



GLC/ADM/VOL.21.73

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL
SUSPENSION OF LAWYER FRANCISCA SERWAA BOATENG FROM
LEGAL PRACTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **LAWYER FRANCISCA SERWAA BOATENG** has been suspended from legal practice for a period of seven (7) years effective 23rd June, 2022.

The above-named lawyer was charged with seven counts of professional misconduct contrary to the *Rules of the Legal Profession (Professional conduct and Etiquette) Rules, 1969 (LI 613)* as follows:

Count 1

Lawyer Francisca Serwaa Boateng was charged with professional misconduct contrary Rule 9(7) of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct and Etiquette) Rules, 1969 (LI 613).

That she, while acting as counsel for VPS International BV (VPS), charged 35% on all recoveries made contrary to an agreement for 20% by the parties before the commencement of the suit.

Count 2

The above-named lawyer was charged with professional misconduct contrary to Rule 9(7) of the Legal Profession (Professional conduct and Etiquette) Rules, 1969 (LI 613).

That she, acting as counsel for VPS, made a successful application to the Court for the release of an amount of GH¢164,900.00 representing the excess amount on the agreed auction fees to herself without the knowledge, consent and approval of her client.

Count 3

The above-named lawyer was charged with professional misconduct contrary to Rule 2(2) of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct and Etiquette) Rules, 1969 (LI 613).

That she, acting as counsel for VPS, used intemperate words on her clients thereby denigrating the dignity and high standing of the legal profession and her own dignity and high standing as member of the profession.

Count 4

The above-named lawyer was charged with professional misconduct contrary to Rule 6(1) of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct and Etiquette) Rules, 1969 (LI 613).

That she, having acted as counsel for VPS, failed to issue receipts for monies received on their behalf and also on purported expenditures incurred in her dealings with them.

Count 5

The above-named lawyer was charged with professional misconduct contrary to Rule contrary to Rule 6(2) of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct and Etiquette) Rules, 1969 (LI 613).

That she, having acted as counsel for VPS, failed to at all times keep proper written accounts of monies received for and on behalf of her clients.

Count 6

The above-named lawyer was charged with professional misconduct contrary to Rule 9(9) of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct and Etiquette) Rules, 1969 (LI 613).

That she, having acted as counsel for VPS, charged them a total sum of about GHC3,265,483.00 as legal fees and expenses incurred on their behalf, which was excessive and an over –estimation of the services she rendered to them.

Count 7

Finally, Francisca Serwaa Boateng was charged with professional misconduct contrary to Section 19 (3) of the Legal Profession Act, 1960 (Act 32)

That she, having been duly notified, failed to appear before the Disciplinary Committee of the General Legal Council on 6th July, 2017.

She pleaded not guilty to all seven counts but was found guilty on six counts and sanctioned accordingly, after an inquiry held by a three-member disciplinary panel.

During the period of the suspension, she shall not hold herself out as a Legal Practitioner or attend Chambers, or render, or purport to render any professional legal services to the public. She shall not attend chambers at any time during the period of her suspension.

The licence of **LAWYER FRANCISCA SERWAA BOATENG** to practice for the next seven (7) years is hereby withdrawn forthwith.

DATED AT THE LAW COURTS BUILDING

THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2022



**JUSTICE CYNTHIA PAMELA A. ADDO
JUDICIAL SECRETARY AND
SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL**