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RE: Grievance Complaint #18-0522, Marilyn D. Every v. Suzann L. Beckett

Dear First Assistant Chief Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Proposed Disposition Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b)* (hereinafter "*Proposed Disposition*") filed August 23, 2021 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Proposed Disposition*, the *Affidavit* of the Respondent submitted pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(d) and the entire record of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on September 8, 2021, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Proposed Disposition*, a copy of which is attached hereto together with the *Affidavit* of the Respondent. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the First Assistant Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Proposed Disposition* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee. The Respondent is reprimanded.

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-37(a), the Respondent is further ordered to make restitution to the Complainant in the amount of \$2,000.00 within 10 days of the approval of this agreement. Said amount shall be payable via certified or bank check. The Respondent shall provide to the Statewide Grievance Committee a copy of the check when sent to the Complainant.

Reviewing Committee member Attorney Kelly Masi was not available for the September 8, 2021 hearing. The First Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent's counsel did not object to the waiver of Attorney Masi in the consideration and decision of the *Proposed Disposition*. Accordingly, the matter was considered and decided by the undersigned.

So ordered.

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Decision

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cc: Marilyn D. Every
Attorney Elizabeth Cristofaro
Attorney Jonathan E. Friedler
Attorney John J. Quinn

DECISION DATE: 9-24-21

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v.

SUZANN L. BECKETT
Respondent

PROPOSED DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO PRACTICE BOOK § 2-82(b)

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(b), and Practice Book § 2-82(a)(2), the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Suzann L. Beckett (hereinafter Respondent), Juris Number 307106, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on November 25, 1987. She has a history of discipline in that she was reprimanded by the Statewide Grievance Committee in 2001.
2. The Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2021 and is currently in good standing.
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated August 8, 2018.
4. On September 17, 2018, the Hartford Judicial District Grievance Panel for G.A. 13 and the Town of Hartford found probable cause that the Respondent violated Rules 1.5, and 1.16(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
5. On February 4, 2019, Disciplinary Counsel filed Additional Allegations of Misconduct asserting violations of Rules 1.5(b) and 1.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
6. The Respondent has tendered an affidavit pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d), attached hereto, and although the Respondent denies some or all of the material facts in the complaint, she acknowledges that there is sufficient evidence to prove by clear and convincing evidence the material facts constituting violations of Rules 1.5(a) and 1.5(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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7. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that the Respondent shall be reprimanded pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
8. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel further agree that the Respondent shall, within 10 days of the approval of this agreement, make restitution to the Complainant in the amount of \$2,000.00. Said amount shall be payable via certified or bank check made payable to the Complainant and mailed to her at 146 Mohawk Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117. The Respondent shall provide to the Statewide Grievance Committee a copy of the check when sent to the Complainant.
9. The Respondent understands that these are disciplinary sanctions and conditions pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
10. The Respondent further understands that her failure to comply with all the terms and conditions stated herein will result in the filing of a presentment pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(c).
11. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that Disciplinary Counsel will recommend that the Statewide Grievance Committee impose the sanctions and conditions set forth in this agreement. If this agreement is rejected by the Statewide Grievance Committee, Disciplinary Counsel will pursue this matter at a contested hearing.

WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82(b).

Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel,

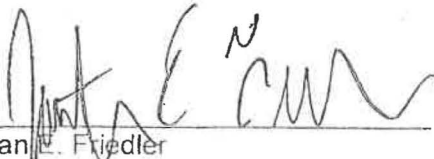
8-23-2021
Date

By: Leanne M. Larson
Leanne M. Larson
First Assistant Chief Disciplinary Counsel

8/19/21
Date

Suzann L. Beckett
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Respondent

8/20/21
Date


Jonathan E. Friedler
Attorney for the Respondent

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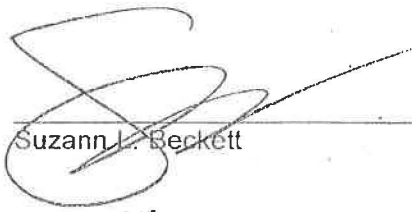
AFFIDAVIT

I am over the age of 18 and believe in the obligation of an oath. Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d), I make the following affidavit:

1. The Proposed Disposition attached hereto and made a part hereof is voluntarily submitted.
2. I hereby consent to the form of disposition set out in the foregoing Proposed Disposition.
3. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this matter with the assistance of an attorney and I waive that right by entering into this agreement.
4. I have been neither subject to coercion nor duress and I am fully aware of the consequences of this Affidavit and Proposed Disposition.
5. I am aware of the current proceeding regarding my alleged violation of Rules 1.1, 1.5(a), 1.5(b), and 1.16(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
6. Although I deny some or all of the material facts in the complaint, I acknowledge that there is sufficient evidence to prove by clear and convincing evidence the material facts constituting violations of Rules 1.5(a) and 1.5(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

7. I agree that I shall be reprimanded pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
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11. I understand that Disciplinary Counsel will recommend that this matter be resolved by the imposition of the sanctions and conditions set forth in the Proposed Disposition. If this agreement is rejected by the Statewide Grievance Committee, the Disciplinary Counsel will pursue this matter at a contested hearing.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
COUNTY OF HARTFORD) ss. *Hartford*


Suzann L. Beckett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of August, 2021.


Notary Public/Commissioner of the
Superior Court

ERIN E. DUNNE
Notary Public, State of Connecticut
My Commission Expires 4/30/2022