

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

IN RE: KEVIN LOVELL JAMES

No. 2019-B-00653

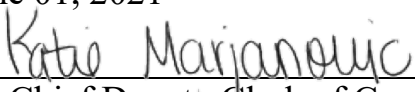
IN RE: Kevin Lovell James - Applicant Other; Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant
Other;

June 01, 2021

Joint motion to extend probation granted. See per curiam

JDH
JLW
WJC
JBM
PDG

Crichton, J., dissents and assigns reasons.
Genovese, J., dissents and would reject the joint motion to extend probation.
Crain, J., concurs and assigns reasons.

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Chief Deputy Clerk of Court
For the Court

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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2019-B-0653

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ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

On June 3, 2019, we suspended respondent from the practice of law for one year and one day, with all but thirty days deferred, followed by a two-year period of supervised probation based on allegations respondent mishandled her trust account and failed to cooperate with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) in its investigation. *In re: James*, 19-0653 (La. 6/3/19), 272 So. 3d 535. The terms of respondent’s probation included a condition that she submit to quarterly trust account auditing.

Prior to the expiration of the probationary period, the parties filed a joint motion seeking to extend respondent’s probation for a period of one year. In support, they assert the extension is warranted to address some reoccurring issues uncovered during the prior trust account audits.

In light of these circumstances, we agree that the requested extension is appropriate. Accordingly, we will extend respondent’s probation for an additional year, subject to the condition she continue to submit quarterly trust account reports to the ODC.

DECREE

Considering the Joint Motion to Extend Probation filed by respondent and the ODC, it is ordered that the two-year period of probation imposed upon respondent in *In re: James*, 19-0653 (La. 6/3/19), 272 So. 3d 535, be extended for a period of

one year. During the extended period, respondent will continue to submit quarterly trust account audit reports to the ODC. Any failure by respondent to comply with this condition or any other misconduct during the probationary period may be grounds for revocation of probation and imposition of the previously-deferred suspension or other discipline, as appropriate.