



Public Sanctions Imposed

Mediator: Michael E. McDaniel, Esq.

Sanction: Suspension

Date: June 12, 2018

The Commission's Grievance and Disciplinary Committee has suspended the superior court certification of Raleigh attorney and mediator Michael E. McDaniel.

Court staff in three separate superior court judicial districts reported to the Commission that Mr. McDaniel was not meeting his case management responsibilities, i.e., he was not filing his Reports of Mediator timely, if at all, and was not meeting deadlines for completion set by the court. In addition, court staff reported that Mr. McDaniel was not responsive to their emails and calls, including failing to respond to the request of a senior resident superior court judge who sought to arrange a meeting with him to discuss his conduct.

Commission staff filed a formal complaint against Mr. McDaniel citing the concerns noted above. Mr. McDaniel failed to respond to that complaint. Based on the evidence provided by court staff regarding Mr. McDaniel's conduct and his failure to respond to the complaint filed by Commission staff, the Commission's Grievance Committee determined to suspend Mr. McDaniel's certification. The suspension is for a year period from April 25, 2018 - April 25, 2019. However, Mr. McDaniel must meet certain conditions to, again, become eligible to mediate superior court cases.