

ERIOUS MONPREMIER

BBO # 666653

Public Reprimand No. 2021-8

Order (Public Reprimand) entered by the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers of the Supreme Judicial Court on August 3, 2021.

By stipulation, the respondent received a public reprimand for multiple IOLTA account violations, including the following: withdrawing of earned fees by cash withdrawals; failing to keep a check register that identified all clients and transactions; failing to keep individual client ledgers and a ledger for bank charges; and failing to perform three-way reconciliations.

SUMMARY¹

The respondent, Erius Monpremier, was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 2007. He concentrates his practice in personal injury. Beginning no later than April 2017, and continuing until at least September 2020, the respondent withdrew his earned fees from the IOLTA account via cash withdrawals rather than by prenumbered checks. Beginning no later than October 1, 2018, the respondent has failed to keep records in compliance with Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15 for the IOLTA account. He also failed to maintain a check register with a client identifier for each transaction and with a running balance, and failed to perform a three-way reconciliation at least every sixty days and to prepare and retain reconciliation reports. He also failed to keep individual ledgers for each client matter and a ledger for bank charges.

By making cash withdrawals from the IOLTA account, the respondent violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15(e)(4) and (5). By failing to maintain a compliant check register, individual client ledgers, a bank fees and charges ledger, and by failing to perform and maintain three-way reconciliation reports for the IOLTA account, the respondent violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15(f)(1)(B), (C), (D) and (E).

On May 19, 2021, bar counsel and the respondent filed a stipulation with the Board of Bar Overseers, recommending that the matter be concluded by a public reprimand. On June 14, 2021, the Board voted to accept the stipulation and issue a public reprimand to the respondent.

¹ Compiled by the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers' Office of General Counsel based on the record of proceedings before the board.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF BAR OVERSEERS
OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

BAR COUNSEL,

Petitioner,

v.

Erius Monpremier, Esq.,

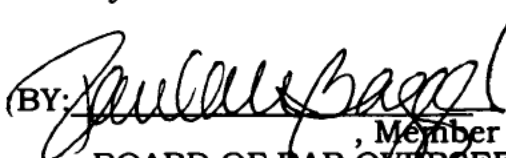
Respondent

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ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

This matter came before the Board on a Petition for Discipline and a Stipulation of the Parties waiving hearing and requesting that the matter be resolved by the imposition of a public reprimand. On June 14, 2021, the Board voted to accept the stipulation of the parties and their joint recommendation. It is ORDERED and ADJUDGED that Erius Monpremier be and he is publicly reprimanded. A summary of the charges giving rise to the reprimand is attached to this order.

Whereupon, pursuant to Supreme Judicial Court Rule 4:01, Section 8(3), and the Rules of the Board of Bar Overseers, Section 3.56, it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Erius Monpremier, be and hereby is PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.

(BY: , Member
BOARD OF BAR OVERSEERS

DATED: 8/3/2021