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

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

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Petitioner : File No. C3-21-53

No. 153 DB 2021

Attorney Registration No. 307965

TODD JOSEPH LETA

Respondent : (Lycoming County)

#### ORDER

AND NOW, this <u>And</u> day of December, 2021, in accordance with Rule 208(a)(5), Pa.R.D.E., the determination by a Review Panel of the Disciplinary Board of the above captioned matter is accepted; and it is

ORDERED that the said TODD JOSEPH LETA of Lycoming County, be subjected to a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** by the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as provided in Rule 204(b) and Rule 205(c)(8) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of one (1) year, subject to the following Conditions:

#### Conditions of Probation:

- Respondent shall abstain from using alcohol, drugs, or any other mood-altering or mind-altering chemicals except for those medications prescribed by Respondent's treating physicians;
- 2. Respondent shall regularly attend meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous doing so on a weekly basis;
- 3. A sobriety monitor shall be appointed to monitor Respondent in accordance with Disciplinary Board Rule 89.293(c);

- 4. Respondent shall furnish his sobriety monitor with the name and contact information for any licensed professional counselor and shall authorize the counselor to communicate with his sobriety monitor concerning treatment during probation;
- 5. Respondent shall undergo any counseling, out-patient or in-patient treatment, prescribed by a physician or alcohol counselor;
- 6. Respondent shall file quarterly written reports with the Board Prothonotary;
- 7. With the sobriety monitor, Respondent shall:
  - a) Meet at least twice a month;
  - b) Maintain weekly telephone contact;
  - c) Provide the necessary properly executed written authorizations to verify his compliance with any required substance abuse treatment; and
  - d) Cooperate fully.
- 8. The appointed sobriety monitor shall:
  - a) Monitor Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of the order imposing probation;
  - b) Assist Respondent in arranging any professional or substance abuse treatment deemed necessary;
  - c) Meet with Respondent at least twice a month, and maintain weekly telephone contact with Respondent;
  - d) Maintain direct monthly contact with Respondent's AA Sponsor;
  - e) File with the Board Prothonotary quarterly written reports which, at minum, establish Respondent's continued compliance with these conditions; and
  - f) Immediately report to the Board Prothonotary any violations by the Respondent of the terms and conditions of probation.

Failure to abide with the terms of the Probation shall be grounds for further action pursuant to Enforcement Rule 208(h).

Costs shall be paid by the Respondent.

BY THE BOARD:

**Board Chair** 

TRUE COPY FROM RECORD

Attest:

Marcee D. Sloan Board Prothonotary

The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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### **PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

Todd Joseph Leta, you appear before the Disciplinary Board for the imposition of a Public Reprimand ordered by the Board on December 27, 2021. The Board further ordered that you be placed on Probation for a period of one year. It is an unpleasant task to publicly reprimand one who has been granted the privilege of membership in the bar of the Commonwealth. Yet as repugnant as this task may be, it has been determined necessary that you receive this public discipline.

Mr. Leta, the record shows that in 2019, you entered the premises of another person at night and when confronted by the owner, became confrontational, displayed a handgun, and threatened to shoot the owner. The owner feared for his life based on your actions. You were intoxicated at the time of the incident and thought you were going to your girlfriend's residence.

On August 26, 2020, in the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County, you entered a plea of guilty to terroristic threats, simple assault, loitering and prowling at nighttime, disorderly conduct, and public drunkenness. You were sentenced to two years' probation, restrictive electronic monitoring for 30 days, 75 hours of community

service, a fine and costs of prosecution. You failed to report your conviction to Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

By your conduct, you violated the following Rule of Professional Conduct ("RPC") and Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement ("Pa.R.D.E."):

- 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 shall be ground for discipline.
- 3. Pa.R.D.E. 214(a) An attorney convicted of a crime shall report the fact of such conviction within 20 days to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

You have been placed on probation for one year, subject to conditions and a sobriety monitor. Please be aware that failure to abide by the terms and conditions of your probation shall be grounds for further action.

Mr. Leta, your conduct in this matter is public. This Public Reprimand is a matter of public record and shall be posted on the Disciplinary Board's website at <a href="https://www.padisciplinaryboard.org">www.padisciplinaryboard.org</a>.

It is the Board's duty to reprimand you for your misconduct. Any subsequent violations on your part can only result in further discipline and perhaps more severe sanctions. We sincerely hope that you will conduct yourself in such a manner that future disciplinary action will be unnecessary.

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 on March 4, 2022.