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Stipulated Sanction entered for alleged violation of Rules 1.3, 1.15(e), 8.1(1), 8.4(3), and 8.4(4) where attorney admits he failed to timely remit client's funds. Attorney ordered to take three hours of in-person CLE in ethics in addition to annual requirements of Practice Book 2-27A. *Perez v. Dean Popkin*, #19-0482 (10 pages).

Reprimand issued by Stipulated Disposition for violation of Rules 8.1(2) and 8.4(4) and Practice Book Section 2-32(a)(1) where attorney failed to answer grievance complaint and failed to comply with terms of disposition in a prior grievance case. Attorney ordered to take four hours of in-person CLE in ethics in addition to annual requirements of Practice Book 2-27A. *Staines v. Thomas G. Cotter*, #19-0405 (10 pages).

Presentment ordered by agreement for alleged violation of Rules 1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 1.15, 8.1(1), and 8.1(2) and Practice Book 2-32(a)(1) and 2-27(d) where attorney has another presentment pending with which this matter will be consolidated. *Kornberg v. Keisha Gatison*, #19-0455 (8 pages).

Stipulated Sanctions where attorney admits there was clear and convincing evidence of violation of Rule 8.4(4). Attorney ordered to take three hours of in-person CLE in ethics in addition to annual requirements of Practice Book 2-27A. *Fields v. Tony Anthony*, #19-0448 (11 pages).

Presentment ordered by agreement for alleged violation of Rules 1.3,

1.4(1), 1.4(3), 1.4(4), 8.1(2), 8.4(3), and 8.4(4) and Practice Book 2-32(a)(1) where attorney has another presentment pending with which this matter will be consolidated. *Stasiak v. Paul M. Cramer*, #19-0652 (8 pages).

Reprimand issued for violation of Rule 8.4(4) where attorney in divorce proceedings, with prior history of inappropriate statements in court, used profane language within hearing of judge and other counsel. *N.B. and Htfd JD Grievance Panel v. Alisha Carrie Mathers*, #19-0475 (8 pages).

Presentment ordered by agreement where attorney has another presentment pending and probable cause was found that attorney violated Rules 8.1(2), 8.4(2), and 8.4(3) and P.B. § 2-32(a)(1). *New Haven JD Grievance Panel v. Michael J. Cronin*, #19-0459 (8 pages).

Presentment ordered by agreement where probable cause was found that attorney violated Rules 1.15(b) and 8.3(2) and Practice Book Sections 2-27, 2-28(h), and 2-32(a)(1) and attorney has another presentment pending with which this matter will be consolidated. *Bowler v. Christopher Anthony Bacotti*, #19-0619 (8 pages).

Presentment ordered for violation of Rules 3.4(7), 5.4(c), 8.4(1), 8.4(2), 8.4(3) and 8.4(4) where attorney had a state marshal deliver a letter to the elderly parents-in-law of an adversary party, which letter was found to be intended to harass, intimidate, and coerce the

Prepared by CBA Professional Discipline Committee members from public information records, this digest summarizes decisions by the Statewide Grievance Committee resulting in disciplinary action taken against an attorney as a result of violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The reported cases cite the specific rule violations to heighten the awareness of lawyers' acts or omissions that lead to disciplinary action.

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in-laws so that they would "remedy" a potential \$3 million liability of their son by coming to an "understanding" with the attorney. Attorney was subject of two prior disciplinary actions issued within 6 months of this complaint. *Findley v. Walter Ambrose Shalvoy, Jr.*, #19-0620 (9 pages).

Reprimand issued by Stipulated Disposition for violation of Rule 3.4 (7). Attorney ordered to take at least 1 credit hour of CLE in civility/zealous advocacy within boundaries as part of his 2020 MCLE requirements. *Kosswig v. Abelardo J. Arias*, #19-0321 (10 pages). ■