

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

IN RE: YASHA LATRICE CLARK

No. 2024-B-01240

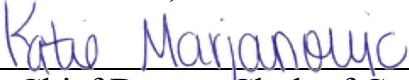
IN RE: Yasha Latrice Clark - Applicant Other; Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant
Other; Joint Petition for Consent Discipline;

November 27, 2024

Joint petition for consent discipline accepted. See per curiam.

WJC
JLW
JDH
JTK
PDG

Crichton, J., dissents and assigns reasons.
McCallum, J., dissents and would reject the joint petition for consent discipline.

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Chief Deputy Clerk of Court
For the Court

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NO. 2024-B-1240

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ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING



PER CURIAM

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent commingled and converted client funds, presented forged medical records to insurance companies in support of her clients’ settlement demands, and engaged in criminal conduct. Respondent subsequently made misrepresentations to the ODC during a sworn statement taken in connection with the investigation. Following the filing of formal charges, respondent and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel submitted a joint petition for consent discipline, in which respondent acknowledges that her conduct constitutes a violation of Rules 1.15(a), 1.15(b), 1.15(f), 4.1(a), 4.1(b), 5.3(c)(1), 8.1(a), 8.4(a), 8.4(b), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Yasha Latrice Clark, Louisiana Bar Roll number 38609, be and she hereby is disbarred, retroactive to May 30, 2024, the date of her interim suspension. Her name shall be stricken from the roll of attorneys and her license to practice law in the State of Louisiana shall be revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs and expenses in the matter are assessed against respondent in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 10.1, with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court’s judgment until paid.

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Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding

Crichton, J., dissents and assigns reasons.

STC

In reaching an agreement with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel submitting the petition for consent discipline, respondent admitted to serious misconduct involving violations of Rules 1.15(a), 1.15(b), 1.15(f), 4.1(a), 4.1(b), 5.3(c)(1), 8.1(a), 8.4(a), 8.4(b), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d) Rules of Professional Conduct. Given the grave nature of the charges, I disagree with the imposition of regular disbarment and find the egregious circumstances of this matter warrant permanent disbarment. *See* La. S.Ct. Rule XIX § 10(A)(1) (“[T]he court shall only impose permanent disbarment upon an express finding of the presence of the following factors: (1) the lawyer's misconduct is so egregious as to demonstrate a convincing lack of ethical and moral fitness to practice law; and (2) there is no reasonable expectation of significant rehabilitation in the lawyer's character in the future.”). *See also In re: Perricone*, 18-1233 (La. 12/5/18), 263 So. 3d 309 (Crichton, J., additionally concurring and explaining the difference between permanent disbarment and regular disbarment). I also find it notable that the ODC contends that respondent submitted false statements or engaged in otherwise deceptive practices during the disciplinary process, demonstrating a disregard—if not outright contempt—for the structures in place designed to protect the public. *See In re: White*, 22-1701 (La. 2/24/23), 355 So. 3d 1085 (Crichton, J., dissenting).

In my view, the record here reflects that respondent lacks the ethical and moral fitness to practice law. I therefore dissent and would impose permanent disbarment.