

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL : No. 54 DB 2023  
Petitioner :  
: File No. C14-21-182  
v. :  
: Attorney Registration No. 323857  
BRANDON MICHAEL EBERLE :  
Respondent : (Allegheny County)

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 13<sup>th</sup> 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 BRANDON MICHAEL EBERLE 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:



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Board Chair

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Attest:



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Marcee D. Sloan  
Board Prothonotary  
The Disciplinary Board of the  
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**PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

Brandon Michael Eberle, you appear before the Disciplinary Board for the imposition of a Public Reprimand ordered by the Board on April 13, 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 Eberle, the record demonstrates that you represented the defendant in a civil matter filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and Dorothy J. Petrancosta, Esquire, represented the plaintiff. On February 3, 2021, you discussed with Ms. Petrancosta your request for an extension of time to March 12, 2021, within which to file your client's answer or preliminary objections to the complaint in civil action. Ms. Petrancosta orally agreed to your request for that extension. On February 3, 2021, your legal assistant emailed to Ms. Petrancosta an agreement to extend the time, which bore your signature and the date "2-3-21." By emails exchanged on February 18, 2021, your legal assistant re-sent to Ms. Petrancosta the agreement to extend time and Ms. Petrancosta stated that she agreed to an extension and would handle it. She also stated that she had not read the agreement but if she had changes, she would adjust, sign and

send. By email to you and your legal assistant dated February 26, 2021, Ms. Petrancosta attached the agreement to extend time, to which she added her signature, the date "02262021," and the annotation "verbal consent given "02032021."

The agreement Ms. Petrancosta signed was not presented to, nor filed with the court. Instead, an "Agreement to Extend Time through March 26, 2021" was filed with the Court on your client's behalf and docketed on February 26, 2021, as a Motion for Extension of Time. That document bore your signature above your name and the date "2-18-21." It also included on the signature line above Ms. Petrancosta's name, a forgery of her signature, a forgery of the date "02262021" and a forgery of the annotation "verbal consent given "02032021" that Ms. Petrancosta had written on the version of the agreement to extend time to March 12, 2021, that she actually did sign.

By letter to you dated March 19, 2021, Ms. Petrancosta requested that you file a document with the court striking off the Motion for Extension of Time and that you file an answer to the civil complaint. On March 23, 2021, the court ordered that the Motion be stricken and removed from the docket immediately, and on March 26, 2021, you filed an Answer, New Matter and Counterclaim on behalf of your client.

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

1. RPC 3.3(a)(1) – A lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal or fail to correct a false statement of material fact or law previously made to the tribunal by the lawyer.
2. RPC 4.1(a) - In the course of representing a client a lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of material fact or law to a third person.

3. 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.
4. RPC 8.4(c) - It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.
5. RPC 8.4(d) - It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Attorney Eberle, 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.padisciplinaryboard.org](http://www.padisciplinaryboard.org).

It is the Board’s duty to reprimand you for your misconduct. We note that you have no record of discipline since your admission to the bar of this Commonwealth in 2017. 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 Dee*

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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.