In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of: Katherine E. Flood, Respondent Supreme Court Case No. 19S-DI-675



Published Order Approving Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement for Discipline

Pursuant to Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 23(12.1)(b), the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and Respondent have submitted for approval a "Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement for Discipline" stipulating agreed facts and proposed discipline as summarized below.

Stipulated Facts: Respondent pled guilty to disorderly conduct, a class B misdemeanor, arising from a domestic altercation at her home. Respondent has two prior convictions for OWI, one of which predates her bar admission.

Violation: The parties agree that Respondent violated Indiana Professional Conduct Rule 8.4(b), which prohibits committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on Respondent's trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer:

Discipline: The Court, having considered the submission of the parties, now approves the following agreed discipline.

For Respondent's professional misconduct, the Court suspends Respondent from the practice of law for a period of 90 days, beginning on the date of this order, all stayed subject to completion of at least two years of probation with JLAP monitoring. The Court incorporates by reference the terms and conditions of probation set forth in the parties' Conditional Agreement, which include:

- (1) Respondent shall have no violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct or any other law during her probation.
- (2) During the term of her probation, Respondent shall abstain from the use of alcohol or any other mind-altering substances, except as prescribed by a doctor.
- (3) Respondent shall promptly report to the Commission any violation of the terms of her probation.
- (4) If Respondent's probation is revoked following a violation, the stay of her suspension may be vacated and the balance of the stayed suspension may be actively served without automatic reinstatement.

Notwithstanding the expiration of the minimum term of probation set forth above, Respondent's probation shall remain in effect until it is terminated pursuant to a petition to terminate probation filed under Admission and Discipline Rule 23(16).

The costs of this proceeding are assessed against Respondent. Pursuant to the parties' stipulation, the Court hereby orders Respondent to pay \$263.75 by check made payable to the Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court and transmitted to the Roll of Attorneys Administrator in the Office of the Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court. Upon receipt, the Clerk is directed to disburse those funds as follows: (1) \$13.75, payable to the Commission as reimbursement for investigative expenses incurred; and (2) \$250.00, payable to the Clerk for court costs. The expenses of the hearing officer will be submitted separately.

With the acceptance of this agreement, the hearing officer appointed in this case is discharged with the Court's appreciation.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/9/2020

FOR THE COURT

Loretta H. Rush

Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur, except Rush, C.J., and David, J., who believe a short period of active suspension is warranted.