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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

No. 20-BG-659

IN RE ALLISON C. DIERCKS, RESPONDENT.

A Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals
(Bar Registration No. 208762)

On Report and Recommendation of the Board on Professional
Responsibility Hearing Committee Number Four
Approving Petition for Negotiated Discipline
(DDN 43-19)

(Decided: January 7, 2021)

Before MCLEESE and DEAHL, *Associate Judges*, and STEADMAN, *Senior Judge*.

PER CURIAM: This decision is non-precedential. Please refer to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12.1(d) regarding the appropriate citation of this opinion.

In this disciplinary matter, Hearing Committee Number Four (the Committee) recommends approval of a petition for negotiated attorney discipline. *See* D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12.1(c). The petition is based on Respondent's voluntary acknowledgment that she failed to provide her client competent representation.

Respondent acknowledged that she intentionally prejudiced or damaged her client during the course of the professional relationship, knowingly revealed a confidence or secret of her client, and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. As a result, Respondent violated D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3(b), 1.6(a), and 8.4(c). The proposed discipline is a suspension for eighteen months with reinstatement conditioned upon proof of fitness.

Having reviewed the Committee's recommendation in accordance with our procedures in uncontested disciplinary cases, *see* D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12.1(d), we agree this case is appropriate for negotiated discipline and the proposed disposition is not unduly lenient or inconsistent with dispositions imposed for comparable professional misconduct. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Respondent Allison C. Diercks is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the District of Columbia for eighteen months with reinstatement conditioned upon proof of fitness. Additionally, we direct Respondent's attention to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14(g), which requires the filing of an affidavit with this court for purposes of reinstatement in accordance with D.C. Bar R. XI, § 16 and D.C. Board R. 9.

So ordered.