BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL | | : | No. 22 DB 2016 |
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| | Petitioner | : | |
| | | : | File No. C2-14-964 |
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| | | : | Attorney Registration No. 48644 |
| CARLOS A. MARTIR, JR. | | : | |
| | Respondent | : | (Bucks County) |

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Carlos A. Martir, you stand before the Disciplinary Board, your professional peers and members of the public for the imposition of a Public Reprimand. It is an unpleasant task to publicly reprimand one who has been granted the privilege of membership in the bar of this Commonwealth. Yet as repugnant as this task may be, it has been deemed necessary that you receive this public discipline.

Mr. Martir, you are being reprimanded today in connection with your representation of Glenn Wright in the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County in a criminal matter. The April 25, 2014 Scheduling Order set July 1, 2014, as the date for jury selection in the Wright matter. You did not appear for jury selection on that date. You filed a motion for a continuance on July 1, 2014, which was denied by the court on July 1, 2014 for multiple reasons, including the untimeliness of the motion, your failure to indicate whether the concurrence of the Commonwealth had been requested, your failure to include a Rule 600 waiver signed by your client, and your failure to include an attachment order for a case in New York in which you were purportedly on trial. The July 1, 2014 Order of the Court entered a Rule to Show Cause as to why you should not be held in contempt or sanctioned for your failure to appear. The Rule was returnable

on July 23, 2014. You failed to appear at the Show Cause hearing on July 23, 2014. At a hearing held on July 30, 2014, the Honorable Jonathan Mark found you in contempt for your repeated failure to appear promptly in the Wright matter. Your sentencing was scheduled for October 14, 2014, which was also the date set for your client's plea in the Wright matter. You did not appear promptly on October 14, 2014 for your client's plea and your sentencing in the contempt matter. You eventually appeared and were fined \$1,500.00 for your contempt.

Your conduct in this matter has violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

- 1. RPC 1.3 A lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client.
- RPC 8.4(d) It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

We note that you have a history of professional discipline in Pennsylvania. In 2003, you received an Informal Admonition for failing to file a brief as a private counsel in a criminal matter and failing to communicate with your client concerning the status of the case. In 2005, you received a Private Reprimand for failing to timely file briefs and misrepresenting matters to the court concerning communications with opposing counsel. In 2011, you received an Informal Admonition for conduct similar to the conduct above.

Mr. Martir, your conduct in this matter is now fully public. This Public Reprimand is a matter of public record.

As you stand before the Board today, we remind you that you have a continuing obligation to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of

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Disciplinary Enforcement. This Public Reprimand is proof that Pennsylvania lawyers will not be permitted to engage in conduct that falls below professional standards. Be mindful that any future dereliction will subject you to disciplinary action.

This Public Reprimand shall be posted on the Disciplinary Board's website at www.padisciplinaryboard.org.

/ Designated Member The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Administered by a designated panel of three Members of The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 14, 2016.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned, Respondent in the above proceeding, herewith acknowledges that the above Public Reprimand was administered in his presence and in the presence of the designated panel of The Disciplinary Board at 1601 Market Street, Suite 3320, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 14, 2016.

Carlos A. Martir, Jr.