

In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of: Rock C. Lee,
Respondent

Supreme Court Case No.
20S-DI-322



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 represented “Defendant” in criminal cases in Dearborn County and in Ohio. Respondent believed that a motion to suppress in the Ohio case would be successful, and that suppression of the evidence in the Ohio case also would be beneficial to Defendant in the Dearborn County case. Respondent successfully obtained multiple continuances of the Dearborn County case after representing to the court that he would be filing a suppression motion in the Ohio case. However, Respondent never filed a suppression motion in the Ohio case. Defendant eventually became frustrated with Respondent’s representation and sought to fire him. In a hearing on the matter in Dearborn County, Respondent admitted that he had not filed the motion in Ohio and had misled Defendant in this regard. Respondent also now acknowledges that the Ohio case was unrelated to the Dearborn County case and that he could have pursued the latter without the need to wait on anything in the Ohio case.

Violations: The parties agree that Respondent violated these Indiana Professional Conduct Rules prohibiting the following misconduct:

1.3: Failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness.

8.4(c): Engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

Discipline: The parties propose the appropriate discipline is a 180-day suspension with automatic reinstatement. The Court, having considered the submissions of the parties, now approves the agreed discipline.

For Respondent’s professional misconduct, the Court **suspends Respondent from the practice of law for a period of 180 days, beginning January 14, 2021**. Respondent shall not undertake any new legal matters between service of this order and the effective date of the suspension, and Respondent shall fulfill all the duties of a suspended attorney under Admission and Discipline Rule 23(26). At the conclusion of the period of suspension, provided there are

no other suspensions then in effect, Respondent shall be automatically reinstated to the practice of law, subject to the conditions of Admission and Discipline Rule 23(18)(a).

The costs of this proceeding are assessed against Respondent. 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 12/4/2020.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.