

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARIES
FY 2018

ABDULLAH, Raouf Muhammad – Reprimand by Consent on September 22, 2017, for failing to make reasonable efforts to ensure that his firm had in effect measures giving reasonable assurances that all attorneys in the firm conformed with the Maryland Attorneys’ Rules of Professional Conduct and ratifying the conduct and/or failing to take remedial action to mitigate the misconduct.

BROWN, Alex Jonathan – Reprimand by Consent on September 27, 2017, for engaging in a course of unduly aggressive, uncivil and obstructionist litigation conduct that was both prejudicial to the administration of justice and brought the legal profession into disrepute.

BROWN, Jibril Abdussaboor – Reprimand by Consent on September 11, 2017, for failing to disclose a fact necessary to correct a misapprehension and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

BUTLER, Lance, III - Disbarred on September 7, 2017, by *Per Curiam* Order. Opinion of the Court of Appeals to follow.

DINOVITZ, Shoshana – Commission Reprimand on July 24, 2017, for charging legal fees against her former client’s credit card after authorization had been revoked, communicating with the former client when she knew that the former client was a represented party and disclosing confidential information.

DYMOWSKI, Leo – Commission Reprimand on August 18, 2017, for making statements concerning the integrity of the sitting judges and judicial appointment process with reckless disregard as to the truth or falsity of the statements.

ESTY, JoAnna M. – Commission Reprimand on July 28, 2017, in her capacity as personal representative of an estate, for failing to recognize that her representation of one or more clients would be materially limited by her responsibilities to another client and failing to obtain the Orphan’s Court’s approval in advance of making periodic distributions of Estate funds that created a conflict of interest.

GRACIE, Kevin Barry – Commission Reprimand on October 2, 2017, for assisting an attorney in the unauthorized practice of law in Maryland.

HOPKINS, John Allen – Commission Reprimand on September 26, 2017, for engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice when he delivered an envelope containing contraband to his incarcerated client.

JOHNSON, Laurence Fleming – Indefinite Suspension by Consent with the right to apply for reinstatement ninety (90) days, effective August 12, 2017, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to safe-keep client funds in trust, failing to deposit the client’s fees, paid in advance, into his attorney trust account and failing to ensure that his firm had in effect

measures giving reasonable assurance that the conduct of his non-attorney assistant was compatible with his professional obligations.

McLAUGHLIN, Louisa Content – Disbarred on September 11, 2017, by *Per Curiam* Order. Opinion of the Court of Appeals to follow.

MOMODU, Lawal – Indefinite Suspension on August 29, 2017, with the right to apply for reinstatement no sooner than December 14, 2017, in a reciprocal action from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland for failing to disclose prior discipline on his bar application and, following disclosure, providing incomplete and inaccurate information to the Admission Committee. Respondent previously was suspended on an interim basis on August 2, 2017 pending further Order of the Court of Appeals.

MOODY, Maurice Marnea – Disbarred on September 12, 2017, by *Per Curiam* Order. Opinion of the Court of Appeals to follow.

MORRIS, Marianne Elizabeth – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on September 7, 2017, effective thirty (30) days from the date of the Order, for engaging in criminal conduct that adversely reflects on her honesty, trustworthiness and/or fitness as an attorney in other respects and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

POWERS, James Aloysius – Indefinite Suspension on July 10, 2017, for failing to abide by his client’s decisions concerning the objectives of the representation, failing to keep the client reasonably informed of the status of his case, failing to surrender papers and property to which the client was entitled upon termination of the representation, and during litigation against his former client, revealing information subject to the attorney-client privilege to the detriment of the former client.

SHELTEMA, James Robert Jordan – Disbarred by Consent on July 18, 2017, for engaging in criminal conduct that reflected adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as an attorney in other respects based upon his conviction, in federal court, for filing a false tax return and tax evasion.

SMIGIEL, Michael Dwayne, Sr. – Commission Reprimand on June 27, 2017, for failing to safe-keep property of clients or third persons in an attorney trust account, failing to maintain proper trust account records and failing to ensure that the conduct of his non-attorney assistant was compatible with his professional obligations.

STUART, Pamela Bruce – One-year Suspension on August 29, 2017, effective *nunc pro tunc* to February 6, 2017, in a reciprocal action from Florida for breaching fiduciary obligations by making loans of trust monies to herself. Respondent previously was suspended on an interim basis on March 2, 2017 pending further Order of the Court of Appeals.

TOLAR, Jane – Commission Reprimand on June 27, 2017, related to two (2) separate clients for failing to keep the clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters and failing to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.