

## MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

June 22, 2021

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Via Certified mail and email to: dionmark@me.com 7019 1120 0000 5127 9049

Re: Decision Suspending Attorney Fairfield

Dear Attorney Dion:

Enclosed for service on Attorney Amy Fairfield is a decision suspending her from eligibility to receive appointments through MCILS effective July 1, 2021.

Sincerely

Justin W. Andrus

(Interim) Executive Director

# MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

### <u>Decision of the Executive Director</u> Suspending Attorney Amy Fairfield

Attorney Amy Fairfield 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 Fairfield 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 she is fit to remain on the roster.

Effective July 1, 2021, Attorney Fairfield 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 her clients are not deprived of their relationships with counsel unnecessarily, Attorney Fairfield may continue to represent to the conclusion of each case those clients to whom she is appointed through June 30, 2021. After that date, MCILS will not approve any new appointments to Attorney Fairfield. Attorney Fairfield may not personally, nor through any employee or contractor, bill MCILS for services she provides to any client assigned to any other lawyer on or after July 1, 2021.

This suspension will remain in effect until Attorney Fairfield 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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