On March 27, 2020, with due notice, Panel D of the Grievance Commission conducted a public disciplinary hearing pursuant to Maine Bar Rule 13(e)(7)(D), concerning alleged misconduct by the Respondent, Richard L. Rhoda, Esq. This disciplinary proceeding had been commenced by the filing of a Stipulated Formal Charges Petition by the Board of Overseers of the Bar (the Board) on October 11, 2019.

This hearing was conducted telephonically pursuant to the Supreme Judicial Court’s Order of March 13, 2020 and by agreement of the parties. At the telephonic hearing, Attorney Rhoda appeared and represented himself. The Board was represented by Bar Counsel Aria Eee. The Complainant did not attend the hearing but was provided with a copy of the proposed order in advance of the hearing and submitted a letter for the Panel’s consideration. Prior to the hearing date, the parties negotiated a stipulated, proposed sanction Report for the Grievance Commission Panel’s review and consideration.

After consideration and deliberation, the proposed Stipulated Report of Findings and Order is rejected. The office of Bar Counsel shall prepare and present a formal petition for disciplinary proceedings before a different panel of the Grievance Commission. Those proceedings shall take place pursuant to Bar Rule 13(e)(7). The Board Clerk will reset this case for hearing, and at a later date, the parties will receive advance notice of the time and place of the hearing.
Date: April 6, 2020

/s/
L. Dennis Carrillo, Esq.
Panel Chair

/s/
Peter B. Bickerman, Esq.
Panel Member

/s/
Milton R. Wright
Public Member