

**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	:	No. 122 DB 2015
Petitioner	:	
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v.	:	Attorney Registration No. 23771
	:	
NICHOLAS R. SABATINE, III	:	
Respondent	:	(Northampton County)

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Nicholas R. Sabatine, III, you stand before the Disciplinary Board, your professional peers and members of the public for the imposition of a Public Reprimand. It is an unpleasant task to publicly reprimand one who has been granted the privilege of membership in the bar of this Commonwealth. Yet as repugnant as this task may be, it has been deemed necessary that you receive this public discipline. We note that you agreed to a Public Reprimand by a Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent.

Mr. Sabatine, you are being reprimanded today as a result of your criminal conviction for one count of filing a false tax return in violation of 26 U.S.C. §7206(1). Between 2002 and 2009, you introduced family members and clients to a representative of Blue Mountain Consumer Discount Co., a consumer lending company which had its principal office in the same building as your law practice. The purpose of the introduction was for consideration in making an investment in the company. In return, when such investments were made, you received payments from Blue Mountain which you failed to disclose to the government for income tax purposes. You were sentenced on November 18, 2014 to probation for two years, ninety (90) days house arrest and a \$10,000 fine.

You have acknowledged the seriousness of this matter, expressed remorse and paid your tax obligations. You made a voluntary decision to reveal your misconduct to the government and substantially assisted the government in its criminal investigation.

Your conduct in this matter has violated the following Rule of Professional Conduct and Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement:

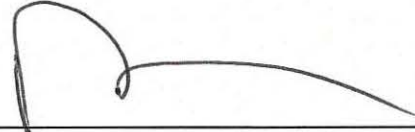
1. RPC 8.4(b) – It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer’s honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects.
2. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(1) – Conviction of a crime is grounds for discipline.

In addition to this Public Reprimand, you have been placed on Probation for a period to run concurrent with your criminal probation. In addition, you must comply with the terms imposed by the Federal Court in connection with your criminal probation.

Mr. Sabatine, your conduct in this matter is now fully public. This Public Reprimand is a matter of public record.

As you stand before the Board today, we remind you that you have a continuing obligation to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement. This Public Reprimand is proof that Pennsylvania lawyers will not be permitted to engage in conduct that falls below professional standards. Be mindful that any future dereliction will subject you to disciplinary action.

This Public Reprimand shall be posted on the Disciplinary Board's website at www.padisciplinaryboard.org.



Designated Member
The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Administered by a designated panel of three Members of The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 14, 2015.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned, Respondent in the above proceeding, herewith acknowledges that the above Public Reprimand was administered in his presence and in the presence of the designated panel of The Disciplinary Board at the District I Office located at 1601 Market Street, Suite 3320, Philadelphia, PA on December 14, 2015.



Nicholas R. Sabatine, III