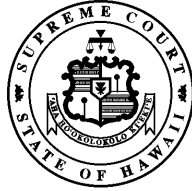


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU - On September 23, 2015, the Hawai'i Supreme Court suspended Honolulu attorney CYNTHIA LOCK SIMS from the practice of law for one year and one day, effective October 22, 2015. Ms. Sims' suspension was the result of a similar pattern of ethical misconduct in four disciplinary matters.

In each of the four disciplinary matters, Ms. Sims commingled and misappropriated client funds, and thereby engaged in dishonest conduct. Ms. Sims failed to account to three of her clients for use of client funds. Ms. Sims also violated her duty to act diligently and expedite litigation in representing each of her four clients. Ms. Sims did not timely file a motion objecting to attorneys' fees and failed to timely withdraw from representation in the first matter; failed to promptly file divorce papers in the second matter; failed to timely obtain evidence of service upon the opposing party and prepare court documents in the third matter; and failed to timely monitor the status of the case for approximately eight months in the fourth matter. In two of the matters, Ms. Sims also failed to

communicate with her clients and keep them updated on the status of their cases.

As a prerequisite to her reinstatement to the practice of law, Ms. Sims is ordered by the Supreme Court to complete, at her own expense, an audit of the procedures and practices of her legal practice by the Practicing Attorneys Liability Management Society or an equivalent organization, and submit proof of the completion and compliance to the Court, and to the Disciplinary Board in any reinstatement proceeding.

The public is cautioned and advised that Ms. Sims will not be eligible to practice law until reinstated by order of the Supreme Court. Ms. Sims cannot accept any new retainers, clients, or legal matters, and she must also return to any existing clients their papers, property, and unearned advance fee payments.

Ms. Sims, 55, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on June 5, 1992.

(A copy of the Supreme Court's Order is available upon request.)

If there are any questions, please contact me at (808)521-4591, ext. 240.

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