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Matter of Genova

Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department, New York - July 13, 2022 - N.Y.S.3d - 2022 WL 2709358 - 2022 N.Y. Slip Op. 04548

As part of attorney disciplinary proceeding, the Attorney Grievance Committee (AGC) moved to confirm special referee's report sustaining charges of professional misconduct against attorney, who was deputy town supervisor, and to impose discipline.

The Supreme Court, Appellate Division, held that disbarment was warranted for attorney's misconduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

Disbarment was warranted for misconduct of attorney, who was deputy town supervisor, in helping bidder on municipal contracts in acquiring unfair advantage, orchestrating loan guarantees by town for bidder, accepting bribes from bidder in form of car rides, meals, and discounts, and failing to disclose that town was guarantor for bidder on various financial documents; in aggravation, attorney engaged in corruptive practices as public official for personal and professional benefit, jeopardized financial well-being of town, received thousands of dollars in benefits from bribes, and damaged public's trust.

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