

# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## SUPREME COURT

### ORDER

#### **LD-2009-0012, In the Matter of Jeanne M. Vanim-Botting**

On December 8, 2009, the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) filed an assented-to petition for three-year suspension from the practice of law of Attorney Jeanne M. Vanim-Botting. Rule 37(16)(f) authorizes the court to suspend an attorney from the practice of law if it deems suspension necessary for the protection of the public and the preservation of the integrity of the legal profession. Based on the allegations of the PCC's petition, the court finds that Attorney Vanim-Botting's immediate suspension from the practice of law is necessary to protect the public and to preserve the integrity of the legal profession. See Rule 37(16)(f). Accordingly, it is hereby ordered:

1. Jeanne M. Vanim-Botting is immediately suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire until further order of this court. Attorney Vanim-Botting may show cause on or before ten days from the date of service why the suspension should be lifted.
2. Copies of this order and of the assented-to petition for three-year suspension from the practice of law shall be served on Attorney Vanim-Botting by first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested.
3. Attorney Vanim-Botting shall file an answer to the PCC's petition within 30 days after service of the petition. See Rule 37(16)(a) and (c). The allegations of the assented-to petition for three-year suspension from the practice of law shall be deemed admitted and no further hearing shall be required if Attorney Vanim-Botting fails to file an answer to the petition.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 37(17), Attorney Alethea L. Froburg is appointed to take immediate possession of the client files and trust and other fiduciary accounts of Attorney Vanim-Botting, to make an inventory of such files and accounts, and to take such action as is necessary to protect the interests of Attorney Vanim-Botting's clients. Attorney Froburg is ordered to take the following actions:

- a. notify all employees of Attorney Vanim-Botting of her appointment by the court and of Attorney Vanim-Botting's suspension from the practice of law;

- b. notify all banks and other entities where any trust or fiduciary accounts and operating accounts of Attorney Vanim-Botting are held of Attorney Vanim-Botting's suspension and of her appointment;
- c. review any client files that Attorney Vanim-Botting maintained, and take such actions as she deems necessary to protect the interests of the clients;
- d. notify Attorney Vanim-Botting's clients by certified mail, return receipt requested, of her suspension, informing them of any action which appears to be required in the immediate future in order to preserve their legal rights and advising them that they should obtain the services of other lawyers of their choice; and
- e. make an inventory of Attorney Vanim-Botting's client files and trust and other fiduciary accounts, and file a copy of the inventory with the court on or before February 12, 2010, together with a report of her actions taken under this order and a recommendation as to what further actions should be taken to protect the interests of Attorney Vanim-Botting's clients.

The Committee on Professional Conduct shall pay the fees of Attorney Froburg, in the first instance, to be reimbursed by Attorney Vanim-Botting unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Broderick, C.J., and Dalianis, Duggan, Hicks and Conboy, JJ., concurred.

DATE: December 14, 2009

ATTEST:

  
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