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Agreed Disposition for probable cause finding of violation of Rules 1.5(a), 1.5(b), 1.15(e), 8.1(2) and 8.4(4). Attorney ordered to take 3 hours of in-person CLE in legal ethics within 9 months in addition to annual CLE requirements and pay complainant \$500 restitution within 30 days. *Clark v. Jeffrey Olgin*, #22-0204.

Reprimand issued *by agreement* for probable cause finding of violation of Rules 1.3 and 1.5(a). *Quarles v. Tamarah Evanko Gay*, #22-0557.

Agreed Disposition for probable cause finding of violation of Rules 1.1, 1.3, 1.4(a)(2), 1.4(3), 1.4(4), 1.5(a) and 8.4(4). Attorney ordered to take 3 hours of in-person CLE in legal ethics within 9 months in addition to annual CLE requirements. *Reeve v. John J. Radshaw, III*, #23-0102.

Presentment ordered for violation of Rules 1.15(e), 8.1(2) and 8.4(4) where attorney in immigration matter failed to refund unused \$1760 filing fee collected, failed to comply with Disciplinary Counsel's request for IOLTA records, and failed to complete application for which he was retained. *Baskaya v. Syed Zaid Hassan*, #22-0345.

Presentment ordered for violation of Rules 1.15, 1.15(e), 8.1(2), 8.4(3) and 8.4(4) where attorney, with prior disciplinary history, acting as escrow agent accepted payment from Complainant buyer for sheds he knew were not being delivered, utilized his IOLTA account for non-client funds, and then transmitted funds to shed seller, and failed to comply with Disciplinary Counsel's request for IOLTA records. *Kenol v. James J. Schultz*, #22-0623.

Reprimand issued *by agreement* for violation of Rules 1.15 and 8.4(3) for failing to safeguard funds and misrepresentation to the grievance authorities that his IOLTA ac-

count was the subject of fraudulent transfers. Attorney agrees to retain services of an accountant/bookkeeper and agrees to a IOLTA audit of the past two years and a two year audit of two IOLTA accounts and quarterly audits of both for the next year. *Slack v. Burton S. Yaffie*, #22-0640.

Presentment ordered for violation of Rules 1.3 and 1.4 where attorney, with prior disciplinary history, upon being suspended for nine months, failed to respond to a then-existing client's more than a dozen requests for information and failed to apprise the client of her suspension and the need for the client to seek other representation. *White v. Alisha Carrie Mathers*, #23-0150.

Agreed Disposition for probable cause finding of violation of Rule 1.15(b). Attorney ordered to open an IOLTA account within 30 days, to not allow her husband access to said account, submit to quarterly audits of said account for 2 years, and take 2 hours of in-person CLE in IOLTA account management within 9 months in addition to annual CLE requirements. *New Haven J.D. Grievance Panel v. Sarah Ann Cohen*, #23-0187.

Agreed Disposition for probable cause finding of violation of Rules 1.7(a)(2), 1.7(a)(4), 1.9(a) and 1.9(c)(1) – conflicts with current and past clients. Attorney ordered to take 3 hours of in-person CLE in legal ethics within 9 months in addition to annual CLE requirements. *Paris v. Eric R. Brown*, #22-0414.

Reprimand issued *by agreement* for probable cause finding of violation of Rules 3.1 and 8.4(4) in that he filed a lawsuit that had no basis and violated cease and desist orders issued by the Town of Stratford. Attorney ordered to take 3 hours of in-person CLE in legal ethics within 9 months in addition to annual CLE requirements. *MacLeod v. Daniel Henry Kryzanski*, #21-0406

Prepared by CBA Professional Discipline Committee members from public information records, this digest summarizes decisions by the State-wide 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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Presentment ordered for violation of Rules 1.5, 8.1(2), 8.4(3) and 8.4(4) and Practice Book §2-32(a)(1) where attorney in lemon law matter charged and sought to collect a fee contrary to the fee agreement, failed to respond to grievance complaint, and failed to attend two hearings scheduled in this matter. *Imundo v. Kathryn Rose Sylvester*, #22-0493.