

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL : No. 56 DB 2023
Petitioner :
: File No. C1-21-323 & C1-21-168
v. :
: Attorney Registration No. 309927
LEO MICHAEL MULVIHILL, JR. :
Respondent : (Philadelphia)

ORDER

AND NOW, this 12th day of April, 2023, 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 LEO MICHAEL MULVIHILL, JR. be subjected to a PUBLIC REPRIMAND by the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as provided in Rule 204(a) and Rule 205(c)(8) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement. Costs shall be paid by the Respondent.

BY THE BOARD:



Board Chair

TRUE COPY FROM RECORD

Attest:



Marcee D. Sloan
Board Prothonotary
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PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Leo Michael Mulvihill, Jr., you appear before the Disciplinary Board for the imposition of a Public Reprimand ordered by the Board on April 12, 2023. 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.

Attorney Mulvihill, you are being reprimanded today for your misconduct that occurred while representing your clients in connection with administrative appeals before the Philadelphia Board of License and Inspections Review (hereafter referred to as the "Board"). Your opposing counsel in those matters were Deputy City Solicitors Ellen Corrigan, Esquire and Christopher J. Johnson, Esquire. In early 2021, during the course of representation, you and Ms. Corrigan exchanged a series of emails concerning the scheduling of the appeals and the submission of exhibits related thereto. In February 2021, you had an exchange of emails with Ms. Corrigan that caused you to conclude that Ms. Corrigan had gone back on an agreed-upon date for the hearing and that she had been discourteous to you by not responding to an email you had sent her and a phone message you had left for her. Thereafter, you embarked on a course of

conduct with the intent to harass, annoy and alarm Ms. Corrigan, which included using offensive language towards her and denigrating her professional skills.

On March 3, 2021, a hearing on the appeals was heard by the Board via Zoom. You engaged in conduct that was disruptive to the proceedings by continually arguing with members of the Board, constantly interrupting them and interposing repeated, duplicative objections to questions posed to witnesses by Ms. Corrigan, thereby obstructing the proceedings. You were repeatedly chastised by the Board for your obstreperous and disrespectful conduct, which included using an abusive tone, personal attacks against opposing counsel, and calling the Board on several occasions a “kangaroo court.” At one point the Board requested that you be muted, to which you threatened to leave the proceeding. During the Zoom hearing, you engaged in nonverbal acts disruptive to the tribunal, which included using nicotine, snacking, and receiving a call.

Shortly after the hearing ended, you called Ms. Corrigan and used abusive language towards her, and later that day posted multiple statements on your Facebook page denigrating Ms. Corrigan’s professional skills, calling her an “embarrassment,” stating that Ms. Corrigan has “made herself an enemy for the rest of her career” and that she had “dug her own grave.” These statements caused Ms. Corrigan psychological distress and fear for her safety. You also posted derogatory statements against the Board on your Facebook page.

By your conduct, you violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct (“RPC”):

1. RPC 3.5(d), in that you intended to and did disrupt a tribunal by your disrespectful and obstreperous conduct and statements during a hearing before the Board.
2. RPC 4.4(a), in that you directed derogatory statements at the Board during the live-streamed hearing, and, on your social media account on the internet you directed similar statements against the Board as well as threatening and embarrassing statements about your opposing counsel, Ms. Corrigan, specifically identifying her by name.
3. RPC 8.2(a), in that, throughout the hearing before the Board you made numerous statements concerning the qualifications and integrity of the adjudicatory officers on the Board, knowing such statements to be false or recklessly disregarding the truth or falsity of such statements.
4. RPC 8.4(b), in that, through postings on social media and otherwise, you harassed and stalked your opposing counsel.
5. RPC 8.4(d), in that, you caused inordinate delay in the hearing and a waste of the time of the Board members, as well as of witnesses and opposing counsel, by your obstreperous and disruptive conduct throughout the hearing.

Attorney Mulvihill, 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 www.padisiplinaryboard.org.

It is the Board's duty to reprimand you for your misconduct. We note that you sent letters of apology to Ms. Corrigan and to the Board and expressed remorse. We

further note that you have no record of discipline since your admission to the bar of this Commonwealth in 2010. Please be aware that any subsequent violations on your part can only result in further discipline and more severe sanctions. We sincerely hope that you will conduct yourself in such a manner that future disciplinary action will be unnecessary.

S/Celeste L. Dee

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 July 20, 2023.