

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 2019-B-1279

IN RE: KELLUS RENARDO MILES

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

CRICHTON, J., dissents and assigns reasons:

I would reject the joint petition for consent discipline. Specifically, a mere public reprimand is inadequate discipline for a lawyer who has violated Rules 1.3 (failure to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client), 1.4 (failure to communicate with a client), 1.5(a) (charging an unreasonable fee), 1.5(f)(5) (failure to refund an unearned fee), 1.16(d) (obligations upon termination of the representation), 8.4(a) (violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct), and 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. At the very least, I believe that this misconduct warrants a deferred suspension, with special conditions such as additional courses in Ethics.