

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Administrative Order
No: 18-AD-036

HON. PAUL L. MALONEY
HON. PHILLIP J. GREEN
HON. RAY KENT

JEFFREY C. ALANDT

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ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Region 9 Bankruptcy Trustee Daniel M. McDermott's motion to require Attorney Jeffrey C. Alandt to show cause why he should not be suspended or disbarred from this Court under W.D. Mich. LCivR 83.1(k)(ii). The motion to show cause alleges that Mr. Alandt's conduct in twelve bankruptcy cases amounted to misconduct under the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC) 1.15 (safekeeping of client property), 3.3(a)(1)(the duty of candor toward a tribunal), and 8.4.(engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation or that is prejudicial to the administration of justice). Chief Judge Jonker assigned this matter to the undersigned Panel of three judicial officers for hearing and decision. Administrative Order No. 17-AD-141. The Panel conducted a hearing in Grand Rapids, Michigan on March 2, 2018, at which Mr. Alandt appeared without counsel and offered sworn testimony. In that testimony, Mr. Alandt admitted the alleged misconduct.

After reviewing all the available information in this matter, the Panel unanimously concludes that Mr. Alandt violated the MRPC as alleged by Trustee McDermott. The Panel also concludes, however, that the misconduct was not driven by dishonesty or neglect. For that reason, the Panel

concludes that disbarment or suspension are not appropriate but that discipline is required.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that Mr. Alandt be placed on a term of probation of thirty-six months. While on probation, Mr. Alandt's practice in this Court is limited to cases brought under Chapters 7 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.¹

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Mr. Alandt successfully complies with all of conditions of his probation, he can petition for early termination of his probation after twenty-four months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall serve a copy of this Order and Exhibit A upon Jeffrey C. Alandt, Esq., and a copy of this Order only upon Daniel M. McDermott, United States Trustee, c/o Michelle M. Wilson, in accordance with the Court's usual procedure.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: April 17, 2018

/s/ Paul L. Maloney
PAUL L. MALONEY
United States District Judge

Date: April 17, 2018

/s/ Phillip J. Green
PHILLIP J. GREEN
United States Magistrate Judge

Date: April 17, 2018

/s/ Ray Kent
RAY KENT
United States Magistrate Judge

¹ Additional terms of probation are set forth in a separate opinion attached as Exhibit A. This exhibit, which contains confidential information, is for the benefit of the Panel and Attorney Alandt, and shall be maintained by the Clerk of the Court under seal.