

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUPREME COURT

O R D E R

LD-2008-0008, In the Matter of Tanya M. Pardo

On September 25, 2008, the Attorney Discipline Office, through disciplinary counsel, and Attorney Tanya M. Pardo filed a Consent to Disbarment in which the parties stipulated that Attorney Pardo had violated several Rules of Professional Conduct and that disbarment is the appropriate sanction for the violations. The parties stipulate that Attorney Pardo violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

- (a) Rule 3.3(a)(1) and Rule 3.3(a)(3). These rules prohibit a lawyer from knowingly making a false statement of fact or law to a tribunal and from offering evidence that the lawyer knows to be false. Attorney Pardo violated these rules by creating and backdating an objection to a motion to compel discovery that had been filed in a civil case, placing the backdated objection in the court file, and filing a motion to vacate the superior court order granting the motion to compel based on the false representation that the objection had been timely filed.
- (b) Rule 4.1(a). This rule prohibits a lawyer from knowingly making a false statement of material fact or law to a third person in the course of representing a client. Attorney Pardo violated this rule by advising her employer that she had filed a timely objection to the motion to compel, when she had not.
- (c) Rule 8.4(c). This rule makes it professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. Attorney Pardo violated this rule by creating and backdating an objection to a motion to compel discovery that had been filed in a civil case, placing the backdated objection in the court file, and filing a motion to vacate the superior court order granting the motion to compel based on the false representation that the objection had been timely filed.
- (d) Rule 8.4(a). This rule makes it professional misconduct to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct. Attorney Pardo has conceded that her conduct violated the above rules.

Having reviewed the notice of charges and the parties' stipulation, the court agrees that disbarment is the appropriate sanction in this case.

THEREFORE, the court orders that Tanya M. Pardo be disbarred from the practice of law in New Hampshire. Attorney Pardo is hereby assessed all expenses incurred by the Professional Conduct Committee in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

Broderick, C.J., and Dalianis, Galway and Hicks, JJ., concurred.

DATE: October 6, 2008

ATTEST:



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