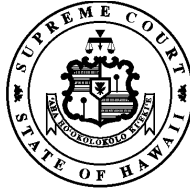


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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Friday, April 26, 2019**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**HONOLULU, HAWAI'I** - On Thursday, April 25, 2019, the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i Supreme Court imposed a PUBLIC REPRIMAND upon Honolulu attorney Arnold Thielens Phillips, II for failing to take action in a client matter, failing to timely comply with a request to provide client files to successor counsel, knowingly depositing a client retainer check into his business account rather than his clients' trust account, thereby briefly misappropriating \$247.50 in client funds, failing to provide the client an amended accounting for 20 months, and, from 2007 through 2015, holding his business account as a joint account with an individual who was not a licensed attorney in this jurisdiction, in violation of Rules 1.1, 1.3, 1.4(a)(4), 1.5(b), 1.15(a), 1.15(c), 1.15(d), and 1.16(d) of the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Disciplinary Board also found that Mr. Phillips, when notified of the foregoing misconduct, admitted wrongdoing, expressed remorse, and took steps to address deficiencies in his practice underlying the misconduct.

In aggravation, the Court found that Mr. Phillips has received three prior Private Informal Admonitions, committed multiple violations in the present matter, and had substantial experience in the practice of law. In mitigation, the Disciplinary Board found that the prior discipline was remote in time, and that Mr. Phillips fully and freely disclosed information to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, was cooperative during the disciplinary process, lacked a dishonest or selfish motive, has demonstrated sincere remorse, and has a good reputation in the community.

While the Public Reprimand does not prevent Mr. Phillips from continuing to practice law, it may result in more serious sanctions for future violations of the rules of professional conduct.

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Mr. Phillips, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on May 31, 1996, and is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, School of Law. If there are any questions, please contact me at (808) 469-4026.

A full copy of the (March 28, 2019) Public Reprimand imposed by the Disciplinary Board (April 25, 2019), and the related order of the Supreme Court of Hawai'i (February 28, 2019) can be found on the Disciplinary Board's web page of Disciplined Hawai'i Attorneys (<https://www.dbhawaii.org/disciplined-attorneys>)

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