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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

IN RE: **STEPHANIE FLORES,** **Respondent.**	**Supreme Court Case No.: ADC12-002** **ORDER AFTER HEARING**

This matter came before the court on October 25, 2017, pursuant to an Order to Appear and Order to Show Cause. Present were Respondent Stephanie Flores and Guam Bar Ethics Committee (GBEC) Prosecuting Counsel Bruce A. Bradley. The court brought the parties in at the request of the GBEC for a hearing to ascertain whether Flores should be sanctioned or held in contempt for failing to comply with prior orders of this court relative to payments of restitution, costs, and fees in underlying attorney discipline cases. *See* GBEC's Mot. (Oct. 9, 2017).

Prosecuting Counsel references two prior orders of this court: (1) the order of February 8, 2011, issued in ADC10-005, in which a judgment of discipline was issued against Respondent Stephanie Flores, wherein Flores was ordered to pay $10,417.00 in restitution and $6,000.00 in costs and fees; and (2) the order of July 19, 2012, issued in ADC12-002, in which Flores was ordered to pay $85,867.00 in restitution and $7,500.00 in costs and fees. *See* GBEC's Mot. at 2-3; *see also* Report at 1-2 (Aug. 25, 2017). Further, Prosecuting Counsel references Flores's failure to respond to this court's Order to Show Cause (OSC), issued upon her on September 13, 2017, giving her ten days to show cause why she should not be sanctioned for failing to comply with prior orders for payment. *See* Mot. at 1.

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At the hearing, Prosecuting Counsel stated that Flores has only made sporadic payments, which have not even come near satisfying restitution owed by her, despite being gainfully employed. In response, Flores recounted for the court and Prosecuting Counsel a series of medical situations, illnesses, and procedures she has undergone from 2015 to as recent as earlier this month. She stated that her failure to respond to the OSC was due to her preoccupation with her medical situation. Flores indicated that based on her employment compensation at Guam Auto Spot, she can pay $200.00 per biweekly paycheck toward restitution, costs, and fees owed. Although the GBEC initially asked that a payment plan of $500.00 per month be imposed, Prosecuting Counsel indicated at the hearing that the GBEC, based on the representations of Flores, has no objection to a payment of $200.00 every two weeks.

Based on the representations made in open court, the court will not hold Flores in contempt at this time nor will it, at this time, impose sanctions for her failure to comply with court orders. Further, based on the payment plan offered by Flores, and accepted by Prosecuting Counsel, the court hereby **ORDERS** Respondent Stephanie Flores to pay the amount of $200.00 every two weeks beginning November 1, 2017, to the Financial Management Division of the Judiciary of Guam with notice to Prosecuting Counsel of each payment.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of October, 2017.

/s/
F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Associate Justice

/s/
ROBERT J. TORRES
Associate Justice

/s/
KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chief Justice