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DISCIPLINARY BOARD  
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

**MARCIA MARIE MEADE,**

Lawyer (Bar No. 11122).

Proceeding No. 19#00070

ODC File No(s). 18-01169; 19-00263

Resignation Form of Marcia Marie Meade  
(ELC 9.3(b))

I, Marcia Marie Meade, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent. I make the statements in this declaration from personal knowledge.

2. I was admitted to practice law in the State of Washington on October 24, 1980.

3. I have voluntarily decided to resign from the Washington State Bar Association (the Association) in Lieu of Discipline under Rule 9.3 of the Washington Supreme Court's Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC).

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is Disciplinary Counsel's statement of alleged misconduct for purposes of ELC 9.3(b). I am aware of the alleged misconduct stated in Disciplinary Counsel's statement, but rather than defend against the allegations, I wish to permanently resign from membership in the Association.

1 5. I consent to entry of an order under ELC 13.9(e) assessing expenses of \$1,500 in  
2 this matter.

3 6. I agree to pay any additional costs or restitution that may be ordered by a Review  
4 Committee under ELC 9.3(g).

5 7. I understand that my resignation is permanent and that any future application by me  
6 for reinstatement as a member of the Association is currently barred. If the Washington Supreme  
7 Court changes this rule or an application is otherwise permitted in the future, it will be treated as  
8 an application by one who has been disbarred for ethical misconduct. If I file an application, I  
9 will not be entitled to a reconsideration or reexamination of the facts, complaints, allegations, or  
10 instances of alleged misconduct on which this resignation was based.

11 8. I agree to (a) notify all other states and jurisdictions in which I am admitted of this  
12 resignation in lieu of discipline; (b) seek to resign permanently from the practice of law in any  
13 other states and jurisdictions in which I am admitted; and (c) provide Disciplinary Counsel with  
14 copies of this notification and any response(s). I acknowledge that this resignation could be  
15 treated as a disbarment by all other jurisdictions.

16 9. I agree to (a) notify all other professional licensing agencies in any jurisdiction from  
17 which I have a professional license that is predicated on my admission to practice law of this  
18 resignation in lieu of discipline; (b) seek to resign permanently from any such license; and (c)  
19 provide disciplinary counsel with copies of any of these notifications and any responses.

20 10. I agree that when applying for any employment, I will disclose the resignation in  
21 lieu of discipline in response to any question regarding disciplinary action or the status of my  
22 license to practice law.

23 11. I understand that my resignation becomes effective on Disciplinary Counsel's  
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1 endorsement and filing of this document with the Clerk, and that under ELC 9.3(c) Disciplinary  
2 Counsel must do so promptly following receipt of this document.

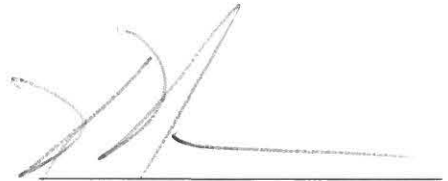
3 12. When my resignation becomes effective, I agree to be subject to all restrictions that  
4 apply to a disbarred lawyer.

5 13. Upon filing of my resignation, I agree to comply with the same duties as a disbarred  
6 lawyer under ELC 14.1 through ELC 14.4.


7 14. I understand that, after my resignation becomes effective, it is permanent. I will  
8 never be eligible to apply and will not be considered for admission or reinstatement to the practice  
9 of law nor will I be eligible for admission for any limited practice of law.

10 15. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the  
11 foregoing is true and correct.

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13 1-31-21 Spokane  
Date and Place

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Marcia Marie Meade, Bar No. 11122

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16 ENDORSED BY:

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Benjamin J. Attanasio, Disciplinary Counsel  
18 Bar No. 43032

# EXHIBIT A

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12 STATEMENT OF ALLEGED  
13 MISCONDUCT UNDER ELC 9.3(b)(1)

14 The following constitutes a Statement of Alleged Misconduct under Rule 9.3(b)(1) of  
15 the Washington Supreme Court's Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC).

16 **I. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE**

17 1. Respondent Marcia Marie Meade was admitted to the practice of law in the State  
18 of Washington on October 24, 1980.

19 **II. ALLEGED FACTS**

20 2. Respondent maintained a trust account, ending in 2848, at Washington Trust Bank  
21 for the deposit of client funds.

22 3. Respondent maintained an operating account, ending in 1575, at Washington Trust  
23 Bank for business and personal use.

24 4. On January 16, 2018, Respondent deposited in the trust account an \$85,000

1 settlement check on behalf of client O.P.

2 5. Respondent and another lawyer were entitled to \$38,269.58 from the settlement  
3 and O.P. was entitled to the remaining \$46,730.42.

4 6. Between January 16 and March 21, 2018, Respondent transferred most, if not all,  
5 of O.P.'s funds from the trust account to the operating account.

6 7. Respondent used the transferred funds to pay personal and business expenses and  
7 to pay other clients and third parties unrelated to O.P.

8 8. On March 21, 2018, Respondent should have been holding at least \$46,730.42 in  
9 the trust account for O.P.

10 9. The balance in the trust account on that date was only \$2,599.68.

11 10. Respondent eventually disbursed \$46,730.42 to O.P. from the trust account using  
12 funds belonging to other clients, including N.J., J.O., and C.O.

13 11. On March 22, 2018, Respondent deposited in the trust account a \$62,500  
14 settlement on behalf of client N.J.

15 12. Respondent was entitled to \$15,745 from the settlement and N.J. was entitled to  
16 the remaining \$46,755.

17 13. On April 5, 2018, Respondent deposited \$18,750 in the trust account on behalf of  
18 clients J.O. and C.O.

19 14. Respondent was expected to use that money to fund separate judicially blocked  
20 bank accounts, with initial deposits of \$9,375 each, for J.O. and C.O., who were minors.

21 15. Between March 22 and May 1, 2018, Respondent disbursed most of N.J.'s, J.O.'s,  
22 and C.O.'s funds to others, including O.P., or transferred them to the operating account, where  
23 Respondent used them for personal and business expenses.

1 16. On May 1, 2018, Respondent should have been holding at least \$44,780 for N.J.  
2 and \$18,750 for J.O. and C.O. in the trust account.

3 17. The balance in the trust account on that date was only \$4,955.42.

4 18. On May 2, 2018, Respondent deposited an \$80,000 settlement check in the trust  
5 account on behalf of clients B.H. and D.H.

6 19. On May 9, 2018, using the B.H. and D.H. settlement funds, Respondent disbursed  
7 \$33,614 from the trust account on behalf of N.J.

8 20. On May 14, 2018, using the B.H. and D.H. settlement funds, Respondent disbursed  
9 \$18,750 from the trust account on behalf of J.O. and C.O.

10 21. On September 21, 2018, Respondent deposited a \$30,000 settlement check in the  
11 trust account on behalf of client S.G.

12 22. S.G. was entitled to at least \$18,710 of the settlement funds.

13 23. Between October 1, 2018 and February 26, 2019, Respondent disbursed most, if  
14 not all, of the settlement funds to Respondent and others.

15 24. On February 26, 2019, Respondent should have been holding at least \$18,710 in  
16 the trust account for S.G.

17 25. The balance in the trust account on that date was only \$272.60.

18 26. On February 26, 2019, using funds from another, non-trust account over which  
19 Respondent had control, Respondent purchased an \$18,710 cashier's check payable to S.G.

20 27. Between June 21, 2019 and October 3, 2019, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
21 (ODC) requested and subpoenaed from Respondent various records related to Respondent's  
22 trust account practices and handling of client funds.

23 28. Respondent failed to provide a complete response to the requests and subpoena.  
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1 **III. ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.**

2 29. By converting funds belonging to O.P., N.J., J.O., C.O., S.G., or others,  
3 Respondent violated RPC 1.15A(b), RPC 8.4(b), and RPC 8.4(c).

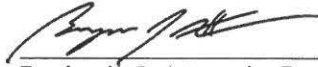
4 30. By failing to maintain the funds of O.P., N.J., J.O., C.O., S.G., or others in a trust  
5 account, Respondent violated RPC 1.15A(c)(1).

6 31. By failing to promptly pay or deliver to O.P., N.J., S.G., or others the funds they  
7 were entitled to receive, Respondent violated RPC 1.15A(f).

8 32. By disbursing funds from the trust account on behalf of multiple clients in excess  
9 of what those clients had on deposit and by using other client or third party funds to cover those  
10 disbursements, Respondent violated RPC 1.15A(h)(8).

11 33. By failing to cooperate with a disciplinary investigation, Respondent violated RPC  
12 8.1(b), RPC 8.4(d), and RPC 8.4(l) (by violating ELC 1.5, 5.3(f), 5.3(g), and 5.5(d)).

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14 DATED this 21st day of January, 2021.

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16 Benjamin J. Attanasio, Bar No. 43032  
17 Disciplinary Counsel