

SANCTIONS AND ACTIONS AFFECTING LICENSURE (FY 2019)

ADAMS, Scott Gregory– Reprimanded by Consent on May 28, 2019, in a reciprocal action with Maine, for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. Without authorization, Respondent took a confidential list of client names and information that was in the possession of the court-appointed receivers of a deceased attorney’s law practice.

BAILEY, Charles B. – Suspended by Consent for thirty (30) days, effective December 5, 2018, for failing to appropriately safeguard property and maintain complete records of his attorney trust account, and for making cash withdrawals from his attorney trust account. Respondent transferred funds from his attorney trust account to his political campaign account, made cash withdrawals from his attorney trust account, failed to remove earned fees from his attorney trust account, and failed to keep records and perform monthly reconciliations of his attorney trust account.

BENNETT, Brian Douglas – Commission Reprimand on January 22, 2019, for representing clients when the representation involved a conflict of interest and failing to maintain candor to the tribunal.

BENNETT, Paul Vivian – Commission Reprimand on January 23, 2019, committing a criminal act that 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 consistently failed, over a number of years, to timely pay his Federal and State taxes.

BERGMAN, Ronald Bruce – Disbarred by Consent on December 14, 2018, effective December 31, 2018, for failing to safe-keep client funds in trust, failing to maintain adequate records for his attorney trust account, failing to timely respond to Bar Counsel, knowingly making false statements to Bar Counsel, 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.

BLAIR, Walter Lloyd – Disbarred on July 13, 2018, for committing a criminal act that 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 assisted a client in concealing money linked to a large marijuana distribution ring and was subsequently convicted of money laundering, witness tampering, making a false statement, and willful failure to file federal income tax returns.

BLATT, Stuart R. – Disbarred on May 22, 2019, effective immediately, for failing to represent his clients competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his clients, 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 supervise attorneys and non-attorney support staff, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In matters assigned to the collection practice of Respondent’s firm, Respondent failed to supervise other attorneys and clerical staff to the detriment of his clients. In addition, Respondent mishandled and misappropriated funds collected on behalf of his clients.

BLEVINS, John Franklin – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on April 18, 2019, with the right to seek reinstatement after ninety (90) days, for failing to supervise a non-attorney assistant, sharing legal fees with a non-attorney, failing to take reasonable measures to assure that a person obtaining law-related services knows that the services are not legal services, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent contracted with a non-attorney to assist with debt collections in multiple jurisdictions when neither Respondent nor the non-attorney were licensed to collect debts in any jurisdiction.

BLYTHE, Angela M. – Disbarred by Consent on July 9, 2018, for committing a criminal act that that reflects adversely on her 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 was convicted of conspiracy to defraud financial institutions, bank fraud and making false statements to financial institutions.

BOWIE, Dawn Elaine – Commission Reprimand on April 6, 2019, in a reciprocal action from the Tennessee Supreme Court. Respondent filed a Motion for Sanctions in a custody matter without providing opposing counsel a reasonable opportunity to correct a deficient motion as required by the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure and communicated with represented parties without the permission of opposing counsel.

BURKE, Lynn Marie – Commission Reprimand on September 27, 2018, for failing to diligently represent her client in an immigration matter and engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

BURTON, William Franklin – Commission Reprimand on December 3, 2018, for settling a potential malpractice claim with an unrepresented former client without advising in writing of the desirability of seeking independent legal counsel and without allowing a reasonable opportunity to seek independent legal advice.

BUTLER Jr., Anthony Ignatius – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on June 25, 2019, effective August 1, 2019, with the right to seek reinstatement after one (1) year, for failing to represent clients competently and diligently, for failing to adequately communicate with clients, knowingly failing to respond to a request for information by Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent provided little to no services of value to his client in a wrongful termination and breach of contract claim, and, in a lawsuit against his client's employer and supervisor, Respondent failed to file any timely responses to opposing counsel's Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Summary Judgment, the case was dismissed, and Respondent failed to inform his client of the dismissal.

CASTRO, Tito Vladimir Alejandro – Commission Reprimand on July 3, 2018, for the unauthorized practice of law and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent continued to appear in court, file motions and communicate with opposing counsel during a period of temporary suspension due to his failure pay his annual assessment.

CONWELL, Scott A. – Disbarred on January 23, 2019, for failing to represent his clients competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his client, collecting unreasonable fees, filing frivolous pleadings, failing to maintain candor to the tribunal and fairness to opposing parties and counsel, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In an equal opportunity matter, Respondent failed to diligently pursue his client’s claim and failed to respond to his client’s reasonable requests for information. In a custody matter, Respondent charged his client an unreasonable fee for pleadings that were improper, without legal purpose and prejudiced his client by not advancing the case in any meaningful way. In an attempt to collect fees from a client, Respondent offered an inflated client invoice to the district court in order to meet the threshold for a jury trial, where the payment sought was wholly unearned.

COPPOCK, John Edward – Reprimanded by Consent on January 3, 2019, for failing to provide diligent representation and for engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to file a motion to withdraw and subsequently failed to appear for trial in a criminal matter.

DEL PIZZO, III, Nicholas J. – Commission Reprimand on June 28, 2019, for failing to hold property of clients or third persons separate from his own property and depositing personal funds into his attorney trust account. Respondent deposited funds into his attorney trust account for the purpose of advancing client costs and paying monthly advertising fees, and failed to maintain adequate records to account for those funds.

DOBBS, Michael David – Disbarred by Consent on October 26, 2018, for committing a criminal act that 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 pleaded guilty to one count of sexual solicitation of a minor.

EDWARDS, Christal Elizabeth – Disbarred on February 26, 2019, for failing to represent her client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with her client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, failing to properly withdraw from her clients’ cases and failing to surrender client property upon termination of her representation, failing to maintain fairness to opposing parties and counsel, knowingly 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 repeatedly neglected her clients’ cases, did not maintain client funds in trust, and made material representations to clients, opposing counsel, Bar Counsel and the courts.

FABAYO, Ifeolu Amaka – Disbarred by Consent on January 3, 2019, for failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, committing a criminal act that that reflects adversely on her 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 misappropriated client funds.

FAHRENHOLZ, Kimberly Kay – Commission Reprimand on January 25, 2019 for failing to represent her client diligently, failing to properly withdraw her representation, and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice. After her client's case was removed to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Respondent failed to seek admission to that court and failed to inform her client that she no longer represented him in the matter despite multiple inquiries made by the Court.

FALUSI, Olayemi I. – Indefinite Suspension on August 16, 2018, for establishing a law firm in Maryland with Stephen Anthony Lang and representing a client in a collections matter prior to his admission to the Maryland Bar. Respondent failed to disclose to the State Board of Law Examiners that he established a firm and was being investigated for unauthorized practice of law by Bar Counsel. Respondent also misrepresented facts regarding his unauthorized practice to Bar Counsel during its investigation.

FERNANDEZ, Alexander – Disbarred by Consent on November 26, 2018, in a reciprocal action with the District of Columbia, for failing to appropriately safeguard property and maintain complete records of his attorney trust account, and for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. While employed as an associate, Respondent failed to deliver attorneys' fees to the firm and instead misappropriated those funds for his personal use and benefit. Respondent also failed to deposit and maintain advance fees paid by a client into the firm's attorney trust account and used client funds for his personal use and benefit.

GALLAGHER, Michele Yvonne – Commission Reprimand on May 23, 2019, for failing to provide her client with an accurate settlement sheet at the conclusion of representation involving a contingency fee and for making a cash withdrawal from her attorney trust account.

GIANNETTI Jr., John Alexander – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on December 12, 2018, for knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

GORMAN, Matthew Peter – Disbarred by Consent on October 26, 2018, for committing a criminal act that 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 pleaded guilty to one count of theft or bribery concerning programs receiving Federal funds.

GRIFFIN, Jawara Kibwe – Commission Reprimand on February 8, 2019, for failing to maintain fairness to opposing parties and counsel and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to reimburse an ex-girlfriend for student loan debt she paid on his behalf and failed to abide by a court order requiring repayment.

HANOVER, Sean Regan – Disbarred by Consent on November 30, 2018, effective January 1, 2019, for committing a criminal act that that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness as an attorney, and for engaging in activity that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent pleaded guilty to one count of distributing child pornography.

HOLCOMB, Toni S. L. – Disbarred by Consent on March 11, 2019, for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit and misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent fabricated documents and made numerous knowing and intentional misrepresentations to conceal the fact that her clients' cases had been dismissed for several years.

IWUDIKE, Vincent Uwakwe – Commission Reprimand on January 22, 2019, for representing clients when the representation involved a conflict of interest, providing financial assistance to a client in connection with pending litigation, and failing to properly terminate representation. Respondent represented the passenger and the driver involved in an auto accident, failed to properly terminate representation after the driver was found to be at fault, and loaned the passenger \$1,500 unrelated to court costs or litigation expenses.

JALLOH (GHATT), Jeneba – Disbarred on August 29, 2018, for entering into two escrow agreements with clients, which effectively allowed the clients to misuse the attorney's trust account as part of an advanced fee scam. Respondent subsequently misrepresented the existence of the escrow agreements creating the scam, her involvement in the scam, and her disbursements of the money.

JOHNSON, Jerome P. – Disbarred on January 22, 2019, for failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, failing to maintain adequate records for his attorney trust account, failing to timely respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent repeatedly and knowingly failed to respond to Bar Counsel's requests for information during an inquiry regarding the overdraft of Respondent's attorney trust account.

KEISLING, Bret – Indefinite Suspension on April 18, 2019, with the right to seek reinstatement after he is reinstated in Pennsylvania, in a reciprocal action from the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with his client, 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 make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with his client's interests, failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent repeatedly missed filing deadlines and failed to file an appeal on behalf of his client, released client funds held in trust without authorization from his client, and failed to timely turn over remaining client funds held in trust upon termination of his representation.

KNEPP, Timothy Paul - Commission Reprimand by Consent on May 28, 2019, for failing to adequately communicate with his clients, disclosing confidential client information, and representing a client involving a conflict of interest. Respondent drafted wills for two clients living in a nursing home without meeting with them individually and assessing their competency. When the validity of one of the wills was challenged, Respondent represented the personal representative until he withdrew due to a conflict of interest.

LANG, Steven Anthony – Indefinite Suspension on August 16, 2018, for assisting Olayemi I. Falusi in the unauthorized practice of law, failing to maintain an attorney trust account, and

backdating a motion during representation of his client. Respondent was also dishonest to Bar Counsel during its investigation.

LEFKOWITZ, Jon A. – Disbarred on March 29, 2019, in a reciprocal action from New York, 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 was convicted of criminal facilitation in the fourth degree after issuing a fraudulent subpoena to a witness for the benefit of his cousin with the purpose of assisting his cousin evade extradition from Canada to New York.

LEIKUS, Alex Benedict – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on May 28, 2019, effective June 7, 2019, with the right to petition for reinstatement no sooner than sixty (60) days after the effective date of the suspension, for failing to deliver promptly funds that a third party was entitled to receive, and failing to comply with attorney trust account record-keeping and reconciliation requirements. After receiving settlement funds in personal injury cases, the Respondent timely distributed portions due to his clients, but withheld funds owed to medical providers for a period of 4-5 years.

MALDONADO, Melinda – Disbarred on March 6, 2019, for failing to represent her client competently, engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, knowingly making a false statement of material fact to Bar Counsel and others, failing to respond to a demand for information by Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or other misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. While only barred in the District of Columbia and without a *pro hac vice* sponsor, Respondent drafted and submitted various pleadings on behalf of her client in Maryland, failed to obtain transcripts resulting in the dismissal of her client's appeal, and sought to alter her client's medical records by holding herself out as a medical doctor during a phone call with her client's doctor.

MARSHALL, Kimberly Lisa – Indefinite Suspension on September 28, 2018, in a reciprocal action from Virginia for failing to diligently represent and adequately communicate with her client, collecting an unreasonable fee, failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, failing to refund unearned fees upon termination of representation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Despite collecting an advance legal fee for representation in a property settlement agreement and divorce matter, Respondent failed to provide any legal work, failed to provide any billing statements to her client, and failed to return unearned fees to her client or subsequent counsel.

MASLAN, Gary Richard – Commission Reprimand on December 6, 2018, for failing to submit an application for cancellation of removal in an immigration matter, despite the fact that his client timely provided the information and documentation necessary to complete the application. As a result, the Court ordered that Respondent's client be removed from the United States.

McDANIEL, Brian Keith – Commission Reprimand on December 4, 2018, for depositing unearned fees directly into his business account, rather than his attorney trust account, without his client's informed consent, confirmed in writing.

MERICLE, Linda – Commission Reprimand on July 23, 2018, for filing confessed judgment complaints with what appeared to be the actual signature of defense counsel. The complaints were signed with the permission and authorization of defense counsel, but the complaints did not state that they were signed for defense counsel with her permission. Cameron Mericle, a law firm at which Respondent was a partner, also filed notices with the court representing that the firm had hand-delivered a copy of the complaint to the attorney for the defendant when, in fact, this was not always the case.

MILTON, Gregory J. – Commission Reprimand on July 2, 2018, for failing to timely submit a postponement which resulted in the dismissal of his client's matter, failing to provide billing statements to his client, and failing to provide a client ledger upon Bar Counsel's request.

MURRAY, Richard – Disbarred on January 18, 2019, in a reciprocal action from Virginia, for collecting unreasonable fees, failing to maintain candor to the tribunal and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In an estate matter, Respondent distributed \$890,000.00 to himself, despite the fact that compensation guidelines published by the Fairfax County Commissioner of Accounts listed \$199,000.00 as the reasonable fee for that matter.

NAVE, Brandi Shanee – Indefinite Suspension on March 29, 2019, in a reciprocal action from the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, for failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account and failing to deliver promptly to a third person funds that the third person is entitled to receive. Respondent repeatedly withheld funds owed to third party medical providers in personal injury cases, using the delay in payment as post-settlement hard bargaining and leverage to resolve all outstanding matters.

NDJATOU, Edgar Fabrice Ngatcha – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on January 23, 2018, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with his client, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to appeal his client's loss of long-term disability benefits, despite repeated representations to the client that the appeal had been filed.

O'NEILL, Jonathan Kimbel – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on May 28, 2019, for failing to represent his clients competently and diligently, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, failing to take steps to protect his client's interest upon termination of his representation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent left the State of Maryland to attend in-patient treatment for alcohol dependence and left his non-attorney office manager to wind down his practice.

PETROS, George Zacharias – Commission Reprimand on December 3, 2018, for disbursing disputed funds to his client while the opposing party intended for those funds to be held in trust, and for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law during a period of suspension.

POPPLETON, Aubrey Paige – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on September 28, 2018, for committing a criminal act which reflects adversely on her fitness as an attorney and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

ROBBINS, Jonathan David – Disbarred on April 3, 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, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to identify a conflict of interest, knowingly making false statements 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 made misleading representations to clients that he had performed work that he, in fact, had not performed, failed to take action to advance client matters despite requests to do so, failed to timely file a Petition to Caveat, failed to provide clients with timely invoices for work performed over several years, executed a new retainer agreement without a client's authorization, and used a recently obtained Power of Attorney to retroactively increase his hourly rate from \$350 per hour to \$500 per hour.

ROBBINS, Seth Adam – Suspended by Consent for sixty (60) days on December 12, 2018, retroactively effective from September 28, 2018, in a reciprocal action from the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, for failing to adequately communicate with his clients and failing to recognize that his representation of one client would be directly adverse to and would materially limit his responsibilities to another client. Respondent represented a government contractor and construction company and invited a friend and client to serve as an indemnitor for surety bonds on future construction projects, resulting in a conflict of interest.

ROBINSON, Ginger R. – Commission Reprimand on January 29, 2019, for failing to provide diligent representation and failing to adequately communicate with her client. Respondent failed to pursue her client's civil claim against the Baltimore City Police Department and did not respond to her client's repeated requests for updates in the matter.

ROWLAND, Dale Edward – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on September 28, 2018, effective November 28, 2018, for failing to competently represent his client, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, depositing his own funds in his attorney trust account, and knowingly failing to respond to a request for information by Bar Counsel.

SADUR, Brian David – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on February 8, 2019, effective April 30, 2019, with the right to seek reinstatement after six (6) months, for failing to represent his client competently, failing to deposit and safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, failing to create and maintain adequate client matter records, comingling client and law firm funds, making prohibited transactions in his attorney trust account, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

SALGADO, Louis F. – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on September 28, 2018, 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 unearned fees in an attorney trust account, failing to supervise non-attorney assistants, assisting another in engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, making false or misleading

communications about his legal services, misusing a firm's name or letterhead, 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.

SANDERSON, Garland Montgomery Jarrat – Disbarred on April 5, 2019, by Per Curiam Order, for failing to provide competent and diligent representation, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with clients, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, failing to keep records for his attorney trust account, failing to maintain fairness to opposing parties and counsel, 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 failed to appear in court on behalf of several clients, failed to respond to requests by both Bar Counsel and clients, urged a former client to provide misinformation in an attempt to interfere with Bar Counsel's investigation, failed to timely deliver settlement funds, and mismanaged funds held in his attorney trust account.

SCHAUB, Ruth Marguerite Marie – Commission Reprimand on December 4, 2018, for failing to adequately supervise her husband/ law partner after he was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law but continued to work in the firm as a compensated non-attorney assistant. Respondent failed to reasonably inform a client of the suspension, allowing the client to believe Respondent's husband still represented her for a significant period of time after he was prohibited from practicing law.

SCHWABER, Jeffrey M. – Commission Reprimand on July 2, 2018, for failing to identify a conflict of interest between two firm clients and failing to supervise several junior attorneys who, over a period of months, exacerbated the conflict of interest by taking positions for the benefit of one client and to the detriment of another.

SHEDLICK, Christopher Broughton – Commission Reprimand on December 3, 2018, for failing to safe-keep client funds in trust and for failing to create and maintain adequate records for his attorney trust account.

SHEMENSKI, Steven Douglas – Disbarred by Consent on September 6, 2018, for failing to provide competent and diligent representation, failing to adequately communicate with clients, knowingly making a false statement of material fact to Bar Counsel, failing to respond to a demand for information by Bar Counsel, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or other misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

SHIN, John Douglas – Reprimand by Consent on January 23, 2018, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently and failing to properly supervise a non-attorney assistant. Respondent's paralegal filled out, submitted, and signed Respondent's name on immigration forms containing inaccurate information, and as a result, the clients' permanent legal residency applications were denied.

SILVERMAN, Leslie Dana – Disbarred by Consent on March 1, 2019, in a reciprocal action with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, for failing to represent her client competently, failing to adequately communicate with her client, filing frivolous pleadings, failing to maintain candor to the tribunal, knowingly making a false statement of material fact to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or other misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to communicate with her client in a bankruptcy proceeding, failed to obtain her clients signature or an accurate power of attorney for bankruptcy filings, and made false representations to the Bankruptcy Court and Disciplinary Counsel in the District of Columbia.

SIMS, Jason Mark – Disbarred by Consent on May 3, 2019, for committing a criminal act that that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness as an attorney. The Respondent was convicted for distribution of child pornography in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

SPERLING, Samuel – Commission Reprimand on August 28, 2018, for representing a client in business transactions and filing suit against that same client. Respondent was disqualified by the Court based upon a conflict of interest. Respondent also failed to respond to Bar Counsel during its investigation.

STEIN, Paul Theodore – Commission Reprimand on July 2, 2018, for disclosing confidential client communications, failing to identify a conflict of interest between two firm clients, and failing to supervise several junior attorneys who, over a period of months, exacerbated the conflict of interest by taking positions for the benefit of one client and to the detriment of another.

STEINHORN, Neil Warren – Indefinite Suspension on December 20, 2018, effective January 19, 2018, with the right to seek reinstatement after six (6) months, for failing to maintain candor to the tribunal and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. While collecting debt on behalf of a home owners' association, Respondent combined his attorney's fees with the amount of damages sought, listing one aggregate figure, even though the complaint form specifies that those amounts be itemized on separate lines. Respondent's actions prevented the Court from assessing the reasonableness of the attorney's fees.

TABE, Kevin Mbeh – Commission Reprimand on May 30, 2019, for failing to competently and diligently represent his client, failing to adequately communicate with his client, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Twice in an immigration matter, Respondent and his client failed to appear, and as a result, removal orders were entered against the client. The client's second failure to appear was due to Respondent's failure to inform his client that his hearing was rescheduled.

TELL, Melinda Gale – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on September 28, 2018, for failing to represent her client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with her client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, failing to properly withdraw from representation,

knowingly failing to respond to a request for information by Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

THOMPSON, Yolanda Massaabioseh – Suspended for sixty (60) days on December 14, 2018, for failing to provide competent and diligent representation to her client, failing to adequately communicate with her client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to safe-keep client funds in trust, failing to take steps to protect her client's interest upon termination of her representation, engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, failing to timely respond to Bar Counsel, 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, who is not a Maryland attorney, mismanaged her attorney trust account, misappropriated client funds and comingled personal funds with client funds.

TOBIAS, Charles Lee – Disbarred by Consent on October 26, 2018, for committing a criminal act that 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 pleaded guilty to filing a fraudulent individual tax return. Respondent claimed a charitable deduction of \$239, 282.00, the allowable portion for a noncash charitable contribution in the amount of \$516, 361.00, which was supported by an appraisal Respondent knew to be false.

UCHEOMUMU, Andrew N. – Disbarred on November 16, 2018, for failing to competently and diligently represent his client in an appeal in the Court of Special Appeals, failing to safekeep client funds, and making intentional misrepresentations to his client, the Court and to Bar Counsel.

WEBB, Sandy N. – Disbarred on October 26, 2018, in a reciprocal action from Oregon for failing to safekeep unearned fees and client funds in an attorney trust account, for using trust money for purposes other than the purpose for which the money is entrusted, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent deposited client settlement checks into her trust account, used the settlement funds to pay her personal and firm expenses, and failed to disburse the total amount due to her client.

WOOLERY, Benjamin Jeremy – Commission Reprimand on July 5, 2018, for failing to provide competent representation to a client, failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client, and failing to create and maintain client matter records. Respondent, as the personal representative of an estate, routinely deposited and held certain estate funds in his law firm's attorney escrow account instead of a separate account established in the name of the estate and used personal funds to pay interest and penalty amounts which were a direct result of his failure to file fiduciary tax returns and pay tax owed by the estate over a fifteen-year period.

WOOLERY, Benjamin Jeremy – Disbarred on December 20, 2018, for incompetence, failing to abide by the scope of representation and the allocation of authority between client and attorney, failing to adequately communicate with his client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to recognize that his representation of one client would be directly adverse to and would materially limit his responsibilities to another client, failing to adhere to his duties to a former client, failing

to safe-keep client funds in trust, improperly withdrawing from his client's case and failing to surrender client property upon termination of his representation, filing frivolous pleadings, failure to maintain candor to the tribunal, directly soliciting employment from a prospective client for his own pecuniary gain, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In an estate matter, Respondent misappropriated estate funds when he intentionally withheld and distributed estate funds to himself without client authorization and made misrepresentations to the Court in an attempt to secure legal fees from his former clients.

YACUB, Ivan – Reprimand by Consent on December 12, 2018, in a reciprocal action from the Supreme Court of Virginia, for failing to safe-keep client funds in trust. Respondent's attorney trust account was overdrawn after he failed to create and maintain adequate records of the account.

ZAJDEL, Cory Lev – Reprimand by Consent on March 22, 2019, for failing to obtain from his client a signed, written contingent fee agreement that outlined the terms of the agreement.