## The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

## IN RE: KAREN RUTH CARTER PETERSON

No. 2022-B-01348

IN RE: Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant Other; Karen Ruth Carter Peterson - Applicant Other; Joint Petition for Consent Discipline;

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## October 18, 2022

Joint petition for consent discipline accepted. See per curiam.

JDH

JLW

SJC

JTG

WJC

**JBM** 

Griffin, J., recused.

Supreme Court of Louisiana

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Chief Deputy Clerk of Court

For the Court

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2022-B-1348

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ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM\*

Respondent, a former elected official, pleaded guilty to wire fraud in

connection with her use of state political party and campaign funds to support her

gambling addiction. Prior to the filing of formal charges, respondent and the Office

of Disciplinary Counsel submitted a joint petition for consent discipline, in which

respondent acknowledges that her conduct constitutes a violation of Rules 8.4(a),

8.4(b), and 8.4(c) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Having reviewed the

petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that

Karen Ruth Carter Peterson, Louisiana Bar Roll number 23446, be and she hereby

is disbarred, retroactive to August 18, 2022, the date of her interim suspension. Her

name shall be stricken from the roll of attorneys and her license to practice law in

the State of Louisiana shall be revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs and expenses in the matter are

assessed against respondent in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 10.1,

with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court's

judgment until paid.

\* Griffin, J. recused.

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