

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SUPREME COURT**

**ORDER**

**LD-2015-0011, In the Matter of Anna M. Roulston, Esquire**

On August 7, 2015, the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) filed a recommendation that the respondent, Attorney Anna M. Roulston, be suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two years. In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 37(16), a copy of the recommendation was served upon the respondent along with an order requiring the respondent and disciplinary counsel to identify any legal or factual issues relating to the PCC's recommendation that they wished to be reviewed. The order advised the respondent and disciplinary counsel that, if neither party filed a response to the order, no further hearing would be required and the matter could be decided based upon the record of the PCC proceeding. Neither the respondent or disciplinary counsel has filed a response to the order.

The PCC found that the respondent violated the following rules:

- (1) Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5, by engaging in the unauthorized practice of law while under administrative suspension;
- (2) Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 8.1(b), by failing to respond to lawful requests for information from, or to cooperate with, disciplinary authorities;
- (3) Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(a), by violating the Rules of Professional Conduct;
- (4) Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(b), by committing a criminal act involving dishonesty; and
- (5) Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c), by engaging in conduct involving dishonesty.

The PCC recommends that the respondent be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years and that she be ordered to reimburse the Attorney Discipline Office for all fees and costs incurred to inventory and dispose of her files after her administrative suspension and for the investigation and prosecution of this matter. The PCC also recommends that the respondent be required to file her 2012 Trust Accounting Certificates as a condition of reinstatement.


The court accepts the PCC's recommended sanction. Accordingly, the court orders as follows:

- (1) Attorney Anna M. Roulston is suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two years. If no motion for reconsideration is filed, this suspension shall take effect on October 14, 2015.
- (2) Attorney Roulston is ordered to reimburse the Attorney Discipline Office for all costs and attorney's fees associated with the inventory and disposition of her client files after her administrative suspension.
- (3) Attorney Roulston is ordered to reimburse the Attorney Discipline Office for all costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of this matter.
- (4) As a condition of reinstatement, Attorney Roulston shall be required to file her 2012 Trust Accounting Certificate.

Dalianis, C.J., and Hicks, Conboy, Lynn, and Bassett, JJ., concurred.

DATE: October 2, 2015

ATTEST:

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**Eileen Fox, Clerk**

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