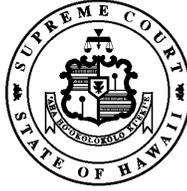


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I - On April 29, 2020, the Hawai'i Supreme Court imposed a 90-day Suspension from the Practice of Law in Hawai'i upon Honolulu attorney Patricia Lynn Cookson finding that her "client violated a valid court order governing visitation rights for his child due to the planning and instruction of [attorney] Cookson and that [attorney] Cookson did not thereafter take remedial action or otherwise recognize that she had no authority to advise her client in a course of action that resulted in her client retaining the child in violation of the court order." The Supreme Court further found that "the role [attorney] Cookson's misconduct played in knowingly causing her client to violate a valid court order warrants a substantial period of suspension" but given that Cookson has a "clean disciplinary record, did not have a dishonest or selfish motive, displayed a cooperative attitude toward disciplinary authorities, and has a good character and reputation in the community," [mitigating factors] a shorter 90-day suspension was warranted.

Upon entry of the April 29, 2020 suspension order, Cookson shall not accept any new retainer or engage as attorney for another in any new case or legal matter of any nature. However, between April 29, 2020 and May 29, 2020, she may wind up and complete, on behalf of any client, all matters that were pending on April 29, 2020. During that time, she is required to promptly notify all of her clients, and any attorneys for any adverse party in any pending litigation, of her suspension and consequent inability to act as an attorney. By May 29, 2020, Cookson shall surrender to all clients all papers and property to which the clients are entitled and any advance payments of fees that have not been earned.

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Ms. Cookson, age 61, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar in 2011, and is a 1983 graduate of the College of William and Mary, School of Law in Williamsburg, Virginia. If there are any questions, please contact me at (808) 469-4026.

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