

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter of:

BRITTANY ANNE ROEBKE,

Attorney No. 6306849,

Movant.

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Supreme Court No. M.R.

Commission No.

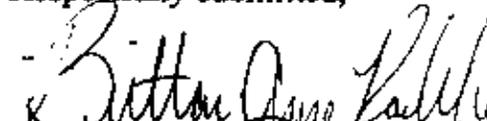
MOTION PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a)

Movant Brittany Anne Roebke, respectfully represents to the Court that:

1. Movant was licensed to practice law in Illinois on November 10, 2011.
2. Movant desires to have her name stricken from the Roll of Attorneys pursuant to Rule 762(a), effective immediately.
3. Filed contemporaneously with this motion are a statement of charges prepared by the Administrator and Movant's affidavit in support of this motion.

WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully requests that the Court enter an order striking her name from the Roll of Attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,



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STATEMENT OF CHARGES PURSUANT TO
SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a)

Jerome Larkin, Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, by his attorney, Rory P. Quinn, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a), states that on the date Movant Brittany Anne Roebke filed a motion requesting that her name be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys, the Administrator was investigating allegations that Movant converted to her own personal or business purposes \$34,702 in funds she received in connection with her representation of 12 clients, and that she made false statements to her supervising attorney. Had Movant’s conduct been the subject of a hearing, the Administrator would have introduced the evidence described below, and the evidence would have clearly and convincingly established the following conclusions of misconduct:

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Movant’s admissions, testimony from her former supervisor and other witnesses, bank records, and other documents would establish the following facts:

A. *Movant’s Background*

1. Movant is 37 years old and was licensed to practice law in Illinois on November 10, 2011. At the time of this filing, Movant was not currently engaged in the practice of law.

B. *Conversion and False Statements – Velasco Firm*

2. While in law school, Movant began working as a law clerk for attorney Jim Velasco (“Velasco”), who was then practicing in a partnership with another attorney in Chicago. In August 2013, Velasco started his own law firm and Movant, who by that time had been

admitted to practice law and was employed as an associate attorney, followed Velasco to that firm. Velasco had numerous business clients that paid him security retainers. From August 2013 to July 2019, Movant controlled the firm's IOLTA account, and she was also responsible for generating bills to be sent to the firm's clients for the legal services that she and Velasco performed and charged against the security retainers the clients had paid the firm. The firm's attorney-client agreements provided that the retainer funds would not be transferred until five days after any related bills were sent to the clients. At some point, Movant stopped sending bills to the firm's clients, and, beginning in September 2016, Movant made unauthorized transfers of client funds out of the firm's IOLTA account and into its operating account in order to conceal the fact that she had not sent out billing statements to the Firm's clients.

3. From September 2016 to April 2018, Movant made 18 unauthorized transfers from the firm's IOLTA account, transferring to the firm's operating account a total of \$34,702 in funds belonging to at least 12 clients. Movant's taking of those funds without the clients' authority constituted conversion. Additionally, beginning in 2018, Movant failed to inform Velasco of a Chase credit card balance. To hide her inaction, Movant paid firm expenses from her personal funds, and, on at least one occasion, forged Velasco's signature on a reimbursement check and then deposited that check into her personal account.

4. Beginning in 2018, Movant made false statements to clients and to Velasco to hide her inaction, deception, and improper transfers. To support these false statements, Movant created email accounts that transposed or misspelled the firm's client's actual email addresses, purported to send emails to the firm email from these fake email addresses that created the false impression the messages had originated from the firm's clients, forged letters purporting to come from various clients, created false bank records showing inaccurate account balances, and pretended to have telephone conversations with various clients in Velasco's presence.

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AFFIDAVIT

Affiant, Brittany Anne Roebke, being first duly sworn, states:

1. Affiant has filed with this Court a motion to strike her name from the Roll of Attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois, pursuant to Rule 762(a).
2. Affiant has received and reviewed a copy of the Administrator's statement of the charges that were pending against Affiant as of the filing of the instant motion. If the case proceeded to a hearing, the Administrator would present the evidence described in the statement of charges, and that evidence would clearly and convincingly establish the facts and conclusions of misconduct set forth in the statement of charges.
3. Affiant's motion is freely and voluntarily made.
4. Affiant understands the nature and consequences of this motion.
5. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

DATED: 5/18/23

/s/ Brittany Anne Roebke
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NOTICE OF FILING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 23, 2023, electronic copies of Movant’s MOTION PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a), Administrator’s STATEMENT OF CHARGES, and Movant’s AFFIDAVIT, were submitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for filing. On that same date, copies were served on Movant, by e-mail at broebke@me.com, at or before 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Larkin, Administrator
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 Disciplinary Commission

By: /s/ Rory P. Quinn
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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney, hereby certifies, pursuant to the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, 735 ILCS 5/109, that the Administrator served copies of the Notice of Filing, Movant's MOTION PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a), Administrator's STATEMENT OF CHARGES PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a) and Movant's AFFIDAVIT, on the individual listed on the forgoing Notice of Filing, by e-mail at broebke@me.com, on May23, 2023 at or before 5:00 p.m.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Rory P. Quinn
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