintain accurate and complete financial records of the attorney trust account, for commingling funds, for unintentionally misappropriating client funds and for engaging in improper use of the attorney trust account.

MOLLOCK, Shakaira Simone – Disbarred on September 9, 2016, for failing to represent two (2) separate clients with competence and reasonable diligence, for making misrepresentations to her clients about the status of their cases, for failing to return unearned fees and for falsifying evidence she provided to Bar Counsel.

MOORE, Richard Allen, II – Indefinite Suspension on January 20, 2017, effective February 21, 2017, (with the right to apply for reinstatement ninety (90) days after the date thereof), for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, for failing to communicate with his client, for negligently representing the facts and for improperly terminating the attorney-client relationship.

MOORE, Richard Wells, Jr. – Disbarred by Consent on December 6, 2016, for failing to represent his client with competence and reasonable diligence, for failing to communicate, for failing to safe-keep unearned prepaid fees in trust and upon termination of the representation, for failing to promptly return unearned fees.

NACE, Eleanor – Disbarred on February 16, 2017, by *Per Curiam* Order. Opinion of the Court of Appeals to follow. Respondent was indefinitely suspended on December 16, 2016 in a reciprocal action based upon her District of Columbia disbarment on June 16, 2016.

NALLEY, Robert C. – Commission Reprimand for his criminal conduct while presiding as a Maryland Circuit Court judge by directing the deputy sheriff to activate the stun-cuff the *pro se* defendant was wearing because he failed to comply with the Respondent's request to stop speaking.

NEMPHOS, George Jonathan – Commission Reprimand for his conduct involving the appearance of a conflict of interest.

NEVERDON, Russell A, Sr. – Commission Reprimand for failing to represent a client with reasonable diligence, for failing to maintain unearned fees in trust on three (3) separate occasions, for failing to comply with a client's instructions, for improper termination of the attorney-client relationship and for failing to communicate to his client the necessity of a transcript of trial proceedings in order to proceed with an appeal.

NIELSEN, Kenneth Edward, Jr. – Commission Reprimand for failing to competently represent his client, as the sponsoring employer in an immigration matter, for failing to adequately communicate with his client about a Request for Evidence from USCIS, for failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation and for failing to explain a potential conflict of interest in the representation.

PARHAM, Eric John – Disbarred on December 14, 2016. Respondent was previously suspended on an interim basis pending the outcome of the hearing. Court of Appeals opinion to follow.

PETROS, George Zacharias – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on January 20, 2017, effective February 21, 2017, (with the right to apply for reinstatement six (6) months after the date thereof and conditioned upon demonstrating proper maintenance of his attorney trust account to Bar Counsel), while acting as administrator of his client's bankruptcy action, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, for failing to communicate, for charging an unreasonable fee, for failing to safe-keep property of clients or third persons, for failing to obtain the client's informed consent, confirmed in writing, to deposit an unearned fee paid in advance into an account that was not a client trust account and for failing to maintain accurate and complete financial records of his attorney trust account.

PHILLIPS, Dalton Francis – Disbarred on October 14, 2016, for ratifying the unauthorized practice of law by a non-attorney, for making a series of material falsehoods to Bar Counsel, for his refusal to provide information requested by Bar Counsel and for filing a frivolous motion to quash Bar Counsel’s subpoena.

PLANK, Bonnie Elizabeth – Disbarred by *Per Curiam* Order on April 4, 2017 relating to her criminal conduct. Opinion of the Court of Appeals to follow.

PRITZKER, Jeffrey N. – Commission Reprimand for failing to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of her matter, failing to promptly comply with the client’s reasonable requests for information and failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness to prepare the appropriate Eligible Domestic Relations Order subsequent to the client’s judgment of divorce.

POUPKO, Avrohom Reuven – Disbarred by Consent on August 16, 2016, in his capacity as administrator of his client’s bankruptcy action, to represent his clients with reasonable diligence, for failing to communicate with his clients, for failing to safe-keep client funds in an attorney trust account and for misusing client funds.

PRATZ, Robert Paul – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on September 22, 2016, (with the right to apply for reinstatement one (1) year after the date thereof and conditioned upon making full restitution) for failing to represent his clients with competence and reasonable diligence, for failing to safe-keep client funds in an attorney trust account, for charging an unreasonable fee, for failing to appear at a court-ordered hearing, for failing to keep his clients informed about the status of their cases, for failing to explain matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the clients to make informed decisions regarding the representations and for failing to return unearned fees without having the clients first enter into an agreement releasing him of any liability.

QUARTEY, Edwin Atteh - Six (6) –month suspension by consent for failing to represent his client with competence and reasonable diligence, for failing to expedite litigation consistent with the interest of the client and for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

RIVERA, Artemio – Interim Suspension on May 18, 2017, for his indictment related to an alleged fraudulent business scheme in the State of Illinois.

ROGERS, William Norman – Suspended Ninety (90) days by Consent on April 7, 2017, as reciprocal discipline to his District of Columbia suspension, based upon communicating about the subject of the representation with a person known to be represented by another attorney and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

ROSENAU, Kenneth H. – Thirty (30) –day Suspension by Consent on July 19, 2016, as a reciprocal action to his District of Columbia suspension for failing to promptly disclose the death of his client at a mediation related to a tort case in the District of Columbia.

ROSS, Brandon David – Disbarred by Consent on February 28, 2017, as a reciprocal action to his New Hampshire disbarment for misappropriating funds from a special needs trust of which he was

the trustee, for failing to account for client funds in his possession, for knowingly filing false trust account certificates and for failing to respond to lawful demands for information from a disciplinary authority. Respondent was indefinitely suspended on January 13, 2017.

ROY, Kevin Michael – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on October 5, 2016, for failing to provide competent, reasonably diligent and prompt representation to his clients, for failing to communicate, for failing to safe-keep property in an attorney trust account, for improper termination of the attorney-client relationships and for failing to disclose a fact necessary to correct a misapprehension.

SAUNDERS, Stephen John – Disbarred by Consent on September 8, 2016, in connection with his representation of two (2) clients in personal injury cases, for failing to deposit settlement funds into a trust account, for failing to preserve funds in trust due to a third party medical provider and for failing to pay funds due to the third party medical provider for almost one (1) year.

SCHAECH, Louis Michael (aka Schaech, L. Michael) – Indefinite Suspension by Consent by Order filed April 10, 2017 (suspension effective June 1, 2017, with the right to apply for reinstatement one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date), for making false representations in a letter to his client's monitor about the client's whereabouts on specific dates while the client was being held without bond on home detention and for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

SHOCKETT, Steven Lee – Disbarred on September 6, 2016, for failing to communicate with three (3) separate clients about the status of their matters, for failing to perform the legal services promised, for misappropriating client funds, for his criminal conduct and for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

SHOEMAKER, Jason Wayne – Commission Reprimand for his responses to a Motion that were not forthcoming, for making representations to the court that were not candid, for withdrawing his appearance at a hearing that left his client without counsel while a Motion was pending and for involving his client in an exchange of prescription medication with the client that reflected adversely on his character.

SHULER, Melodie Venee – Disbarred by *Per Curiam* Order on April 3, 2017. Opinion of the Court of Appeals to follow.

SMITH, Bruce Michael – Disbarred by Consent on November 1, 2016, for failing to represent his client with competence and reasonable diligence relating to an appeal proceeding, for failing to communicate, for charging an unreasonable or unearned fee and for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

SNYDER, Marc Gregory – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on February 3, 2017, effective thirty (30) days from the date thereof, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, for failing to communicate, for charging an unreasonable fee, for failing to safe-keep property of clients or third persons in an attorney trust account, for failing to notify and deliver promptly to his client or third person any funds or property to which they are entitled, for failing to properly

terminate the representation, for failing to maintain accurate and complete financial records of the attorney trust account, for commingling funds and for engaging in improper use of the attorney trust account.

SWEITZER, Philip James – Disbarred on November 4, 2016, for committing a criminal act that that reflects adversely on the attorney’s honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as an attorney in other respects and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation related to his felony theft conviction.

TAN, Jing – Sixty (60) -day Suspension by Consent on September 22, 2016, for failing to competently represent he client in an immigration matter, for failing to adequately communicate with her client, for failing to properly safe-keep unearned fees in trust, for revealing confidential information about another client’s immigration case and for falsely claiming that she was “board certified” on her website.

THOMAS-BELLAMY, Sandy F. – Indefinite Suspension on November 22, 2016, (with the right to apply for reinstatement after one (1) year from the date thereof) as a reciprocal action to her District of Columbia suspension for making false statements in connection with her application for admission to the District of Columbia Bar. Respondent’s Indefinite Suspension continues from a previous Indefinite Suspension by Consent on March 28, 2014.

TILLY, Elena – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on March 16, 2017, for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law and assisting another in doing so, failing to make reasonable efforts to ensure that her firm had in effect measures giving reasonable assurance that a non-attorney assistant’s conduct was compatible with her professional obligations, failing to supervise her non-attorney assistant and ratifying the non-attorney’s conduct that did not comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct, making a false or misleading communication about her services, failing to indicate jurisdictional limitations on her letterhead, failing to represent a client competently and diligently, failing to provide prompt notification and delivery of funds or property to which a client or third person was entitled, failing to keep disputed property separate until the dispute is resolved, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

TIMMONS, Keith Eric – Thirty (30) -day Suspension by Consent on September 1, 2016, effective October 3, 2016, for failing to represent three (3) clients with competence and reasonable diligence, for failing to keep his clients informed about the status of their cases, for failing to explain matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the clients to make informed decisions regarding the representation, for collecting an unreasonable fee, for failing to make reasonable efforts to ensure that his firm had in effect measures giving reasonable assurance that his non-attorney assistant’s conduct was compatible with his professional obligations and in one case, upon termination of the representation, for failing to refund a fee that had not been earned.

TIVVIS, Joseph Ignatius – Disbarred by Consent by Order filed April 20, 2017, for failing to keep his clients adequately informed about the status of the representations, failing to notify clients that he was terminating the representations, failing to promptly refund unearned fees, misappropriating trust funds and failing to hold trust funds in trust.

TORRES, Eduardo Gonzalez Y. – Commission Reprimand for failing to represent his client with reasonable diligence, for failing to communicate with his client prior to a plea offer deadline and for failing to deliver a suit to his client to be worn at trial that was provided by the client’s mother.

UCHEOMUMU, Andrew Ndubisi – Indefinite Suspension on December 15, 2016, for failing to represent his client with competence, for charging an unreasonable fee, for failing to maintain an attorney trust account, for failing to safe-keep third-party funds in trust and for making frivolous arguments in a lawsuit.

WHITE, Erica S. – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on July 18, 2016, for failing to safe-keep property of clients or third persons, for failing to deposit and maintain client funds in trust until earned, and for failing to disclose a fact necessary to correct a misapprehension known by her.

WHITE, Michael Ledden – Disbarred by Consent on August 19, 2016, for his criminal conduct involving possession of child pornography.

WRIGHT, Phillip Wayne – Commission Reprimand for failing to represent his clients with competent and reasonable diligence relating to claims arising out of an automobile accident, for failing to oversee his staff person’s efforts to achieve service, which was never effected, and upon learning that the case was dismissed four (4) months later, for failing to timely notify his clients of the status of their case.