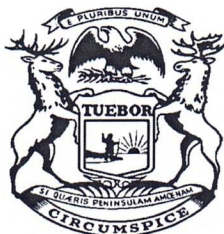


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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

(Pending Appeal)

Case Nos. 22-3-GA; 22-93-GA

Notice Issued: May 22, 2023

Jennifer Michelle Paine, P 72037, Novi, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #59

Disbarment, Effective May 20, 2023¹

After proceedings conducted pursuant to MCR 9.115, the panel found, based on respondent's admissions to all of the misconduct set forth in both formal complaints, that respondent committed professional misconduct during her representation of four different clients in their respective divorce and post-judgment divorce matters, while representing a client in adoption proceedings and in her own criminal matter after she was charged with driving while license suspended in a matter filed in the 53rd District Court.

Based upon respondent's admissions, the panel found that, as set forth in Count One of Formal Complaint 22-3-GA, respondent failed to deposit and maintain the tax refund check into a client trust account until her dispute over fees with her client was resolved, in violation of MRPC 1.15(c); failed to hold the property of her client or third persons in connection with a representation separate from her own property by not depositing the check into a client trust account, but rather commingling the funds by depositing them into her own personal checking account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

¹ On October 25, 2022, an order of suspension pursuant to MCR 9.115(F)(1) [failure to appear], was entered by the panel suspending respondent's license, effective November 1, 2022, and until further order of the panel or the Board. On November 22, 2022, the panel granted respondent's emergency petition for reinstatement and set aside the October 25, 2022, order. (See Notice Vacating Interim Suspension and Notice of Reinstatement, issued November 22, 2022.) On December 6, 2022, an order of interim suspension was re-entered, suspending respondent's license, effective December 13, 2022. (See notice of interim suspension, issued December 14, 2022.)

As set forth in Count Two of Formal Complaint 22-3-GA, the panel found that respondent engaged in a conflict of interest by representing two adverse parties without proper consultation for consent, in violation of MRPC 1.7; engaged in a conflict of interest by providing financial assistance to a client, in violation of MRPC 1.8(e); engaged in conduct that was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

As set forth in Count Three of Formal Complaint 22-3-GA, the panel found that respondent engaged in incompetent representation, in violation of MRPC 1.1(a); neglected a legal matter entrusted to her, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); made false statements of material fact to a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.3(a)(1); failed to make reasonably diligent efforts to comply with a legally proper discovery request by opposing party, in violation of MRPC 3.4(d); made false statements of material fact to the opposing attorney, in violation of MRPC 4.1; engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

As set forth in Count Four of Formal Complaint 22-3-GA, the panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to her, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing her client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of her matter and comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4; failed to protect her client's legal interests by refunding unearned fees, or providing the client with the client file, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); and engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

As set forth in Count Five of Formal Complaint 22-3-GA, the panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to her, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the true status of the matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(c); charged and attempted to collect a clearly excessive fee on work that was not performed, in violation of MRPC 1.5(a); refused to withdraw after being discharged, in violation of MRPC 1.16(a)(3); failed to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interest of her client, in violation of MRPC 3.2; engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

As set forth in Count Six of Formal Complaint 22-3-GA, the panel found that respondent violated a criminal law, in violation of MRC 9.104(5); knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal by driving her car to court while her license was suspended, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); and engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2).

As set forth in Count One of Formal Complaint 22-93-GA, the panel found that respondent engaged in incompetent representation, in violation of MRPC 1.1(a); neglected a legal matter entrusted to her, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing her clients, in violation of MRPC 1.3; knowingly disobeyed obligations under the rules of a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); engaged in conduct that was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

As set forth in Count Two of Formal Complaint 22-93-GA, the panel found that respondent engaged in incompetent representation, in violation of MRPC 1.1(a); neglected a legal matter entrusted to her, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing her client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of the matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); engaged in undignified or discourteous conduct toward the tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.5(d); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred. Respondent filed a timely petition for review and this matter has been scheduled for hearing before the Attorney Discipline Board.

Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,978.38.

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GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR,
Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner/Appellee,

v

Case Nos. 22-3-GA; 22-93-GA

JENNIFER MICHELLE PAINE, P 72037,

Respondent/Appellant.

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**ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR REVIEW,
VACATING ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND CANCELING REVIEW HEARING**

Issued by the Attorney Discipline Board
333 W. Fort St., Ste. 1700, Detroit, MI

Respondent filed a Petition for Review on May 10, 2023, of the hearing panel's April 28, 2023 order of disbarment. In accordance with MCR 9.118, the Attorney Discipline Board issued an order to show cause on May 19, 2023, directing the parties to appear before the Board to show cause why the hearing panel order should not be affirmed.

The Board's order to show cause directed that a party seeking review should file a brief in support of a petition for review no later than June 9, 2023, with a responsive brief due June 23, 2023. Respondent did not file her brief on June 9, 2023. To date, respondent has not filed her supporting brief as directed in the Board's order to show cause, nor has she requested an extension of time to do so. The Grievance Administrator filed a Motion to Dismiss Petition for Review on June 16, 2023, requesting that respondent's petition for review be dismissed for failing to comply with the provisions of MCR 9.118.

The Board has considered the requirements of MCR 9.118(B) as specifically referenced in the order to show cause, and the Administrator's motion to dismiss, and, being otherwise fully advised,

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that, in accordance with MCR 9.118(B), respondent's petition for review filed May 10, 2023, is **DISMISSED**. The Board's order to show cause is **VACATED** and the review hearing scheduled for August 16, 2023, is **CANCELLED**.

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By: /s/ Mark A. Armitage
Executive Director

Dated: June 28, 2023

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NOTICE OF INTERIM SUSPENSION

Case No. 22-3-GA

Notice Issued: December 14, 2022

Jennifer Michelle Paine, P 72037, Novi, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #59.

Interim Suspension - Effective December 13, 2022

Respondent failed to comply with a required provision in a November 22, 2022, order entered by Tri-County Hearing Panel #59 that set aside an earlier Order of Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1). As a result, the hearing panel issued an order of interim suspension on December 6, 2022, effective December 13, 2022, and until further order of the panel or the Board.

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NOTICE OF INTERIM SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO MCR 9.115(H)(1)

Case No. 22-3-GA

Notice Issued: November 1, 2022

Jennifer Michelle Paine, P 72037, Novi, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #59.

Interim Suspension - Effective November 1, 2022

Respondent failed to appear at the October 25, 2022 hearing and satisfactory proofs were entered into the record that respondent possessed actual notice of the proceedings. As a result, the hearing panel issued an order of suspension, in accordance with MCR 9.115(H)(1), effective November 1, 2022, and until further order of the panel or the Board.