

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	No. 2441 Disciplinary Docket
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Petitioner	:	No. 207 DB 2017
	:	
v.	:	Attorney Registration No. 307141
	:	
NICHOLE ASHLEY COLLINS,	:	(Dauphin County)
	:	
Respondent	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 12th day of March, 2018, upon consideration of the Verified Statement of Resignation, Nichole Ashley Collins is disbarred on consent from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, see Pa.R.D.E. 215, and she shall comply with the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217. Respondent shall pay costs to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(g).

A True Copy Patricia Nicola
As Of 3/12/2018

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
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RESIGNATION BY RESPONDENT

Pursuant to Rule 215
of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement

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Respondent	:	(Dauphin County)

RESIGNATION STATEMENT UNDER RULE 215, PA. R.D.E.

I, Nichole Ashley Collins, hereby resign from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Rule 215 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, and further state as follows:

1. I am an attorney admitted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been admitted to the bar on January 4, 2010. My registration number is 307141.
2. I desire to resign from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
3. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered; I am not being subjected to coercion or duress; and I am fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.
4. I am presently represented by counsel, Attorney Bryan S. Walk.
5. I am aware of a pending investigation by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of alleged serious professional misconduct on my part. I acknowledge the material facts related to this misconduct are more fully set forth in the Joint Petition to Temporarily

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Suspend an Attorney Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(f), filed December 29, 2017, which resulted in the Court's January 25, 2018, Order of Temporary Suspension. The Petition and Order are attached hereto and incorporated herein as "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" respectively.

6. I acknowledge that the material facts set forth in the aforementioned Exhibits A and B are true.

7. I am submitting my resignation because I know that I could not successfully defend against charges predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, as set forth in the aforementioned Exhibits A and B.

8. I am fully aware that the submission of this Resignation Statement is irrevocable and that I can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to the provisions of Enforcement Rule 218(b)-(c).

9. I am aware that pursuant to Enforcement Rule 215(c), the fact that I have tendered my resignation shall become a matter of public record immediately upon delivery of the resignation statement to Disciplinary Counsel or the Secretary of the Board.

10. Upon entry of the disbarment Order, I will promptly comply with the notice, withdrawal, resignation, trust account, and cease-and-desist provisions of Enforcement Rule 217(a)-(d).

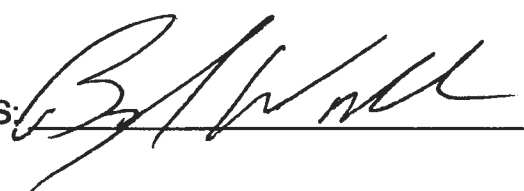
11. After entry of the disbarment Order, I will file a verified statement of compliance, as required by Enforcement Rule 217(e)(1).

12. I am aware that the waiting period for eligibility to apply for reinstatement to the practice of law under Enforcement Rule 218(b) shall not begin until I file the verified statement of compliance required by Enforcement Rule 217(e)(1). However, if the disbarment Order contains a provision that makes the disbarment retroactive to an earlier date, then the waiting period will be deemed to have begun on that earlier date.

It is understood that the statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signed this 26 day of Feb, 2018.


Nichole Ashley Collins, Respondent

WITNESS: 

VERIFICATION

The statements contained in the foregoing Resignation Statement under Rule 215, Pa.R.D.E. are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief and are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities

28 February 2018
Date

Kristin A. Wells
Kristin A. Wells
Disciplinary Counsel
Attorney Reg. No. 312080

2-28-18
Date

Nichole Ashley Collins
Nichole Ashley Collins
Respondent
Attorney Registration No. 307141

Witness: [Signature]

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**JOINT PETITION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND AN ATTORNEY
PURSUANT TO Pa.R.D.E. 208 (f)**

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME
COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (hereinafter "Petitioner"), by Paul J. Killion, Esquire, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and by Kristin Wells, Esquire, Disciplinary Counsel, and Nichole Ashley Collins, Esquire, ("Respondent"), by and through her counsel, Bryan S. Walk, Esquire, jointly petition this Honorable Court for an Order temporarily suspending Respondent from the practice of law, and in support thereof state:

1. Petitioner, whose principal office is situated at PA Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Ave., Suite 2700, P.O. Box 62485, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17106 is invested, pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 207, with the power and duty to investigate all matters involving alleged misconduct of an attorney admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to prosecute all disciplinary proceedings brought in accordance with the various provisions of the aforesaid Enforcement Rules.

2. Respondent, Nichole Ashley Collins, was born on December 22, 1982, and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 4, 2010. Respondent's Attorney Registration No. is 307141. Her registered address is Scaringi & Scaringi, P.C., 120 Pine Grove Commons, York, Pennsylvania 17403. Respondent is

currently on active status, and is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court.

3. Respondent is currently under investigation by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General in connection with her conduct while employed as an associate with Shaffer & Engle Law Offices (hereinafter "S&E").

4. From in or about June 2014 through August 2017, Respondent was employed by S&E.

5. Between in or about June 2017 through August 2017, it is alleged that Respondent misused the S&E "costs account" by writing several checks from the account for purposes of obtaining cash for her personal use through deception and, in one instance, forgery.

6. In total, it is alleged that Respondent converted approximately \$9,906.68 from the S&E cost account over approximately a one and one-half month period.

7. It is further alleged that, from in or about June 2015 through in or about July 2017, Respondent overstated amounts received on her commission sheets and double-billed for alleged client services to S&E's detriment.

8. In total, it is alleged that Respondent's overstatements and overbilling cost S&E approximately \$97,000.00.

9. It is further alleged that, at various points during her employment with S&E, Respondent made "side-deals" with S&E clients.

10. In total, it is alleged that Respondent's "side-deals" resulted in a \$90,000.00 loss to S&E in accounts receivable.

11. During the course of discussions with S&E, Respondent has admitted to various allegations, but others remain in dispute.

12. As of November 13, 2017, Respondent has remitted approximately \$12,000.00 to S&E.

13. Criminal charges have not yet been filed.

14. Respondent has no record of discipline.

15. Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(f)(1), Respondent and Petitioner believe that it would be in the best interest of Respondent and the legal system for Respondent to be immediately suspended at this time pending the ultimate resolution of any disciplinary

proceedings arising as a result of the aforementioned allegations and criminal investigation.

16. Respondent acknowledges that her request to be placed on immediate temporary suspension and all waivers made to expedite that request, including waiving the concurrence of a reviewing member of The Disciplinary Board, are made knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily after consultation with, and upon the advice of counsel.

17. Respondent intends to immediately cease and desist from the practice of law and to comply with Rule 217.

18. By agreeing to the Interim Suspension, Respondent is not in any way admitting to any misconduct and reserves the right to challenge the allegations at a later date.

19. Respondent does not maintain an IOLTA account and S&E has expressed no intention of seeking to recoup lost revenue from its clients. Accordingly, relief pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(f)(1)(i), providing for issuance of order to financial institutions or other persons as necessary to preserve funds, is unnecessary.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner and Respondent jointly move your Honorable Court to enter an Order temporarily suspending Respondent from the practice of law and for further proceedings pursuant to Rule 208(f), Pa. R.D.E., depending upon the outcome of the pending criminal and disciplinary investigations.

Respectfully Submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,

Paul J. Killion,
Chief Disciplinary Counsel

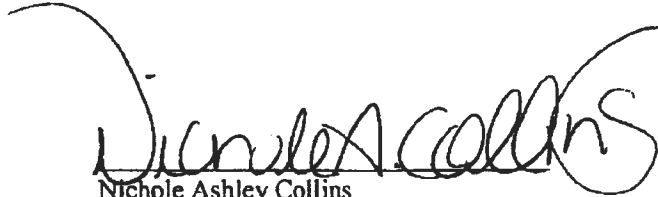
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Date: 12-20-17



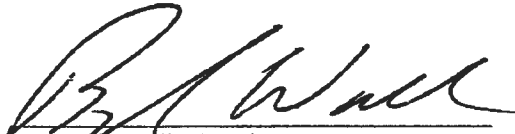
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Bryan S. Walk, Esquire


Attorney for Respondent

Attorney Registration No. 63881

VERIFICATION

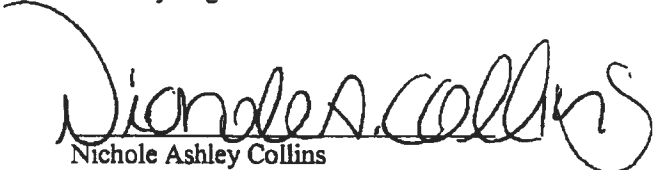
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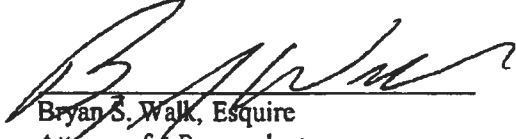
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PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 25th day of January, 2018, the Joint Petition for Immediate Temporary Suspension is granted, Nichole Ashley Collins is placed on temporary suspension, see Pa.R.D.E. 208(f), and she shall comply with all the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217. Respondent's rights to petition for dissolution or amendment of this Order and to request accelerated disposition of charges underlying this order are specifically preserved. See Pa.R.D.E. 208(f)(4) and (f)(6).

A True Copy Patricia Nicola
As Of 1/25/2018

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Exhibit B

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Signature: Kristin A. Wells

Name: Kristin A. Wells

Attorney No. (if applicable): 312080