

### SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-30 September Term 2011 069467

IN THE MATTER OF

GEORGE MAY CARMEL FIGARO,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 003861997)

ORDER

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GEORGE MAY CARMEL FIGARO of IRVINGTON, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1997, having tendered her consent to disbarment as an attorney at law of the State of New Jersey, and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **GEORGE MAY CARMEL FIGARO** is disbarred by consent, effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent's name be stricken from the roll of attorneys and that she be permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by **GEORGE MAY CARMEL FIGARO** pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6 shall be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court for good cause shown and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending further Order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with  $\underline{\text{Rule}}$  1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses incurred in the prosecution of this matter, as provided in Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 4th day of November, 2011.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

The foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE



I, Denise McCollum, hereby certify:

- 1) I am employed by the State of New Jersey as an Administrative Specialist with the Supreme Court Clerk's Office.
- 2) On November 4, 2011, I personally mailed to respondent's counsel, Michael P. Ambrosio, Esq., Seton Hall Law School, One Newark Center, Newark, NJ 07102, by regular mail and certified mail, a copy of an Order filed November 4, 2011.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Denise McCollum

Administrative Specialist 3

## OFFICE OF ATTORNEY ETHICS

OF THE

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mark Neary, Clerk

Supreme Court of New Jersey

FROM:

Melissa A. Czartoryski

Deputy Ethics Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Office of Attorney Ethics vs. George May Carmel Figuro

Docket No. XIV-2008-0235E

DATE:

November 3, 2011

In accordance with R:1:20-10(a), I enclose the original Disbarment by Consent bearing the original signature of George May Carmel Figaro of Irvington, New Jersey.

#### <u>SUMMARY</u>

On May 28, 2011, the Office of Attorney Ethics ("OAE") filed a Disciplinary Complaint against respondent charging her with the knowing misappropriation of \$90,000 in trust funds belonging to her client, Edner Toussaint, as well as other violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct related to the Toussaint matter. On September 29, 2011, respondent filed an Answer to the Complaint through her counsel, Michael P. Ambrosio, Esquire. Thereafter, the OAE provided respondent's counsel with discovery materials, after which discussions began regarding respondent tendering her consent to disbarment. The hearing in this matter was scheduled to begin on November 2, 2011. Respondent tendered her consent to disbarment on October 31, 2011.

#### COUNSEL

Respondent is represented by Michael P. Ambrosio, Esquire. Attached is Mr. Ambrosio 's letter of October 31, 2011, which contains the representations required by R.1:20-10(a) as to

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respondent's capacity and the knowing and voluntary execution of the form of Disbarment by Consent.

#### ANNUAL ATTORNEY REGISTRATION FORM

I enclose Ms. Figaro's Registration Form for the Deputy Clerk's use in recording this matter with the National Disciplinary Databank.

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Enclosure

cc:

Michael P. Ambrosio, Esq, Respondent's Counsel (w/encl.)

Daniel Hendi, Director, New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (w/encl.)

Julianne K. DeCore, Chief Counsel, Disciplinary Review Board (w/encl.)

Charles Centinaro, Director, Office of Attorney Ethics (w/encl.)

Michael J. Sweeney, First Assistant Ethics Counsel, Office of Attorney Ethics (w/encl.)

William M. Ruskowski, Chief of Investigations, Office of Attorney Ethics (w/encl.) Barbara M. Galati, Assistant Chief of Investigations, Office of Attorney Ethics (w/encl.)

## DISBARMENT BY CONSENT FROM THE BAR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

[R. 1:20-10(a)]

To The Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court

- 1. I, George May Carmel Figaro, presently residing at 3 Ramsey Way, Long Valley, New Jersey, state that I was admitted to the Bar of the state of New Jersey in 1997 and am admitted to the Bar of the following additional states: None.
  - 2. I have consulted with counsel prior to completing this form.
- 3. I hereby submit to the Supreme Court of New Jersey my consent to disbarment from the Bar of the state of New Jersey. This consent is freely and voluntarily given by me and I represent that no person in the disciplinary structure has subjected me to coercion or duress. The implications of submitting to disbarment are fully known to me.
- 4. I am not under any disability, mental or physical, nor under the influence of any medication, intoxicants or other substances that would impair my ability to knowingly and voluntarily execute this form.
- 5. I am aware that there is presently pending against me under Docket No. XIV-2008-0235E a complaint charging me with the knowing misappropriation of client funds.

I acknowledge that these allegations are true and if I went to a hearing on this matter, I could not successfully defend myself against those charges.

- 6. I consent to disbarment with full knowledge that it is an absolute barrier to my ever seeking reinstatement to the Bar of the state of New Jersey, and that the Supreme Court may enter an Order accepting this Disbarment by Consent, which order will include the assessment of disciplinary costs pursuant to *R.1:20-17*.
- 7. I am consenting to disbarment with the understanding that, although this document will become a matter of public record if accepted by the Court, it may not be entered into evidence in any legal proceeding as an admission or as giving rise to an inference of wrong doing, other than in a disciplinary or Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection proceeding in this or any other jurisdiction.

George May Carmel Figaro

Sworn to and Subscribed to before me this 3/4 day

of Octive , 20/1.

An Attorney-At-Law or a Notary Public 1 NOV -2 P 1:31

## Michael P. Ambrosio, Esquire

Seton Hall Law School One Newark Center Newark, New Jersey 07102

Melissa A. Czartoryski, Esquire Deputy Ethics Counsel Office of Attorney Ethics P.O. Box 963 Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Jeorge may tigaro

Dear Ms. Czartoryski:

I have at all times, been the only attorney representing Esquire. As required by R.1:20-10(a)(2)(H), I hereby certify as follows:

- 1: I have explained the terms f the Consent to Disbarment Form to the Respondent, Large May Figure, Esquire.
  - 2. It is my opinion that the consent of the Respondent is knowingly and voluntarily given.
  - 3. In my opinion, Respondent is not under any disability affecting his or her capacity to knowingly and voluntarily consent to disbarment.

If anything further is required, please advise.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Ambrosio, Esq.