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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

No. 19-BG-414

IN RE PERLESTA A. HOLLINGSWORTH, JR., RESPONDENT.

A Member of the Bar
of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals
(Bar Registration No. 494309)

On Report and Recommendation of the Board on Professional
Responsibility Hearing Committee Number Six
Approving Petition for Negotiated Discipline

(DDN 133-18)

(Decided: June 13, 2019)

Before GLICKMAN and BECKWITH, *Associate Judges*, and NEBEKER, *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PER CURIAM: This decision is non-precedential.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 Six (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 acknowledgement that his mismanagement of his Interest on Lawyers Trust Account caused him to

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negligently misappropriate entrusted funds in violation of D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a). The proposed discipline is a six-month suspension from the practice of law, with three months stayed in favor of one year of unsupervised probation with conditions.

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 that this case is appropriate for negotiated discipline and that the proposed disposition is not unduly lenient or inconsistent with dispositions imposed for comparable professional misconduct. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that respondent Perlesta A. Hollingsworth, Jr. is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the District of Columbia for six months, with three months of the suspension being stayed in favor of one year of unsupervised probation subject to the following conditions: that respondent shall not engage in any misconduct, as defined in D.C. Bar Rule XI §2(b), in this or any jurisdiction during his probationary period and that he shall complete a continuing legal education (CLE) course preapproved by Disciplinary Counsel. Additionally, respondent agrees that in the event his probation is revoked he shall serve the full six-month suspension. We direct respondent's attention to the requirements of D.C. Bar R. XI, §14(g) requiring respondent to file an affidavit with this court in

order for his suspension to be deemed effective for purposes of reinstatement.

So ordered.