



ATTORNEY REGULATION
SUMMARIES
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS
JANUARY TERM 2015

IN RE JOHN F. ARGOUEDELIS
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Plainfield, Illinois 60544-2822
File Information: M.R. 27036, 2012PR00160

Mr. Argoudelis, who was licensed in 1989, was suspended for five months. Despite knowing that his client was not, as the client claimed to be, the sole heir of an estate, Mr. Argoudelis repeatedly represented to the probate court that the client was the sole heir. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

IN RE KENNETH MARQUIS BATTLE
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6269381
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File Information: M.R. 27084, 2014PR00017

Mr. Battle, who was licensed in 1999, was censured. He did not file a personal injury claim for a client before the expiration of the statute of limitations. When he became aware of his error, he met with the client and provided her with a settlement agreement which would have released him from liability in exchange for his payment of funds to her, without advising her in writing to seek independent counsel.

IN RE DOUGLAS ROY CANNON
ATTORNEY NUMBER 381934
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File Information: M.R. 27055, 2011PR00051

Mr. Cannon, who was licensed in 1969, was suspended for two years, with the suspension stayed after one year if certain restitution is made, to be followed by a one-year period of conditional probation. He failed to act with reasonable diligence in handling a client's breach of contract matter, failed to keep the client informed about the status of the matter including failing to inform his client about the entry of a default judgment, made a misrepresentation to the court about the client's compliance with a citation to discover assets, devised a scheme to hide the

client's assets from the judgment creditor to circumvent the citation, and took more than \$6,000 of the client's funds without authorization. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

In re JOLANDA B. DJORDJEVIC (fka KRAWCZYK)

Attorney Number 6279214
180 North Stetson Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60601
File Information: M.R. 27004, 2013PR00080

Ms. Djordjevic, who was licensed in 2003, was suspended for thirty days and ordered to complete the ARDC Professionalism Seminar. She neglected a client's personal injury claim and, over the course of several years, was not candid to her client and others about the status of the matter. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

IN RE VITO MATTEO EVOLA

ATTORNEY NUMBER 3123307
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File Information: M.R. 26987, 2014PR00060

Mr. Evola, who was licensed in 1979, was disbarred. He misappropriated over \$900,000 in client funds in three separate matters. In addition, he made false statements to a client and to the ARDC during the course of the disciplinary investigation.

IN RE MICHAEL LAWRENCE FLYNN

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6204230
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LaGrange Park, Illinois 60526-5654
File Information: M.R. 26961, 2012PR00077

Mr. Flynn, who was licensed in 1990, was disbarred. He misappropriated over \$500,000 that belonged to a client or third parties.

IN RE MICHAEL JEFFREY GRECO

ATTORNEY NUMBER 6201254
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File Information: M.R. 27026, 2013PR00046

Mr. Greco, who was licensed in 1989, was suspended for thirty days, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a one-year period of conditional probation. He did not timely file responses to motions for summary judgments in two federal employment cases resulting in dismissal of those cases.

IN RE DODIE LEANN JUNKERT
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6244587
Post Office Box 244
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Clinton, Illinois 61727-0244
File Information: M.R. 27135, 2014PR00167

Ms. Junkert, who was licensed in 1998, was disbarred on consent. She pled guilty to the criminal felony offense of conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and was sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In re NICHOLAS SWIGERT LANE
Attorney Number 6296391
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Chicago, Illinois 60657-3809
File Information: M.R. 27121, 2014PR00018

Mr. Lane, who was licensed in 2008, was suspended for two years and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed after ninety days by a two-year period of conditional probation. He converted \$14,210 belonging to an estate and also neglected to appear at multiple court dates relating to that same estate. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

In re JOSEPH ANTHONY LEONARDI
Attorney Number 6191284
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File Information: M.R. 27005, 2013PR00117

Mr. Leonardi, who was licensed in 1985, was suspended for ninety days. After representing a client at the closing of a home, Mr. Leonardi took possession of the seller's proceeds check from the title company, but never deposited or negotiated that check, or a replacement check that later issued to him. The title company has since ceased operations and its parent company has denied the client's claim for payment of the proceeds. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

IN RE MICHAEL GERARD MAHONEY
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6200001
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Glenview, Illinois 60025-4468
File Information: M.R. 27136, 2012PR00112

Mr. Mahoney, who was licensed in 1989, was suspended for two years and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed after six months by a two-year period of conditional probation. He neglected fourteen personal injury cases and made misrepresentations about the status of those cases to clients. In addition, he filed three reports in medical malpractice

proceedings falsely stating that an expert witness supported his clients' positions. The misconduct was causally related to certain medical conditions for which he has received appropriate treatment. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

IN RE JORDAN LEE MARGOLIS
ATTORNEY NUMBER 3124731
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File Information: M.R. 27003, 2013PR00070

Mr. Margolis, who was licensed in 1979, was disbarred and ordered to pay certain restitution. He misappropriated \$1,034,850 in settlement funds in ten separate matters. In addition, he forged clients' names in three matters and made misrepresentations to his clients relating to his receipt and distribution of their settlement funds. He was suspended on an interim basis on November 27, 2013.

IN RE JOHNNY McCRAW, JR.
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6283488
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Chicago, Illinois 60643-2116
File Information: M.R. 27137, 2014PR00033

Mr. McCraw, who was licensed in 2004, was suspended for two years and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a two-year period of conditional probation. After pleading guilty to possession of a controlled substance and being sentenced to a two-year period of probation, he violated the terms of his criminal probation by using alcohol and a controlled substance.

IN RE CURT PATRICK REHBERG
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6201832
64 East Crystal Lake Avenue
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014-6137
File Information: M.R. 27025, 2013PR00113

Mr. Rehberg, who was licensed in 1989, was disbarred on consent. He misappropriated approximately \$644,000 from two estates. He was suspended on an interim basis on November 27, 2013.

IN RE EDWIN REYES
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6203278
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Chicago, Illinois 60643-1926
File Information: M.R. 27133, 2014PR00105

Mr. Reyes, who was licensed in 1990, was suspended for thirty days and required to complete the ARDC Professionalism Seminar. His lack of diligence resulted in the dismissal of a client's workers' compensation claim and, in an attempt to keep the claim active, he photocopied and whited-out portions of previously-filed pleadings in order to refile the claim without the client's knowledge. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

IN RE DONALD PAUL ROSEN
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6278899
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Carpentersville, Illinois 60110-1674
File Information: M.R. 26812 and 27001, 2012PR00088

Mr. Rosen, who was licensed in 2003, was suspended on an interim basis and until further order of the Court. An ARDC hearing panel earlier recommended that he be suspended for three years and until further order of the Court for misappropriating \$85,412.78 in escrow funds, making false statements to his clients and a police officer investigating his conduct, presenting fabricated bank records to the ARDC in an attempt to conceal his misconduct, and providing false testimony during the disciplinary investigation. He attempted to blame his conversion of funds and fabrication of bank records on his 82 year-old mother.

IN RE PHILIP E. RUBEN
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6186192
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File Information: M.R. 26989, 2012PR00120

Mr. Ruben, who was licensed in 1983, was suspended for six months. After he became aware that attorneys at another law firm were reviewing his representation of a mutual client, he altered a conflicts disclosure document. He also altered two checks that he used to acquire an interest in one of the businesses that was the subject of his representation. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

IN RE ROBERT S. SANDERSON
1001 Highland Plaza Drive West, Suite 400
St. Louis, Missouri 63110
File Information: M.R. 27108, 2014PR00040

Mr. Sanderson is licensed to practice in both Indiana and Missouri, but has never been licensed in Illinois. He was disbarred in Illinois for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. He entered his appearance in more than 3,000 cases in Madison and St. Clair Counties and engaged in dishonest conduct by misleading the Missouri-based firm that employed him into believing that he was licensed to practice in Illinois. Without authorization, he used an Illinois attorney's registration number on his appearances and pleadings without her knowledge or authority. He also failed to cooperate during the disciplinary proceeding.

IN RE R. L. SOTORRIO
ATTORNEY NUMBER 3129078
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File Information: M.R. 27064, 2014PR00025

Mr. Sotorrio, who was licensed in 1981, was suspended for one year, with the suspension stayed after sixty days by an 18-month period of conditional probation. He failed to diligently represent three separate clients, respond to their requests for information, or make timely refunds of unearned legal fees in connection with the matters. In addition, he failed to deposit the advance payments of legal fees provided by those clients into a client trust account and he used \$4,350 of the money for his own business or personal purposes before he earned it. The suspension is effective on February 6, 2015.

IN RE GARY EUGENE STARK
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6226166
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File Information: M.R. 27037, 2013PR00027

Mr. Stark, who was licensed in 1994, was suspended for one year and until further order of the Court. He neglected two client matters, causing the clients' lawsuits to be dismissed and their matter to become time barred. He also settled one client's malpractice claims against him, but he has yet to pay the settlement to which they agreed. Finally, he was not candid and truthful in his testimony during the disciplinary proceeding.

IN RE CLAUDETTE MCFARLAND WINSTEAD II
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6212152
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File Information: M.R. 27011, 2014PR00130

Ms. Winstead was licensed in Illinois in 1993 and in the District of Columbia in 1995. The Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia reprimanded her for using letterhead stationery, facsimile cover sheets, and e-mail messages reflecting that she was an attorney with an office address in Silver Spring, Maryland, without disclosing that she had never been admitted to practice there. The Illinois Supreme Court imposed reciprocal discipline and reprimanded her.

IN RE KELLY PATRICK WARD
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6208007
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File Information: M.R. 27124, 2014PR00087

Mr. Ward, who was licensed in 1991, was suspended for two years and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a two-year period of conditional probation. She left the scene of an automobile collision, resulting in a misdemeanor conviction for leaving the scene of a property damage accident. In addition, while appearing in court on behalf of a client, she was physically unsteady, had difficulty formulating appropriate questions for a witness in the proceeding, and smelled of alcohol, resulting in additional court proceedings.

IN RE JOEL CRAIG ZIMMERMAN
ATTORNEY NUMBER 6183590
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Tinley Park, Illinois 60477-3029
File Information: M.R. 27099, 2014PR00036

Mr. Zimmerman, who was licensed in 1982, was censured. He represented a husband in a dissolution of marriage proceeding and received funds on behalf of both the husband and the wife. After a judge determined the parties' relative entitlement to those funds, Mr. Zimmerman paid the wife, but the payment of the check by the bank resulted in an overdraft in his lawyer trust account, as a direct result of his failure to properly maintain that account.

THE FOLLOWING LAWYER WAS TRANSFERRED TO DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS:

CONSTANTINE N. DRANIAS, ATTORNEY NUMBER 673994, 77 West Washington Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2801. File Information: M.R. 27144, 2013PR00098 (Order entered on January 13, 2015).

THE FOLLOWING LAWYER WAS TRANSFERRED TO PERMANENT RETIREMENT STATUS:

MICHAEL D. DOWNING, ATTORNEY NUMBER 669806, 2129 Ammer Ridge Court, Suite 101, Glenview Illinois 60025-1858. File Information: M.R. 27100, 2014PR00147.

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