

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Issued
July 5, 2018

In the Matter of:	:	
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KIFLOM T. MELES,	:	
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Respondent.	:	Board Docket No. 18-PD-018
	:	Disciplinary Docket Nos. 2015- D205 &
A Member of the Bar of the	:	2015-D309
District of Columbia Court of Appeals	:	
(Bar Registration No. 496336)	:	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY

This matter is before the Board on Professional Responsibility (the “Board”) on the motion of Disciplinary Counsel to accept Respondent’s consent to disbarment pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a) and Board Rule 16.1. Respondent’s affidavit declaring consent to disbarment, executed on June 28, 2018, is attached to Disciplinary Counsel’s motion.

The Board, acting through its Chair, and pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b) and Board Rule 16.2, has reviewed Respondent’s affidavit declaring his consent to disbarment and recommends that the Court enter an order disbarring Respondent on consent pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b). Disciplinary Counsel’s motion asserts that Respondent “requires a few months to close his practice,” and Disciplinary Counsel consents to disbarment effective on October 1, 2018. The Court has previously ordered disbarment to be effective on a future date. *See In re Vidal*, D.C. App. No. 17-BS-1081 (Oct. 26, 2017) (disbarment effective October 31, 2017); *In re Allen*, D.C. App. No. 12-BG-1148 (Aug. 23, 2012) (disbarment effective October 1, 2012). Because a disbarment order issued prior to the effective date protects the public by providing notice of Respondent’s pending disbarment, the Board further recommends that the effective date of disbarment be October 1, 2018.

Respondent's attention should be drawn to the requirement to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of D.C. Bar R. XI, §§ 14 and 16, including the filing of the affidavit pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14(g) (which must be served on Disciplinary Counsel and the Board), and to the fact that the period of disbarment will not be deemed to run for purposes of reinstatement until a compliant affidavit is filed. *See In re Slosberg*, 650 A.2d 1329, 1331-33 (D.C. 1994).

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