

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

June 22, 2021

Attorney Patrick Gordon Fairfield & Associates 10 Stoney Brook Lane Lyman, ME 04002

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Re: Suspension from MCILS Rosters

Dear Attorney Gordon:

Enclosed is a decision suspending you from the MCILS rosters effective July 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

Justin W. Andrus

Interim Executive Director justin.andrus@maine.gov

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<u>Decision of the Executive Director</u> Suspending Attorney Patrick Gordon

Attorney Patrick Gordon is suspended from all Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services ("MCILS") rosters effective July 1, 2021, for failure to comply with MCILS Rules Chapter 2, Section 2(2) and Section 6. Specifically, Attorney Gordon has not complied with a Commission investigation of complaints, billing discrepancies, or other information that, in the view of the Executive Director, concerns the question of whether he is fit to remain on the roster.

Effective July 1, 2021, Attorney Gordon is suspended from all MCILS rosters, and is not designated as eligible to receive appointments pursuant to Maine Rule of Unified Criminal Procedure 44. To ensure that his clients are not deprived of their relationships with counsel unnecessarily, Attorney Gordon may continue to represent to the conclusion of each case those clients to whom he is appointed through June 30, 2021. After that date, MCILS will not approve any new appointments to Attorney Gordon. Attorney Gordon may not personally, nor through any other person or entity, bill MCILS for services he provides to any client assigned to any other lawyer on or after July 1, 2021.

This suspension will remain in effect until Attorney Gordon complies with the Commission investigation.

Advisement of Rights

A person who has been aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Director pertaining to the issues set forth in 4 M.R.S. § 1804(3)(J) may appeal the decision to the Commission. An appellant may be represented by another person in accordance with 4 M.R.S. § 807 or may proceed without representation.

Except as stated below, a decision of the Executive Director becomes final if no appeal is filed within the time limits set forth in this section. A person aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Director may, within 10 days after receipt of the decision of the Executive Director, request that the Executive Director reconsider that decision. Such a request must be accompanied by additional materials not previously submitted with respect to the original decision. If a request for reconsideration is filed in accordance with this subsection, the running of that period is tolled, and the time for filing a Statement of Appeal shall be 30 calendar days after receipt of the decision on reconsideration. MCILS rules Chapter 201, Section (3)(1).

A failure to exhaust administrative remedies may result in preclusion from judicial remedies.

Date: 6/22/2021

Justin W. Andrus

(Interim) Executive Director

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