

## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 23-8001(A)

IN RE: TAMESHA N. LARBI, MEMBER OF THE BAR

Before FALVEY, LAURER, and JAQUITH, *Judges*.

### ORDER

Attorney Tamesha N. Larbi is the subject of a grievance referred to the Court's Standing Panel on Admission and Discipline (Panel) by the Office of General Counsel, under Rule 6(a) of this Court's Rules of Admission and Practice (A&P Rules). *See* U.S. VET. APP. R. ADM. & PRAC. 6(a). The Panel sent the grievance to the Court's Committee on Admission and Practice (Committee) for its recommendation.

The Committee submitted its report and recommendation to the Court on February 6, 2024. The Committee emailed and mailed Ms. Larbi a copy of the report and a cover letter notifying her of her right to submit a rebuttal. *See* U.S. VET. APP. R. ADM. & PRAC. 2(d)(8). Tracking information reveals that mailing was delivered on February 29, 2024. Ms. Larbi did not file a rebuttal in the time allotted, nor did she request an extension of time.

On June 6, 2024, the Panel issued a preliminary, non-public disciplinary order notifying Ms. Larbi of its intent to impose the Committee's recommendation of a suspension for 6 months with specified conditions that Ms. Larbi must meet before she may be reinstated by the Panel. The order also notified Ms. Larbi of her right to move for reconsideration within 21 days after the date of the order. *See* U.S. VET. APP. R. ADM. & PRAC. 5(d).

Court staff sent the June 6, 2024, order to Ms. Larbi by email and certified mail the day it was issued. Tracking information reveals that the mailed order was delivered to Ms. Larbi's law office on June 14, 2024. Ms. Larbi did not move for reconsideration or request an extension of time.

On July 10, 2024, the Panel issued the final, public order imposing the 6-month suspension with specified conditions that Ms. Larbi must meet before she may be reinstated by the Panel. In that order, the Panel noted that Ms. Larbi was the attorney of record on three open matters before this Court and ordered that she promptly move to withdraw in each of those three matters.

Unbeknownst to this Panel, on July 9, 2024, Ms. Larbi filed a Notice of Appeal and entered her appearance in a new case, case no. 24-4759. The Court docketed the case the next day, July 10, 2024.

When she entered her appearance in case no. 24-4759, Ms. Larbi had been on notice for over a month that the Panel intended to suspend her contingent on any motion for reconsideration

she might file on or before June 27, 2024. She had not moved for reconsideration, so her suspension was imminent. Even so, she entered her appearance in case no. 24-4759.

Given her current suspension from practicing before this Court, the Panel will require Ms. Larbi to withdraw from this new case. Failure by Ms. Larbi to comply with orders in this disciplinary proceeding or the rules of this Court may be grounds for a new grievance to be brought against her with potential sanctions more severe than the 6-month suspension that the Panel recently imposed. In addition, should Ms. Larbi fail to timely withdraw from her open cases, the Court may remove her from those cases.

Thus, it is ORDERED that, attorney Tamesha N. Larbi shall, on or before July 17, 2024, move to withdraw in each of her open cases, to include case nos. 23-679, 23-6423, 24-1268, and 24-4759. It is also

ORDERED that, under A&P Rule 4(c), on or before July 20, 2024, Ms. Larbi shall provide written notification of her discipline to all clients she now represents and all adverse parties in those cases.

DATED: July 15, 2024

PER CURIAM.

Copy to:

Tamesha N. Larbi, Esq.

VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL -- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED