

ATTORNEY REGULATION SUMMARIES SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS JANUARY TERM 2014

IN RE JEREMY SCOTT BRENMAN

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6242574

6 West 73rd Avenue Merrillville, Indiana 46410-3802 File Information: M.R. 26357, 2013PR00021

Mr. Brenman, who was licensed in 1997, was suspended for three years and until further order of the Court. He committed the criminal acts of domestic battery, driving under the influence, failing to stop at an accident scene, unlawful possession of firearms, harassment, intimidation, criminal trespass, invasion of privacy and battery. Further, he failed to notify the ARDC of criminal convictions in California and Indiana and then failed to cooperate with the ARDC investigation into his misconduct

IN RE THOMAS J. FLEISCHMANN

ATTORNEY NUMBER 3125773
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File Information: M.R. 26385, 2013PR00013

Mr. Fleischmann, who was licensed in 1979, was suspended for sixty days. Between 2008 and 2011, he did not diligently pursue two civil cases involving separate clients, resulting in the cases' dismissal on multiple occasions. He also made a misleading statement to the ARDC when he claimed that one of those matters was progressing. The suspension is effective February 7, 2014.

In re PATRICK ANDREW FLEMING

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6184087 100 North Riverside Plaza, 15th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60606-1520 File Information: M.R. 26460, 2011PR00017

Mr. Fleming, who was licensed in 1982, was censured. He provided false testimony to the Immigration Court in connection with matters involving his former mother-in-law.

IN RE JESS EVAN FORREST

ATTORNEY NUMBER 850209 2853 North Pulaski Road

Chicago, Illinois 60641-5475

File Information: M.R. 26358, 2011PR00011

Mr. Forrest, who was licensed in 1964, was suspended for six months. He falsely notarized a quitclaim deed and made a misrepresentation about his actions to the ARDC during the course of the investigation into his conduct. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

IN RE JAMES JOSEPH GRANEY

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6185544 8650 North Shermer Road, Apartment 307 Niles, Illinois 60714-2145 File Number: M.R. 26359, 2013PR00005

Mr. Graney, who was licensed in 1983, was suspended for one year and until further order of the Court. He was convicted of domestic battery and retail theft and failed to notify the ARDC about those convictions. In addition, he engaged in acts of cyberstalking based upon improper and inappropriate contact with a former girlfriend.

IN RE ROBERT T. HALL
ATTORNEY NUMBER 3127983
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Springfield, Illinois 62704-2340
File Information: M.R. 26461, 2011PR00136

Mr. Hall, who was licensed in 1980, was suspended for six months. While serving as an associate judge in Sangamon County, he dismissed a traffic citation issued to another judge's daughter, falsely stating that a prosecutor had made a motion to dismiss the citation. Mr. Hall knew that no prosecutor had made a motion to dismiss the citation. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

In re K.O. JOHNSON
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6237386
207 West State Street
Sycamore, Illinois 60178-1493
File Information: M.R. 26427, 2012PR00173

Mr. Johnson, who was licensed in 1996, was suspended eighteen months and until he makes certain restitution. He filed fee petitions in two divorce cases seeking judgments for payment of fees that had previously been discharged in the clients' respective bankruptcy proceedings. He also contacted clients and former clients who owed him fees and told them to disregard directions from the trustee in Mr. Johnson's personal bankruptcy proceeding to pay the trustee

outstanding fees owed to Mr. Johnson for the benefit of the bankruptcy estate. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

IN RE ROBERT KENNETH LOCK, JR.

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6202454
Post Office Box 46303
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File Number: M.R. 26328, 2010PR00164

Mr. Lock, who was licensed in Illinois in 1989, was suspended for one year and until further order of the Court. While owning an internet debt reconciliation business, he improperly solicited persons in financial distress through non-lawyer marketers. The marketers would collect an enrollment fee from consumers that would be shared with Mr. Lock.

IN RE LONNIE L. LUTZ

ATTORNEY NUMBER 1711687 622 Charleston Avenue

Charleston, Illinois 61920

File Information: M.R. 26393, 2013PR00083

Mr. Lutz, who was licensed to practice in 1977, was disbarred on consent. He committed a criminal act, battery, when he inappropriately touched three different female clients when he was serving as their assigned public defender.

IN RE MARVIN MARSHALL

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6212290 1701 South First Avenue, Suite 504 Maywood, Illinois 60153-2422

File Information: M.R. 26312, 2010PR00129

Mr. Marshall, who was licensed in 1993, was suspended for six months and until he makes certain restitution. He was the seller's attorney in a real estate transaction in which Mr. Marshall's wife was the seller's agent pursuant to a power of attorney. Mr. Marshall's wife was also the seller's real estate broker and obtained an inflated commission from the sale proceeds. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

In re RONALD JAY McDERMOTT

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6208095
111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 2800
Chicago, Illinois 60601-4209
File Information: M.R. 25567, 2012PR00052

On November 19, 2012, Mr. McDermott, who was licensed to practice in 1991, was suspended for six months and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed after sixty days by a two-year period of conditional probation. He recorded approximately 260 hours for work he

falsely claimed to have performed on a client's behalf. His misconduct was discovered before the majority of the charges in question were billed to the client. Because he failed to comply with the terms of his probation, the Court has now revoked the probation imposed on November 12, 2012, vacated the stay of his suspension, and he was ordered suspended for the remainder of his six month suspension and until further order of the Court.

In re MATTHEW JOHN McDONALD

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6290171
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Chicago, Illinois 60601-1806
File Information: M.R. 26487, 2013PR00037

Mr. McDonald, who was licensed in 2006, was suspended for two years and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed after sixty days by a two-year period of conditional probation. He neglected a civil matter, failed to be candid with his client about the true status of that matter, and created a purported court in order to deceive his law firm partner about the status of the litigation. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

IN RE MARTIN J. MCKENZIE ATTORNEY NUMBER 6231122 813 West Randolph Street, Suite 200

Chicago, Illinois 60607-2310 File Information: M.R. 26177, 2010PR00160

Mr. McKenzie, who was licensed in 1996, was suspended for thirty days. While acting as the trustee for a family trust, Mr. McKenzie ignored court orders requiring him to produce an accounting of the trust's assets, income and expenditures. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

In re PATRICK JOSEPH O'CONNOR

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6256468 700 West Van Buren Street, Suite 1205 Chicago, Illinois 60607-3633 File Information: M.R. 26428, 2013PR 00084

Mr. O'Connor, who was licensed in 1998, was suspended for one year. He was convicted in state court of deceptive practices, a Class A misdemeanor, for fabricating a settlement payoff letter purporting to be from the City of Chicago for a real estate transaction. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

IN RE GARY EVAN PEEL
ATTORNEY NUMBER 2166259
16 Kensington Ct.
Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034-1559
File Number: M.R. 26341, 2007PR00117

Mr. Peel, who was licensed in 1968, was disbarred after a federal conviction for bankruptcy fraud and possession of child pornography. He was suspended on an interim basis on January 11, 2008.

IN RE MARK VINCE TILLMAN

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6204991 9901 South Western Avenue, Suite 203 Chicago, Illinois 60643-1800

File Information: M.R. 26429, 2010PR00137

Mr. Tillman, who was licensed in 1990, was suspended for two years and until he completes the ARDC Professionalism Seminar. He used \$37,000 in estate funds without the knowledge of the executor of the estate, the beneficiaries or the probate court. In a second matter, he had members of his staff falsely attest to his client's signature on a will. The will was invalidated after Mr. Tillman made misrepresentations to the probate court regarding one of the witnesses and failed to procure the witness' attendance at a court hearing in the matter. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

In re ANA B. TRISTAN ATTORNEY NUMBER 6211757 618 Gould Street

Beecher, Illinois 60401-0761 File Information: M.R. 26335, 2013PR00025

Ms. Tristan, who was licensed in 1993, was suspended for one year and until further order of the Court. She failed to diligently handle two clients' dissolution of marriage matters, failed to return unearned fees, and converted \$1,200 from one of her clients. She also failed to participate in her own disciplinary proceedings.

IN RE SHARON E. WILLIAMS

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6227232 77 West Washington Street, Suite 618 Chicago, Illinois 60602-3283

File Information: M.R. 26430, 2011PR00107

Ms. Williams, who was licensed in 1995, was suspended for four months, with the suspension followed by a one-year term of probation with conditions designed to improve her office management practices and insure that she makes restitution to her clients. She charged clients an excessive fee in an estate matter and provided them with an inaccurate accounting after she was discharged. The suspension is effective on February 7, 2014.

THE FOLLOWING ORDERS WERE ENTERED BY THE COURT PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 2014 TERM BUT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN ANY PREVIOUS INFORMATION RELEASE

In re JORDAN LEE MARGOLIS

ATTORNEY NUMBER 3124731 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2455 Chicago, Illinois 60603-5101 M.R. 26332, 2013PR00070 (Order entered on November 27, 2013)

Mr. Margolis, who was licensed in 1979, was suspended on an interim basis and until further order of Court. A ten-count complaint was filed against him alleging that he converted \$1,034,850 in client settlement funds and failed to distribute over \$700,000 of those funds. The complaint further alleges that Mr. Margolis, or someone at his direction, forged his clients' name in three matters and made misrepresentations to those clients relating to his receipt and distribution of their settlement funds.

In re LINO JOHN MENCONI

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6206125 1000 North Plaza Drive, Suite 680 Schaumburg, Illinois 60173-4954 File Information: M.R. 25322, 2011PR00143 (Order entered on November 12, 2013)

Mr. Menconi, who was licensed in 1991, was suspended on an interim basis and until further order of the Court. A Hearing Board earlier found that he had misappropriated nearly \$470,000 from four clients.

In re JERRY LEE PETEET
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6203402
649 Taft Street
Gary, Indiana 46404-1320
File Information: M.R. 26257, 2013PR00086
(Order entered on December 11, 2013)

Mr. Peteet, who was licensed in 1990, was suspended on an interim basis and until further order of the Court. After a 35-day federal jury trial, he was found guilty of conspiracy to commit racketeering and attempt to commit murder in aid of racketeering activity. He was sentenced to serve 276 months in prison.

IN RE CURT PATRICK REHBERG ATTORNEY NUMBER 6201832 64 East Crystal Lake Avenue

Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014-6137 File Number: M.R. 26386, 2013PR00113 (Order Entered on Nov. 27, 2013)

Mr. Rehberg, who was licensed in 1989, was suspended on an interim basis and until further order of the Court. He is facing disciplinary charges of misusing more than \$600,000 he received in connection with two separate estate matters. In addition, he is facing criminal charges in McHenry County, where he has been accused of multiple thefts totaling more than \$1.2 million.

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