

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 2019-B-1007

IN RE: CAROL E. PARKER

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

CRICHTON, J., dissents in part and assigns reasons:

I agree with the Court's finding that respondent violated Rules 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions), 8.4(a) and (c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and Rule 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). However, in my view, the sanction imposed is too lenient. Respondent's egregious conduct, including filing baseless recusal motions engineered to unfairly and illegally delay the proceedings, cluttering the public record, and undoubtedly costing the opposing counsel time and expense, violated duties owed to her client, opposing counsel, the court, and the administration of justice.

It is particularly troubling to me that respondent never genuinely acknowledged the wrongful nature of her conduct—not in 2010, not in her Answer to formal charges in 2017, and not in any sincere way, until urged to do so, to the Hearing Committee in 2018. Consequently, due to this respondent's lack of serious remorse during these proceedings, I would impose a more extensive period of actual suspension.