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#19-004, 19-007, 19-008, 19-012, 19-017, 19-019*

Recommendation: Disbarment and Order on Costs

On July 21, 2020, the Professional Conduct Committee (the “Committee”) deliberated the Hearing Panel Report, as well as the Record in the above matters.

Attorney Richey is currently under a two-year suspension imposed by the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Before the Committee are six separate, docketed matters in which she allegedly committed dozens of acts of malfeasance and misconduct which violated several rules of professional conduct. The Attorney Discipline Office made repeated efforts to contact Attorney Richey. She did not answer the notice of charges or respond in any fashion. She did not participate in the hearing on sanction. Absent any response, every violation alleged in the notice of charges was deemed admitted. And absent any participation by Attorney Richey in the hearing on sanction, there is no mitigation to be considered.

Having reviewed the Record, the Committee approves the Hearing Panel Report as to the facts by clear and convincing evidence. The Committee approves the findings of violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct as found by the Hearing Panel Report, and it approves the recommendation of the sanction of Disbarment for violations of Rules 1.1; 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4; 1.5; 1.15; 1.16(a); 3.3; 3.4; 8.1 and 8.4(a). Finally, the Committee orders Attorney Richey to reimburse all costs of investigation and prosecution of this matter.

July 22, 2020

David M. Rothstein
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cc: Sara S. Greene, Disciplinary Counsel
Danielle L. Richey
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HEARING PANEL REPORT

On October 2, 2019, a Notice of Charges was issued in the above-consolidated matters and duly served. Attorney Richey did not respond. On or about January 28, 2020, there was a pre-hearing. Attorney Richey did not appear. That same day, the matter was noticed for a sanction hearing to take place on March 11, 2020. The following hearing panel was subsequently appointed:

Karyl R. Martin, Esquire, Chair
Christopher J. Pyles, Esquire, Reporter
Tara L. Witt, Esquire
Marilyn Watson
Everett S. Grass

On March 11, 2020, the sanctions hearing went forward as noticed. Attorney Richey did not appear. Because Attorney Richey did not file an Answer to the Complaint or to the Notice of Charges, the allegations set forth are deemed to be admitted. Sup. Ct. R. 37A (III)(b)(3)(A). The Panel deliberated pursuant to New Hampshire Supreme Court Rule 37A (III)(d)(1), and found that the rule violations charged were supported by clear and convincing evidence. The Panel therefore adopts the procedural background and recommendations set forth in the Attorney Discipline Office's Memorandum on Sanction, and unanimously recommends that the Professional Conduct Committee disbar Attorney Richey.

June 1, 2020

/s/ Karyl R. Martin, Esquire
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Chair