

In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

In the Disciplinary Matter Involving

Melinda D. Miles,

Respondent.

Supreme Court No. S-12042

Order

Date of Order: 9/14/05



ABA Membership No. 8906029
ABA File No. 2003D127, 2004D041, 2004D110

Before: Bryner, Chief Justice, Matthews, Eastaugh, Fabe, and Carpeneti, Justices.

On consideration of the stipulation for discipline by censure under Alaska Bar Rule 22(h), filed August 2, 2005,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Disciplinary Board's recommendation for discipline is **APPROVED**.
2. Attorney MELINDA D. MILES is publicly censured under Bar Rule 16(a)(4) for the conduct reflected in the stipulation. Miles shall contact the clerk of the appellate courts to arrange a time to appear before the court to accept the public censure.
3. Additionally, a 90-day suspension is imposed, but that suspension is stayed in its entirety pending successful completion of a two-year probation period that started on June 16, 2005, when Ms. Miles's administrative suspension for failure to pay bar dues ended.
4. If during this two-year probationary period, Ms. Miles commits a violation of Alaska Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3, 1.4, or 1.15 (that is, if she commits a "new" breach of these duties to clients) and if the Disciplinary Board or the Supreme Court imposes discipline for the new misconduct, the 90 days of stayed suspension in the present case will be imposed in addition to any discipline ordered for the new misconduct.

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5. Ms. Miles must attend two credit hours of a legal ethics CLE no later than December 31, 2005.

Entered by direction of the court.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts


Marilyn May

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